

Monday, December 6th, 2010

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

By leave the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement upon her accession to the office of Premier.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Lions Club on the occasion of their 46th anniversary.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Ferryland Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of their 23rd annual Firefighter's Ball.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Noah Coish on winning the gold medal in the grade four boys' Cross Country Provincial Championship.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Kevin Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Kristina Roche on receiving the 2010 Canadian Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Jeff Steiner.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for The Status of Women (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement respecting the Montreal Massacre.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Volunteer and Non-Profit Sector (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize the Volunteer and Non-Profit Sector in the Province.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,
the Honourable John Crosbie, PC, OC, O.N.L.

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session Assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

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Signed: Wade Verge, MHA
Terry Loder, MHA
Roland Butler, MHA

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On motion the report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. Harding) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act” (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act No. 2” (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act” (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act” (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act No. 3” (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Judicature Act” (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Statutes Act” (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill, “An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law” (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Justices And Public Authorities Protection Act” (Bill No. 39).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct a new primary school at Coley’s Point.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke), on behalf of the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley), gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Provincial Government on May 10, 2007 released the report of the Government's Skills Task Force, which the Government commissioned in March 2006 to gather the expertise and insight of people across business, labour, education and other key sectors with a mandate to identify needs in the workforce, look at the ability to meet those needs, and identify what must be done to fill current and anticipated shortages in skilled labour;

AND WHEREAS the Skills Task Force report, entitled “All the Skills to Succeed”, recommended 50 actions for labour, business, industry, government and education to help meet labour market demands through a co-ordinated response to labour market needs;

AND WHEREAS the work of implementing this action plan has been progressing under the direction of the Industry Co-ordinating Committee (ICC), established on February 19, 2008 and comprising eleven individuals appointed to represent business, labour, industry, education, the Provincial Government and non-governmental agencies;

AND WHEREAS in moving forward on this strategy, the Province is actively encouraging young people to go into trades so they are ready to benefit from emerging employment opportunities in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS job attachment is a critical factor in promoting youth retention in our Province, and apprenticeship is an important means by which young people trained in the trades are able to move into jobs in their areas of expertise;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urges the Government to continue to encourage the owners of small and medium-size businesses to make every effort to hire an apprentice;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly commends the Government for its work to date in promoting apprenticeships, in particular, for entering into a partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador Regional Council of Carpenters, Millwrights and Allied Workers and the Office to Advance Women Apprentices to provide a new subsidy program for women apprentices.”

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.