

Thursday, March 31st, 2011

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize North Atlantic Refining for being named as one of the top 25 employers in Atlantic Canada for the second consecutive year.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate nine firefighters from the district for completing hazardous materials (hazmat) technician training.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to recognize Riverwood Inn of Springdale which was the recipient of the H. Clayton Sparkes Award at the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador awards banquet.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Sabrina Whyatt who recently completed the filming of her first music video entitled "All Over Again".

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate the athletes from Stephenville-Bay St. George who participated in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the MacPherson Family Resource Centre on their nine successful years of operation.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Kennedy) made a Statement to acknowledge the recent increase in the number of participants in the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program particularly the Access and Assurance Plans.

The Honourable the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Ms. Pottle) made a Statement about the 2011 Provincial Aboriginal Women's Conference.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board tabled the following:

- (a) The Newfoundland Government Fund Limited Activity Plan for the period January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013;
- (b) The Pension Investment Committee of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Pooled Pension Fund Activity Plan for the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013; and

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- (c) The Government Money Purchase Pension Plan Committee Activity Plan for the period of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Skinner) tabled the following:

- (a) The Nalcor Energy Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Strategic Plan 2011-2013;
- (b) The Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador Activity Plan for fiscal years 2011/2012/2013.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the following:

- (a) The Central Regional Service Board Business Plan for January 1, 2011-December 31, 2013;
- (b) The Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board Business Plan for January 1, 2011-December 31, 2013.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) withdrew the notice of motion he had given on March 30th and substituted the following:

“WHEREAS the Speaker of the House of Assembly has appeared, and has admitted appearing, at a public event of a partisan nature intended to support and promote the candidacy of a particular party and/or candidate;

BE IT RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the House Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.”

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain students of Hawke’s Bay French Shore Academy calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to make funding available to ensure High Speed Internet Services are provided in certain towns in the District in the interest of equality and fairness for all members of the student body.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou such that all users of the provincial ferry service may be able to utilize such waiting area/washroom facilities.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountants Act" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005" (Bill No. 5);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Standard Time Act" (Bill No. 6);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 7);

A Bill, "An Act To Repeal the Law Reform Commission Act" (Bill No. 8).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be passed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Correctional Services" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Correctional Services" (Bill No. 9) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 4th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.