

Wednesday, April 21st, 2010

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to congratulate the athletes of Labrador West on their success during the 2010 Labrador Winter Games and all the athletes and volunteers who made the 2010 Labrador Winter Games a success.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Noddy Bay, Straitsview, Hay Cove and L'Anse aux Meadows (NSHL) Fire Department which recently celebrated 20 years of service.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Master Seaman Darren Young for receiving the Chief of Defense Staff Medal of Excellence.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Megan Drodge who was selected to be a participant in the Order of Canada Mentorship Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement about the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement about the Angel Business Development Program.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to support and maintain the Air Ambulance service in the St. Anthony area.

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

“WHEREAS the Provincial Government, on June 5th last year, released “Oceans of Opportunity”, a five-year, \$28 million strategy to expand our Province’s ocean technology sector;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador’s ocean technology sector is a cluster of more than 50 world-class institutions, companies and industry organizations which are harnessing the power of innovation and entrepreneurship to achieve the common goal of growing the industry’s value by 600 per cent to \$1 billion with more than 6,600 employees by 2015;

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AND WHEREAS this strategy builds on the Province's investments in the School of Ocean Technology at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University to advance technology transfer and applied research in ways that provide opportunities for both our graduates and our Province to take a leadership role in this sector;

AND WHEREAS this strategy includes provisions for the Ocean Technology Development Fund with components to advance the work of private sector enterprises, post-secondary institutions and industry associations; International Marketing Assistance; the Polaris Program; Business Incubation; and the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Observation System Partnership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House expresses confidence in the Government's initiative to position Newfoundland and Labrador as a global leader in ocean technology by putting into action "Oceans of Opportunity: Newfoundland and Labrador's Ocean Technology Strategy".

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 22nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.