

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Senior & Junior Robotics teams of Botwood Collegiate for winning first place in their divisions in the Robotics Skills Canada Competition in St. John's.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Woodland Primary in Grand Falls-Windsor for winning the honour of a visit from Author and Illustrator Ms. Jan Brett.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate Andrew Gale who won six major awards in the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Central Newfoundland and Labrador Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to recognize Canada Road Safety Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize National Police Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources tabled the following documents:

- (a) the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010;
- (b) the Business and Financial Report of Nalcor Energy.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** 47,000 people in Newfoundland and Labrador have a diabetes diagnosis as of 2010, which is 9.3% of the population, the highest rate in Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** the number of people with diabetes in the Province may double in the next ten years without effective prevention;

**AND WHEREAS** unless properly managed, diabetes leads to kidney and heart failure, disability and early death;

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**AND WHEREAS** dialysis machines are in demand because more diabetes cases are progressing to kidney failure, but if the disease is properly managed, people don't end up on dialysis;

**AND WHEREAS** diabetes costs our health care system about \$41 million a year for doctor visits, hospitalization, drugs and medical supplies, a cost that could double in ten years without better prevention and management;

**AND WHEREAS** diabetes requires frequent daily glucose testing with expensive testing strips, which is a hardship for most people who do not have private insurance or government assistance;

**AND WHEREAS** many people who need glucose testing strips are going without because they cannot afford them, thus endangering their future health and placing an added burden on our health care system;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to cover the cost of glucose testing strips for all diabetics in the Province under MCP;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Government place the highest possible priority on releasing the chronic disease prevention and management strategy.”

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reduce the age at which breast screening may begin to 40 and allow women to self refer through Newfoundland and Labrador's screening programs.

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 31);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2” (Bill No. 33).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Debate having concluded on the sub-amendment to the Budget motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech) the Speaker put the question on the sub-amendment and declared the motion lost.

Debate having concluded on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) the Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the motion lost.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on 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, Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.