

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Fire Chief Clarence Russell and the Bay Roberts Fire Department on their 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize Mitchell John of Conne River who won the First Nations Language Contest in 2008.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize Derrick Reid, principal of Lake Academy in Fortune, who was recently selected as one of the best principals in Canada.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate Joe and Joan Northcott who were selected as Deer Lake Winter Carnival Patrons for 2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that the 25 recipients of this year's Alberta Centennial Scholarships have been selected.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize St. John's businesswoman Brenda O'Reilly who was recently elected Chair of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize two members of the judiciary who have recently resigned: Chief Justice Clyde K. Wells of the Supreme Court Appeal Division and the Honourable Milton Reginald Reid, Chief Judge of The Provincial Court and Chief Justice Derek Green of Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador who has been appointed Chief Justice of the Appeal Court.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) advised the House, pursuant to Standing Order 68, that the composition of the Resource, Government Services and Social Services Committees would be as follows:

#### **RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Harry Harding – Member for Bonavista North  
Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – LaPoile  
Mr. Ray Hunter – Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South

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Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair  
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi  
 Mr. Derrick Dalley – Member for The Isles of Notre Dame  
 Mr. Roland Butler – Member for Port de Grave  
 Mr. Jim Baker – Member for Labrador West  
 Mr. Wade Verge – Member for Lewisporte

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Terry French – Member for Conception Bay South  
 Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair  
 Ms. Elizabeth Marshall – Member for Topsail  
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi  
 Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – La Poile  
 Mr. John Dinn – Member for Kilbride  
 Mr. Roland Butler – Member for Port de Grave  
 Mr. Clayton Forsey – Member for Exploits  
 Mr. Ed Buckingham – Member for St. John's East

### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Keith Hutchings – Member for Ferryland  
 Mr. Roland Butler – Member for Port de Grave  
 Mr. Darin King – Member for Grand Bank  
 Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair  
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi  
 Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – La Poile  
 Mr. Felix Collins – Member for Placentia – St. Mary's  
 Mr. Tony Cornect – Member for Port au Port  
 Mr. Wally Young – Member for St. Barbe

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice and moved by leave:

(a) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Resource Committee**:

Business  
 Environment and Conservation  
 Fisheries and Aquaculture  
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Innovation, Trade and Rural Development  
Natural Resources and The Status of Women  
Tourism, Culture and Recreation

(b) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Government Services Committee**:

Consolidated Fund Services  
Executive Council  
Finance  
Government Services  
Transportation and Works  
Aboriginal Affairs  
Legislature  
Public Service Commission

(c) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Social Services Committee**:

Education  
Health and Community Services  
Justice  
Municipal Affairs  
Human Resources, Labour and Employment and  
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

By leave, the Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Consolidate The Law Respecting Revenue Administration" (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Transportation Initiative Fund Act" (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 6).

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The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Sullivan) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 7).

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice on behalf of the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** nurses of the Province have finished a strike vote with nearly a 90% strike mandate in favor of strike action;

**AND WHEREAS** nurses are continuing to go through the collective bargaining process with negotiations scheduled to resume on Thursday, April 2, 2009;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government’s preconditions included such things as a four-year contract with concessions including extended earnings loss, market adjustment letter and classification;

**AND WHEREAS** Government stated at a news conference held on February 12, 2009 that preconditions no longer apply to the nursing negotiations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance reinstated the preconditions as part of his unscripted Budget Speech on March 26, 2009;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls upon this Government to remove all preconditions before resuming negotiations with the nurses’ union in an effort to reach an agreement”.

The Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province requesting that the House of Assembly urge Government to take steps to ensure that the Petroleum Pricing Commission act to remove the freeze on the price of gasoline in Zone 11.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province requesting that the House of Assembly urge Government to undertake measures to construct a fixed link between Long Island and Pilley’s Island in Green Bay.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech).

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By agreement the clock was stopped at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

"That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:

"this House condemns the Government for its failure to develop and present programs to address the economic problems of rural areas of this Province and bring forward a plan that generates sustainable economic growth that builds on the projects developed by previous Administrations."

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:37 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:39 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.