

Tuesday, September 8th, 2009

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

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to congratulate the following members of the Summerside Rockets 4-H Club winners of competitions at the Provincial Competition held at Memorial University: Wilfred Bellows, Melissa Taylor, Brooke Otto, Abigail Blanchard and Janelle McAuley.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Sherrylynn Butt of Red Bay who was recently crowned Ms. Canada Galaxy.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Betty Osmond of Mount Pearl for her success at the Blind Atlantic Sports Weekend in Bathurst, New Brunswick in May.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Tara Dillon, Melissa Hiscock and Natasha Gaulton who have been awarded Fry Family Foundation Scholarships for 2009.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to recognize Emily Edison, Brady Huxter and Ben Melindy from the Springdale Bluefins Summer Swim Club and Molly Traverse and Hayley Shave of the Baie Verte Dolphins Club on their achievements at the Provincial Summer Club Swim Meet Championships in Gander.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Avalon Community Youth Network on the outstanding summer program offered to the youth of the area.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House of the progress made by the Government with respect to the Provincial Infrastructure Policy.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement respecting the Province's resident tourism marketing campaign *For The Love of NL*.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale) gave notice that she would ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 8(1) of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to suspend the Child and Youth Advocate;

AND WHEREAS following correspondence sent to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by the Speaker of this House dated August 17, 2009 expressing concern about the operation of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council suspended the Child and Youth Advocate;

AND WHEREAS subsection 8(1) of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* states that a suspension”... shall not continue in force beyond the end of the next ensuing session of the House of Assembly...”;

AND WHEREAS in correspondence to the Clerk of the Executive Council dated September 4, 2009 the legal counsel for the Child and Youth Advocate has stated that the advocate requires additional time in which to prepare a response;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the Child and Youth Advocate be given the time she has requested for the preparation of a response;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly, under the authority granted it by section 7 of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*, concur in the continuation of the suspension of the Child and Youth Advocate by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council until the next ensuing session of this House”.

The Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Government announced on August 31, 2009, that X-ray and laboratory services in Lewsiporte and Flower’s Cove will be discontinued and that Flower’s Cove will operate on a 12-hour basis;

AND WHEREAS residents of these communities and surrounding areas will be forced to travel much further distances to receive these basic health services;

AND WHEREAS on September 3, 2009, hundreds of residents from both communities protested against this decision by Government to discontinue services;

AND WHEREAS doctors have publicly stated their fears that the health of residents will be compromised and that doctors may be forced to leave the areas;

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AND WHEREAS discontinuing these services will not improve the health services to the communities directly affected nor to the surrounding communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to reverse their decision and continue X-ray and laboratory services in the communities of Lewisporte and Flower's Cove;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to reverse their decision and keep Flower's Cove as a 24-hour operational clinic."

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.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse the decision to end X-ray and laboratory services in Lewisporte.

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 made available at the Ramea and coastal clinics.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to take the necessary actions to address the issue of the maintenance of housing accommodations at MacLeod Place in St. John's.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) requested leave to proceed with First and Second Readings of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37) today. Leave was granted.

The Honourable the Government House Leader further requested leave to forgo Private Members' Day on September 9th in order to continue with Government Business and to meet between 1:30 and 5:30. Leave granted.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37) was read the first time.

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By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 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, Wednesday, September 9th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.