

'Bring it on,' Liberals tell Williams

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Newfoundland and Labrador's opposition parties scoffed Monday at threats Premier Danny Williams made at a Progressive Conservative convention over the weekend.

Williams issued a warning to the Liberals Party and New Democrats in a speech at a rally, saying his allegiance with Liberals and New Democrats during the ABC, or "anything but Conservative" campaign has come to an end.

The premier led a successful campaign to keep any Conservative candidates from being elected in the province in reaction to broken promises to keep offshore petroleum revenues out of the federal government's equalization formula.

"Make no mistake. Our support for any party other than the Conservatives was strictly to prevent a Harper majority on principle. On Oct. 15, we went back from ABC, to APC, Always Progressive Conservative," Williams said to cheers from the crowd.

"This great provincial party has taken our province in a whole new direction towards 'have' status and self-reliance. No more give aways, no more begging from others.... We will go forward as the best party in this province to take our people to even greater heights. So prepare yourselves Yvonne and Lorraine, 'cause the honeymoon is over."

In CBC interviews on Monday, both New Democrat Leader Lorraine Michael and Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones reacted to Williams's remarks.

"I don't know what honeymoon it is he's talking about," Michael said. "It's disturbing to me that he doesn't see the House of Assembly as a place where we all work together for the good of the people."

Jones accused Williams of driving a wedge in the Newfoundland and Labrador Progressive Conservative party with the "ABC" campaign and said the only way Williams can repair that divide is by focusing on a new enemy.

"Nothing surprises me coming out of this particular premier," Jones said. "There's always got to be an opponent, there's always got to be an enemy, and there's always got to be a fight."

"All I can say to him is 'bring it on,'" Jones said. "We have no problem debating any issues in this province and holding this government accountable to the decision that they make."

The House of Assembly has been closed since June. It is expected to resume sessions in November, but no date has yet been set.