

Wednesday, December 8th, 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 Flower's Cove Lions Club and Lioness Group in The Straits-White Bay North District on the occasion of their 44th and 35th anniversaries respectively.

The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate the New World Island Lions Club on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the crew members of the HMCS Shawinigan who lost their lives when the vessel was sunk by a German U-boat in 1944.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Abigail Clarke on her success as a hockey player and on being awarded the 4-year Atlantic Canadian Scholarship valued at \$100,000 which is based on academic merit and athletics.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Mike Sutton on his retirement from O'Donel High School.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to inform the House that an agreement had been reached between the Burin-Marystown Community Training and Employment Board and the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (NAPE).

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services and Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that Government has recently completed consultations on the development of a strategy for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador Affairs (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to inform the House about the status of the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy programme.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on May 26 and September 22, 2010.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley):

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“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.”

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, December 9th 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.