

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

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

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the members of the St. Anthony Polars Bantam Hockey Team which won the All-Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Bantam 'D' division title in the Easter Hockey Tournament at Olympia Stadium.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the Goulds Lions Club on the outstanding contribution they make to their community.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to congratulate the 2840 Templeton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps on their 43rd anniversary which occurred on May 3rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement about the Canadian census which is now in progress.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about Newfoundland and Labrador's representation at the annual Offshore Technology Conference held this year from May 2-5 in Houston.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the regional processing restriction in order to preserve the principle of adjacency for shrimp processing and to ensure that employment opportunities for plant workers and the overall viability of communities in the region are protected.

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 provide additional funding for improvements to Route 510 and connecting branch roads of the Trans-Labrador Highway.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide funding to complete the necessary repairs to the roads at Cape Ray.

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 reinstate the five acute care beds at Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital Health Centre.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate, the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) moved, seconded by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler), the following sub-amendment to the Budget motion:

“That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

“and that this House also condemns the Government for its failure to present a budget that reflects the possibilities which exist in terms of addressing the needs of the people and dealing with problems such as a retirement package for fisherpersons and plantworkers, crisis in the fishery, the extension of 911 service, public service pensioners, the lack of economic development in rural Newfoundland and Labrador and a prudent and responsible approach to the development of hydroelectric power.”

The Speaker (Mr. Kelly) suspended the proceedings at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:21 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the sub-amendment in order.

Debate continued on the sub-amendment to the Budget motion and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.