

Wednesday, May 30th, 2012

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

By leave the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Jeana Bowen who has been named the Best Totally Blind Female Athlete for Atlantic Canada.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Ruth Lawrence who has received the 2011 Artist of the Year Award from the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to honour and congratulate Bridges to Hope and Director Derek Winsor for their work in helping lift people out of poverty.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Tracy Comeau and her team of volunteers for organizing the 4th Annual Victorian Tea Party to raise funding for a therapeutic wander garden for persons with dementia.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to congratulate the 2012 graduates of Lake Melville School: Max Matthews, Brooke Davey, Sammi Rae Brown and Tom Rich.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to commend the Elwood Envirothon Team of Deer Lake on their recent victory at the provincial Envirothon competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to announce the composition of Team Newfoundland and Labrador's mission staff for the 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize May 30th as Provincial Francophonie Day.

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, 2011;
- (b) the 2011 Business and Financial Report of Nalcor Energy.

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The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Kennedy) partially answered Question No. 8 placed on the Order Paper of March 27th by the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) respecting information on the demand for electricity in Labrador.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones):

“WHEREAS we have seen many tragedies and many lives lost due to distress on land and at sea, most recently the death of 14-year old Burton Winters of Makkovik, Labrador;

AND WHEREAS ground search and rescue is a Provincial responsibility and was the first point of contact in the Burton Winters Tragedy;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced that the Maritime Sub-Centre for Search and Rescue Services in Newfoundland and Labrador will close on April 25 of this year;

AND WHEREAS many questions have been raised about procedures and practices of the Provincial Government and DND in relation to the Burton Winters tragedy;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated that they are ready to participate in, and cooperate with, a public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Burton Winters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct a full investigation into the Burton Winters Tragedy and search and rescue services in Newfoundland and Labrador using a public inquiry under Section 3.(1) of the *Public Inquiries Act* which states:

3.(1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by order establish a commission of inquiry to inquire and report on a matter that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers to be of public concern.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 31st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.