

Tuesday, April 13th, 2004

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

The Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) on April 8th. The Speaker reviewed the practices of the House and traditional parliamentary rules relating to Members recognizing visitors in the Public Galleries. The Speaker ruled that all Members should refrain from conversing with visitors from the floor of the House.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement congratulating the Randell family of Grand Falls - Windsor on their accomplishment through their participation in the sport of Tae Kwon Do and their achievement in receiving black belts.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate the Deer Lake Red Wings Girls Hockey Team which won their first provincial hockey tournament in Baie Verte.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate students from the Pallister Players of Templeton Collegiate High School's drama club who won best production in this year's School District #3 drama showdown. The Member also took the opportunity to recognize the individual participants and the author and drama coach of the play, Mr. Steve Perchard.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to advise Members that his Department was seeking nominations for the 15th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards.

After Oral Questions, because of disturbance in the Public Galleries, the Speaker recessed the House for about five minutes while the galleries were cleared.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Minister of Transportation & Works to release immediately the report on the Labrador Coastal Marine Service and to make a decision on the Coastal Marine Service.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Western Health Care Corporation to maintain the current level of health care services in the area from South Branch to Rose Blanche without reduction or diminution.

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The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Minister of Education to reduce the salaries of the Labrador School Board directors and assistant directors in accordance with the approved scales, to dismiss the Labrador School Board Trustees and call for an inquiry into the operation of the Labrador School Board District and to ensure that accountability and integrity be restored to the education system as noted in the 1997 Auditor General's Report.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Goudie) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Western Health Care Corporation not to close the Hampden Medical Clinic and to continue the present primary health care to those residents.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government@ (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 14th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly