

Thursday, May 17th, 2012

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

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Douglas Dunsmore who received the Arts Achievement Award from the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize Blair Trainor who has won a U-Rock award.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate five Grade 9 pupils from St. James' Regional High School of Channel-Port aux Basques for winning the provincial junior high school trivia competition hosted by SAFE Work NL.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to St. John's Regional Fire Department, Deputy Chief Jack Hickey upon his retirement after 36 years of service.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the Isthmus Regional Playground Committee for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to pay tribute to Bud Davidge who has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by Memorial University.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement about the 9th Annual Premier's Athletic Awards which took place on May 16th, 2012.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to inform the House that Janice Barnes has been appointed Executive Director, Labrador West, with the Labrador Affairs Office.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) tabled the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) tabled the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) in accordance with section 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled Order in Council 2012-113 which authorized the Department of Health and

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Community Services to pre-commit \$8,264,400 against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$4,131,700 in 2013-14 and \$4,132,700 in 2014-15.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hedderson) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act”
(Bill No. 20);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Rail Service Act, 2009” (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act” (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) answered Question No. 12 placed on the Order Paper of April 3rd, 2012 by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) concerning the sealing industry.

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 enact legislation banning the use of Temporary Replacement Workers during a strike.

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 home-care model to cover family caregivers in the 2012-13 budget.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support their request for cellular phone coverage in Lark Harbour, York Harbour and Frenchman’s Cove.

The Member for St. John’s Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact whistleblower legislation to protect public sector employees in provincial departments and agencies.

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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 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 22nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.