

Wednesday, April 1st, 2009

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Jerry Musseau who has been appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Nicholas Coish, Cassandra Butt and Thomas Howard who are recipients of Electoral District scholarships.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to offer condolences to the families of the late Mrs. Kathleen Letto and the late Mrs. Edith Letto.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize O'Donel High School Law Students and other students in the metro region for their participation in the *A Child is a Child* campaign.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement respecting the Growing Better Communities Conference held in Stephenville recently.

The Honourable the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Ms. Pottle) made a Statement respecting the Suicide and Detrimental Lifestyles Grant Programme which is administered by the Aboriginal Affairs Branch of the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to congratulate the *Conseil scolaire* on its 10th anniversary.

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 notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones):

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

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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 Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 2nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.