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Some early thinking on a resolution and rules for debate. We should pull together a meeting of the planning committee early next week..

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Robert,

I don't think the attachment went with my last e-mail.

don

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Don;

The attached doc contains the rules for the Voisey's debate in the House and the resolution. You'll note, that the resolution seeks an endorsement of the Statement of Principles negotiated between Govt and Inco. The relative comparison to MF would be to endorse the Term Sheet; but that would not be appropriate in this case. In light of the simple approach taken in the VB resolution, we may also follow the same approach, such as:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly endorses the Muskrat Falls Project as proposed by Nalcor Energy to supply electricity to customers in Newfoundland and Labrador. "

OR

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly endorses the Muskrat Falls Project as proposed by Nalcor Energy as the least cost option to supply electricity to customers on the Island of Newfoundland. "

OR

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly endorses the Muskrat Falls Project as proposed by Nalcor Energy as the least cost option to supply electricity to customers on the Island of Newfoundland and to meet industrial demand in Labrador. "

Charles

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome all members to this special debate today.

Before proceeding, there are some House matters we want to get straightened out. I want to move the adoption of the following agreed-upon rule changes and procedures, just make sure that we have included everything and everybody knows the direction in which we are going. There are eight points here, Mr. Speaker, that I want to mention.

First, the resolution respecting Voisey's Bay will be debated for not more than three days, June 18, June 19 and June 20, 2002.

Number two, on these three days the House will sit from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with one exception. We have had a minor glitch with the satellite, and booking the time for the satellite on Thursday, because of a problem that the television time, as was pointed out to us yesterday, is booked from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. So, we thought we would advance the time, because that is Question Period, and we would start the House at 2:30 p.m. and go until 5:30 p.m. Everything is fine on the other end. So, with that agreement, that is the only change. On Thursday, we will start at 2:30 p.m. as opposed to 2:00 p.m., and go to the 5:30 to give time for Question Period to be televised.

Number three, the three leaders will have one hour to speak, as will the hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy and the Opposition Mines and Energy critic. The Premier will have an additional twenty minutes when he speaks to close the debate. All other members will have twenty minutes to speak, and we would like for all members to follow these times. We have asked the Table to carry out a time-honoured tradition in this House to remind members when they are down to three or four minutes remaining in their speaking time so that will help them to clue up in time.

Number four, there will be a thirty-minute Oral Question Period each day from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the exception, of course, of the day that we mentioned, which will be Thursday, when the Question Period will start at 2:30 p.m. The only topic for Oral Question Period will be the Voisey's Bay Statement of Principles, and we ask your Honour to waive the Rule of Anticipation.

Number five, there will be no amendments to the resolution.

Number six, debate on the resolution will begin immediately after the adoption of the rules and the introduction of the resolution, and, apart from Oral Questions, will be the only business of the House during the three-day period.

Number seven, the notice requirement for the motion respecting the rules and for the resolution will be waived.

Number eight, when the debate has concluded, but in any event not later than 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, the Speaker will put the question on the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, these are the previously agreed-upon changes to the procedure that the Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the New Democratic Party and I have previously agreed upon. I hope that is put in the order in which we did it.

PREMIER GRIMES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To begin this debate it is my pleasure to move, seconded by the Minister of Mines and Energy, the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly ratifies and endorses the Statement of Principles with respect to the development of the nickel deposit at Voisey's Bay in Labrador tabled by the Premier."