

Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Speaker delivered a ruling respecting the presentation of Petitions in the House of Assembly.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to commend the volunteers responsible for establishing and managing the Cavell Park Community Garden.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Tony Lavallee and teacher Tony Power of Canon Richards Memorial Academy who were honoured at the Sports Newfoundland and Labrador Awards Banquet as Male Student - Athlete of the Year and runner up for the provincial Coach of the Year Awards respectively.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate the bands and choirs of Gonzaga High School which excelled at the WorldStride Heritage Music Festival in New York and the Avalon East District Band which also won awards at the festival.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Madonna Wilkinson of Flatrock who has received the Volunteer Recreation Recognition Award.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Youth Action Team for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to commend Mr. Frank Dyke on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and on the launch of his book "To be Frank – Memories of an Extraordinary Life".

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. French) made a Statement to recognize the winners of the Environmental Awards for 2012.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Fatalities Investigations Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act, 2006" (Bill No. 34);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act” (Bill No. 35);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Regional Service Boards In The Province” (Bill No. 36).

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend the Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 37);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act No. 2” (Bill No. 38).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) answered Question No. 21 placed on the Order Paper of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) respecting the Fish Processing Licensing Board.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn):

**“WHEREAS** the Federal Government has tremendous power and leverage to lower barriers between provinces and forge a path toward fairness and true community;

**AND WHEREAS** Quebec has frustrated Newfoundland and Labrador’s attempts to wheel electricity fairly through that Province;

**AND WHEREAS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his colleagues have committed to provide a loan guarantee or equivalent financial support for the Muskrat Falls Project, which includes a sub-sea transmission link to the Maritimes, because it has national or regional importance, it has economic and financial merit, and it will significantly reduce greenhouse gases;

**AND WHEREAS** the Prime Minister, in announcing funding for Ontario under the eco Trust on March 6, 2007, said that province could choose to use its funding to advance construction of “an East-West electrical transmission interconnect with Manitoba, allowing for the importation of clean hydroelectric power”;

**AND WHEREAS** on September 16, 2009, the Prime Minister announced funding for the construction of the Northwest Transmission Line in northern British Columbia and the prospect of connecting the line to Alaska;

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**AND WHEREAS** the opening of Canadian east-west energy corridors would give provinces the freedom to transmit energy to markets within Canada, create economic opportunity and strengthen the country;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly urges all governments in Canada to cooperate in exploring opportunities to open east-west electricity transmission corridors within Canada.”

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Burke, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. French, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Verge, Mr. Kent, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Granter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Cross, Mr. Peach, Mr. Lane, Mr. Russell, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

Against: Mr. Bennett.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.