

Wednesday, September 9th, 2009

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Sea Lions on becoming the 2009 Provincial Summer Swim Club Champions.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate the individuals who have built the Peter Barry Duff Park in the Town of Paradise.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Bradley Rumbolt from Mary's Harbour on receiving a Provincial Volunteer Recognition award.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the Canadian Peace Keepers of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of the Avalon North Wolverines Ground Search and Rescue Organization.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Kelly's Pub Junior Canadians Fast Pitch Softball Team winners of the National Junior Fast Pitch Softball championships in August.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House of Government's funding commitment to the Cupids 400 Legacy Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting Government's investment in the Province's communications infrastructure.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on May 6th and 13th, 2009.

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 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 Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide the funding to pave the road from Red Bay to Cartwright.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, and had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador Water Rights Act" (Bill No. 37) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be now read the third time.

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 third time and passed.

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

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy):

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved the following resolution: "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned to the call of the Chair; the Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting and that this House do now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.