

Monday, May 4th, 2009

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

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Loyal Orange Lodge #151 of Ramea on hosting a successful convention at Ramea.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Springdale Under-12 female hockey team which captured the gold medal at the Provincial Division A Championships.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers and sponsors of the 12th Annual Avalon Regional Historical Fair and to recognize Matthew Blundon of Bay de Verde who will represent the Province at the Nationals.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize the commitment, perseverance and leadership of the residents of rural Newfoundland and Labrador and to recognize in particular Mr. Boyd Pack who was named Aquaculturalist of the Year and Ms. Jennifer Caines who was elected President of the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association at the AGM of the Association.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Harold St. Croix of Point La Haye on his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame.

The Honourable the Minister of Business (Mr. Oram), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien), made a Statement to recognize this week as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize National Health Week 2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Research And Development Council Act" (Bill No. 20).

The Honourable the Minister of Business (Mr. Oram), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Registration Of Deeds And Other Documents" (Bill No. 21);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act” (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Consumer Protection And Business Practices” (Bill No. 22).

By leave the Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has a lower share of Federal Government executive positions than our share of the national population;

AND WHEREAS executive employees have high-level input into national policy and decision-making that significantly affects Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the number of federal executive positions in Newfoundland and Labrador has been well below 1% of the total number of positions in Canada, and these positions have declined since 1997;

AND WHEREAS during the 2006 federal election campaign, the leader of the federal Conservative Party said: “I think the secret will be to identify particular functions and operations that should be here, as opposed to putting a few jobs here and a few jobs there. There should be some specific things that are headquartered here”;

AND WHEREAS the leader of the federal Liberal Party prior to the 2008 federal election committed to advocate ways to “be more effective in putting the headquarters and the decision-making process closer to where the resource is”;

AND WHEREAS the leader of the federal New Democratic Party shared this concern and committed to “reviewing federal government policies that have resulted in this situation with a view to ensuring fairness and full access to federal government program delivery and services”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly calls on the current Government of Canada, and any other national party if it is elected to form the government, to increase the number of federal decision-making executive positions and/or national or regional headquarters based in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to establish a satellite dialysis unit at the Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre in the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques.

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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.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the residents of Ramea, Grey River and Francois in their request to have adequate health care/nursing services available at the Ramea and coastal clinics.

Pursuant to order and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 4 and 7 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Consolidate The Law Respecting Revenue Administration" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 7).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Transportation Initiative Fund Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 6) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Transportation Initiative Fund Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Transportation Initiative Fund Act" (Bill No. 5) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act” (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act” (Bill No. 6) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.