

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

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

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Val Cull and Northern Boat Repair Limited for being inducted into the Atlantic Canada Marine Industries Hall of Fame.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate high school pupils from the District of Kilbride who have been awarded scholarships.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late George Earle.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Noah Burnett for winning first place in the junior category at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition held during the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in Toronto.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate scholarship winners from the District of Virginia Waters.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Marilyn John for receiving the Female Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th Annual Atlantic Aboriginal Entrepreneur Awards Show.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House about the success of the Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to announce the launch of a new climate information portal as part of the Community Accounts website.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate the winners of the Daphne Taylor Milk Quality Award of Excellence.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Brazil) tabled a Statutory Declaration relating to the Humber Valley Paving Contract.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 35).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting The Control Of Liquor In The Province” (Bill No. 34).

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide clean and safe drinking water to the Town of Freshwater.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John’s South (Mr. Osborne):

“WHEREAS the Auditor General found there is no documentation to support the decision to cancel the contract for Project 1-12 between Humber Valley Paving and the Department of Transportation and Works;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General did not receive a response from Humber Valley Paving to its request for information and solicitor-client privilege for the company was not waived;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General was left with many unanswered questions following his review of the cancellation of the contract for Project 1-12;

AND WHEREAS a public inquiry would allow an independent third party to require that all public and private parties involved in the contract appear under oath to answer questions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct a full investigation into Humber Valley Paving and the cancellation of Project 1-12 using a public inquiry under subsection 3(1) of the *Public Inquiries Act, 2006*, which states: “The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by order establish a commission of inquiry to inquire and report on a matter that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers to be of public concern.”

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) raised a point of order respecting certain words used by the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster).

The Speaker (Mr. Cross) took the matter under advisement.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

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

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Slade, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reid, Mr. Hillier.

Against: Mr. Davis, Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Dalley, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Granter, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Cross, Ms. Perry, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Russell, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Peach, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

The Speaker then adjourned the House without question put pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.