

Tuesday, March 20th, 2012

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

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Daniel Nofall, an instructor with the Waterford Valley Summer Sports Programme, for his leadership qualities and athletic and academic achievements.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of the Ground Search and Rescue Team in Makkovik.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Charles Fry and Mrs. Pearl Fry on their 65th wedding anniversary celebrated on December 15th, 2011.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to congratulate George Spracklin, Carl Loughlin and the Corner Brook Curling Club on the opening of the Club.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate the Lifesaving Society of Newfoundland and Labrador for having established the Tina Moores Memorial Cup for Lifeguard of the Year.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate St. Mary's All-Grade girls' basketball team for winning the Single A High School Provincial Basketball Championship.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate Team Newfoundland and Labrador on their success at the 2012 Special Olympic Canada Winter Games.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Nigel Rusted.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, March 22nd, 2012.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 13).

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The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS small businesses are the backbone of this Province's economy;

AND WHEREAS about 2,000 small businesses operate in the Province today, employing over 40 percent of all paid workers;

AND WHEREAS small business revenues and profits stay in the communities where they are generated;

AND WHEREAS the present level of taxation can be a barrier to anyone starting a small business today;

AND WHEREAS small businesses in the Province need as much support as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to immediately help stimulate the economy in a manner that helps every part of the Province by reducing the Province's small business tax by 25 percent, dropping it from 4 percent to three percent."

The Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, March 21st.

By leave the Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) tabled the following documents:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (b) the Annual Activity Report for 2010 of the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board;
- (c) the Annual Report for 2010-2011 Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to conduct a review of school bus transportation policies and school restructuring to ensure safe and quality education for all school children in the Province.

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 proclaim the *Animal Protection Act* immediately.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector and offer High Speed internet service in Bellburns, Portland Creek, St. Pauls or Sally's Cove.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 12) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 3) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 3) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4) 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, March 21st at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.