

Thursday, April 15th, 2004

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

The Speaker again reminded visitors in the Public Galleries not to participate or demonstrate in any way or to show any approval or disapproval of the proceedings in the House.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to recognize another record setting year for the St. John's Port Authority in terms of gross revenue, the number of vessels and the amount of cargo moved through the facilities of the Port. The Member congratulated the private sector and the President and CEO and staff of the Authority.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Kerry Sheppard, a Grade 8 student of Fitzgerald Academy in English Harbour West for her performance and accomplishment in placing first in her group during the Annual Central Newfoundland and Labrador Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Melanie Adams, a former student of Marystown Central High School who had been awarded the Natural Sciences and Engineering Resource Council Doctoral Scholarship in the amount of \$42,000 in order to complete her doctoral studies in biochemistry at Queen's University.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to pay tribute and to extend condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Bradbury of Coley's Point who was 106 years old when she died.

The Member for Humber West (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate the Elwood High Girls Basketball Team of Deer Lake which won the Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association Hall of Fame Cup, as well as the 4A's Girls Basketball Tournament, the second team ever to win a tournament outside the Avalon Peninsula.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the Reports of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December of 2003 and for the months of January, February and March of 2004.

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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.

There was a disturbance in the Public Galleries, whereupon after the Speaker had warned the unruly visitors, and the disturbance continued, the Speaker recessed the House at 2:17 o'clock in the afternoon while the galleries were cleared. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

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.

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) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Monday, April 19th, 2004.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 19th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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