

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion "That the Report of the Resource Committee be concurred in".

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the budget motion and on motion debate adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:27 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to thank the Twillingate Lions Club for their devoted service to the people of Twillingate.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to thank the Jennifer A. Cutler Foundation and all those who contributed to the success of the Tea Party fundraiser on May 7th.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate the "Unity in Our Community" drug awareness committee for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Marie Peach and the staff of the Arnold's Cove Foodland on the store's selection for the Foodland Store of the Year Award.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to commend CHANNAL for their contribution in support of approved mental health services in the Province.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate pupils from Holy Spirit High School who have been invited to join the Newfoundland and Labrador 2017 Skills Canada Team.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House of improvements in the Job Creation Partnerships Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize Municipal Awareness Day and the important role that

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residents, volunteers and local governments play in building and maintaining strong communities in the Province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to consider the establishment of an independent expert review of the North Spur of the Muskrat Falls project.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the adult dental programme.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Humber – St. George's (Mr. Reid):

“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has a spectacular range of biodiversity in need of protection;

AND WHEREAS just 4.6 per cent of our provincial land mass is currently protected, which is just half of the overall Canadian average;

AND WHEREAS a well-governed, scientifically-based system for designating protected areas has the potential to benefit our environment, our economy and our research endeavors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador designating more protected areas in our Province”.

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.