

Wednesday, June 2nd , 2010

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

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Grade 12 graduating class of Bayview Regional Collegiate.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Baltimore graduating class of 2010.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate the nominees and winners of the Town of Paradise Municipal Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement about the Junior Achievement of Newfoundland and Labrador's 20th Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

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 pave the road between Red Bay and Goose Bay.

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 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 Bonavista North (Mr. Harding):

“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is home to one of the best undeveloped clean, green, renewable energy projects in North America at the Lower Churchill River in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and the North Eastern United States are in need of affordable, clean energy sources;

AND WHEREAS last week's ruling of the Régie de l'énergie in Quebec on a transmission service request by Nalcor Energy once again demonstrates that province's arrogance and discriminatory business practices, in particular their determination to see the Lower Churchill proceed only on their terms;

AND WHEREAS this ruling is deemed by this Province to be completely contrary to the rules of fair, open and competitive access;

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AND WHEREAS this Government is determined to proceed with this project in the best interests and for the benefit of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly affirms its full support for the approach of Nalcor Energy and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue plans to develop this extraordinary clean, renewable energy project, including two alternative routes to market, including the Labrador-Island Link, the Maritime route as well as the pursuit of a separate 724 MW transmission service request into the Maritimes and New England.”

During the debate, the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by deleting all the words after “support” and substituting the following “to develop this extraordinary clean, renewable energy project.”

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 3:28 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 3:37 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

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

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 3rd at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.