

Monday, March 24th, 2014

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement concerning the tabling of documents in the House.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the Sacred Heart Sabres Grade 6 Girls' Basketball team winners of the 2014 West Coast Grade 6 Girls' Basketball championship.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate Emily Hynes, winner of The Telegram Spelling Bee, and all participants in the event.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate five inductees into the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Clarence Coles.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. George Mercer.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Sheldon Barry who has been presented an Outstanding Principal Award by The Learning Partnership.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate Jason Watkins and Kevin Willmott, winners of the 2014 Cain's Quest Snowmobile Endurance Race and to commend the racers and recognize the volunteers who helped support the racers.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to outline Government's work in facilitating robust oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) tabled four documents relating to the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS senior officials of our Government have been involved in oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project at every stage;

AND WHEREAS our Government has just announced further mechanisms to provide oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada provides oversight of the project through its role as guarantor of the \$5 billion in project financing;

AND WHEREAS our Government has subjected this project to a greater level of scrutiny than has been brought to bear on any other project in our history;

AND WHEREAS the board of directors provides oversight of Nalcor, and Nalcor is also required to account through its internal audit departments, its regular reports to the Government, its regular audited financial statements and its public annual general meetings;

AND WHEREAS these oversight mechanisms reflect our Government’s commitment to ensure the public is provided with as much information on the Muskrat Falls Project as possible without jeopardizing commercial interests

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government’s actions to provide greater oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 26th.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to preserve midwifery services at Curtis Memorial Hospital.

The Member for St. John’s North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to fully implement the recommendations of the ISSP/Pathways Commission in order to improve the delivery of special education programming for all pupils, parents, teachers and schools.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to include the section of road between Channel-Port aux Basques and Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact whistleblower legislation to protect public sector employees in provincial departments and agencies.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to intervene in the matter and advise Eastern Waste Management to withdraw their proposal for a waste recovery facility in the Peak Pond – Reids Pond area and find a more suitable location for the facility.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate resources to allow for permanent resurfacing of Route 510 from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.