

Wednesday, April 28th, 2010

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

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize the members of the Cape St. George Emergency Services.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Leslie Loder for his volunteering in his community.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to applaud Valmont Academy of King's Point for winning National and Provincial Banners awarded by School Sports NL and Physical Health and Education Canada three years in a row.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize today, April 28th, as the 26th anniversary of National Day of Mourning in Canada.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to have compassion on the citizens of the Province and allow them to build cabins on Kruger lands.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean):

“WHEREAS air ambulance service is critical to the health and lives of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

AND WHEREAS Government commissioned a consultant to complete a review of air ambulance service in northern Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS this report did not include all regions of the Province or all aspects of the air ambulance service;

AND WHEREAS the consultant and Government did not consult with local stakeholders including air ambulance staff and Labrador-Grenfell health board members during the process and before the decision to move the air ambulance was made;

AND WHEREAS air ambulance staff have identified a number of problems with the consultant's report;

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AND WHEREAS the report only looked at a few aspects of air ambulance service and missed key variables such as geography, weather, services available and staffing levels;

AND WHEREAS there is a CFLCo plane in Churchill Falls owned by the people of the Province that could serve as an air ambulance, but was not considered in this review;

AND WHEREAS a more comprehensive review of the entire air ambulance program would ensure a more effective service for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Provincial Government to place on hold the current decision to move the air ambulance out of St. Anthony until a complete and comprehensive review takes place that includes all regions and aspects of the air ambulance service.”

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.