

Monday, May 7th, 2012

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

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Thomas Christopher Farrell.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Si Thompson for being selected Citizen of the Year for Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Joy Burt who was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame recently.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Meredith Marks.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Damian Follett on his recent success in the music industry.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize Lisa Stoyles and Gail Chaulk for their contribution to their community as volunteers with the West Heights neighbourhood association.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to acknowledge National Nursing Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Chief Johnston of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and Inspector Patrick Cahill and Inspector Sean Ryan of the RCMP who have been appointed to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS over the course of the next 10 years, Newfoundland and Labrador is projected to see some 70,000 job openings;

AND WHEREAS our Government since 2003 has laid the foundation for this growth by commissioning and delivering on both the White Paper on Public Post-secondary Education and the Skills Task Force to prepare our people;

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AND WHEREAS our Government, since the release of the Skills Task Force Report in 2007, has invested approximately \$95 million in the areas of apprenticeship, science and technology, training and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS Budget 2012 invests \$4.1 million in new funding to support the following initiatives to advance apprenticeship opportunities and support women and other under-represented groups in skilled trades in Newfoundland and Labrador, including, 1) a Journeyperson Mentorship Program to help increase the number of certified journeypersons available to provide required workplace training for apprentices; 2) expansion of the Apprenticeship Wage Subsidy Program that helps provide work experience to apprentices, with a focus on first and second-year apprentices including those from under-represented groups such as women and persons with disabilities; and 3) registration of pre-apprentices in an Apprentice Tracking System to assist students completing entry-level skilled trades programs to secure employment and progress to journeyperson status;

AND WHEREAS Budget 2012 also invests \$200,000 to establish the Workforce Development Secretariat, which will focus on ensuring that labour market policies and programs are strategically aligned to develop and deploy a highly trained and skilled workforce that can meet evolving labour market demands;

AND WHEREAS a further \$10.8 million in federal funding administered by our Government through the Labour Market Development Agreement and Labour Market Agreement will support training and programs such as the Apprenticeship Wage Subsidy and the Office to Advance Women Apprentices;

AND WHEREAS our Government has extended the public post-secondary tuition fee freeze in 2012-13, expanded the Student Financial Assistance Program to increase the study period exemption from \$50 per week to \$100 per week, and continued the up-front needs-based grants and the interest-free student loans as part of its progressive commitment to provide students in this Province with the best student aid program in the country;

AND WHEREAS our Government is also investing to expand programs such as Memorial University's Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and the oceans sector of the Marine Institute, while also investing in new and improved infrastructure at our public post-secondary institutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the initiatives the Provincial Government is taking to prepare Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for career opportunities in the skilled trades in our Province."

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, May 9th.

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 Tuesday, May 8th, 2012.

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 and Sally's Cove.

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 The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-invest in rural broadband initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.