

Wednesday, April 25th, 2012

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate Arthur and Eunice Wicks on their 71st wedding anniversary and Nathan and Melina Humphries on their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to congratulate Noel "Jake" Stanford winner of the Newfoundland and Labrador 2011 John Drinkwater Memorial Coach of the Year Award.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Waterford Lions Club on the occasion of their 32nd anniversary.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Garfield Flowers.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Bishop's Falls Junior Men's Broomball team which advanced to the gold medal game in the Provincial Junior Broomball Championship.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Zachary Dean who was selected to attend the Canadian Tire NHL Junior Skills Competition.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement about the women recently appointed and reappointed to the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Volunteer and Non-Profit Sector (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers in the Province.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), having consulted with the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the Third Party, as required by subsection 16(2) of *the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, reported that Judge Jacqueline Brazil of the Provincial Court has agreed to prepare a report respecting the salaries, allowances, severance payment and pensions for Members of the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS subsection 16(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* requires that a Members’ Compensation Review Committee of not more than 3 individuals be appointed at least once during each General Assembly to conduct an inquiry and prepare a report respecting the salaries, allowances, severance payments and pensions to be paid to Members of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with subsection 16(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker has consulted with the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Leader of the Third Party on the appointment;

AND WHEREAS they have agreed with the introduction of this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS subsection 16(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* requires that a Report, with recommendations, must be presented to the Speaker within 120 days of the appointment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Ms. Jacqueline Brazil, a Judge of the Provincial Court, be appointed to fulfill this requirement, with the appointment to become effective on August 6, 2012;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Judge Brazil conduct her inquiry and present her Report to the Speaker on or before December 3rd, 2012.”

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to implement a new homecare model to cover family caregivers in 2012-13 budget.

The Member for St. John’s East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to install weather cameras on the Burin Peninsula Highway.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to conduct a needs assessment to identify the needs of all levels of long-term health care in Labrador and to re-open the Paddon Seniors’ Nursing Home in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach):

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“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador’s sealing industry is ecologically sustainable, economically valuable and among the world’s most highly regulated and well-managed humane animal harvests;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in a sustainable sealing industry in this Province through initiatives such as communications and advocacy campaigns and the provision of a \$3.6 million loan to Carino Processing Limited for the purchase of raw material, which will ensure products are available as the market grows while at the same time enabling hundreds of harvesters and plant workers to secure an income;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government – in agreement with our Government’s request – is challenging the discriminatory trade practices of other countries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the actions and investments of the Provincial Government to advance the growth of a sustainable and professional sealing industry in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House encourages the Federal Government to continue its efforts to support the Canadian sealing industry and to challenge the discriminatory actions of countries that violate trade laws.”

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 26th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.