

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the Mary's Harbour, Labrador Straits and Port Hope Simpson Patrols of Junior Canadian Rangers, which have recently won awards at the JCR Provincial Air Rifle Marksmanship Competition, and individual award winners Brett Clarke, Derek O'Brien and Dillon Layden.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate Ruth Legge who has been appointed patron of the 2009 Pasadena Winter Carnival.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate District 2 of the Royal Canadian Legion on their Battle of the Atlantic commemoration ceremonies held in Brigus on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Katarina Roxon, Emily Alexander, William Forsey and Gillian Forsey who were honoured at the Premier's Athletic Awards Ceremony recently.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Waterford Valley Softball Association.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Tacamor Inc. of Argentia which was recognized at the Service Awards Gala in Las Vegas where one of the company's clients, Thumb Play Inc., won the Customer Service Leader of the Year Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement respecting special activities planned for Newfoundland and Labrador Day during the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

The Honourable the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Ms. Pottle) made a Statement respecting the Youth Justice Camp held recently in Nain.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) tabled the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy), in accordance with paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled Order in Council 2009-148 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$3,429,000 against its budgetary appropriations for

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2010-11 to facilitate the awarding of a tender for the L'Anse au Loup School infrastructure project.

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey):

**“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.”

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The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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