

Monday, December 21st, 2009

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement respecting the proceedings upon the adjournment of the House on December 17.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to congratulate Leslie Amminson on her success in the sport of Handball.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Joseph and Mabel Peddle on their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to express condolences to the family of the late Ms. Annie Pope.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the Town of Terrenceville and Norman's Cove – Long Cove on their successful years of incorporated service.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Carl Gillard of Springdale who was selected as citizen of the year for 2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Minister Responsible for Newfoundland Labrador Housing (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement respecting new affordable rental units in Stephenville.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting Government's continuing relationship with partners in Ireland.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled the Reports of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August, September and October, 2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works (Mr. Hedderson) answered a question for which notice had been given on December 17 by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) respecting the maintenance of Class 4 roads.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) respecting the removal of the Child and Youth Advocate.

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The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Jones, Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Dean, Ms. Michael.

Against: Ms. Burke, Ms. Dunderdale, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ridgley, Ms. Johnson, Mr. French, Mr. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Denine, Mr. Dinn, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Baker, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Young, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Loder, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Sandy Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the Resolution: Mr. Williams, Ms. Burke, Ms. Dunderdale, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ridgley, Ms. Johnson, Mr. French, Mr. King, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Denine, Mr. Dinn, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Baker, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Verge, Mr. Young, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Loder, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Sandy Collins.

Against: Ms. Jones, Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Dean, Ms. Michael.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

The Premier (Mr. Williams), the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones), the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) and the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) extended Christmas Greetings to Members and staff of the House.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved "That when this House adjourns today, it stand adjourned to the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon

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the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting and I also move that this House do now adjourn".

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.