

Wednesday, April 12th, 2006

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Erin Earle and Ms. Peggy Wakeham who played with the Conception Bay North Cee Bees who won the All Newfoundland and Labrador Female "A" Senior Hockey Championship.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize the 35th Anniversary of the CBS Lions Club and to congratulate Mr. Charles Taylor who was selected as the Lions Club 2005 Citizen of the Year.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Christy Groves of Forteau's Mountain Field Academy who was named a finalist in this year's Canada Day Poster Challenge.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize the Bishop's Falls Volunteer Firefighters and in particular Mr. Ed Osmond who was chosen Firefighter of the Year.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate the residents of the Connaigre Peninsula on the official launch of the Aliant Broadband Internet Service in the region.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Shelley) tabled the 2004-05 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Agency.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 1st, 2006.

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

"WHEREAS the marine resources on the Grand Banks of this province are a crucial element of the global ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS these resources have the potential to provide tremendous economic benefits on a sustainable basis;

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AND WHEREAS the protection and conservation measures provided by the international community and organizations such as NAFO are not sufficient to protect marine resources on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks off the coast of this Province;

AND WHEREAS the longer this ecosystem remains unprotected, increased and possibly irreparable damage continues to occur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to take custodial management of the continental shelf off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly renews its call for the Government of Canada to put in place the necessary provisions and resources to enforce conservation measures for the marine resources in this area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Newfoundland and Labrador be an integral partner in any management structure and conservation measures deemed necessary to protect marine resources adjacent to our shores.”

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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Elizabeth Murphy,
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly.