

Wednesday, November 21st, 2012

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

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to congratulate Brandon Ramey who has been awarded the National Aboriginal Youth Achievement Award.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize Derek Bennett for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Lloyd Rossiter, Ms. Elizabeth Bragg and Ms. Elizabeth Harvey upon their receipt of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate all involved in the establishment of Radio Bell Island which will operate on a permanent basis in the New Year.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the volunteer firefighters of Newfoundland and Labrador especially those in the District of St. Barbe.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Nelson Granter for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to recognize November 21st as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Violence.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's five-year moose management plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House about "Christmas at the Commissariat" a two-day celebration to be held on November 24 and 25.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of Bird Cove calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector and offer High-Speed internet service in the community.

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

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“WHEREAS the Arctic presents significant opportunities for future economic growth and development, and Newfoundland and Labrador is well-positioned to play a central role because of our Province’s geographic location, industrial infrastructure, knowledge and experience in operating in cold and harsh environments, research and development capacity and facilities, and favourable reputation;

AND WHEREAS our Government launched the cross-departmental Arctic Opportunities Initiative in April 2010 to identify opportunities, build knowledge and capacity, promote awareness of our Province’s strengths, and find ways the Government can help advance and support local successes in Arctic development; and our Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development is also leading a Federal-Provincial Arctic Committee focused on promoting collaboration between the Provincial and Federal Governments to advance opportunities in the North;

AND WHEREAS in September and October 2012, the Province conducted a series of stakeholder engagement sessions in St. John’s, Lewisporte, Corner Brook, St. Anthony, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Wabush, bringing together a broad base of stakeholders from Government, academia, communities, community organizations and industry to discuss opportunities, challenges and the role the Province can play in advancing and supporting work in the Arctic for companies and organizations in the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House encourages the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue-through its Arctic Opportunities Initiative-to identify and advance opportunities for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to take the lead in Arctic development initiatives, specifically by producing an Arctic “plan forward” that will promote Newfoundland and Labrador as the ideal staging ground for Arctic-related activities, given our many capabilities and competitive advantages, and work with local companies, institutions and organizations to identify and prepared to capture Arctic opportunities as they emerge.”

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, November 22nd at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.