

Monday, April 19th, 2004

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

The Honourable the Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) on Wednesday, April 14th, 2004. The Speaker ruled that the expressions Pinocchio and modern day Pinocchio with reference to the Premier, although not recorded in Hansard but heard by the Chair were somewhat borderline and asked all Members to refrain from using expressions which might be provocative and tend to cause disorder.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to advise Members that he was the host of a telethon which raised funds to acquire a twelve passenger bus with wheelchair capability to be used by the seniors of Burgeo who reside in the Calder Health Care Centre and also those seniors living in private residences.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to recognize National Volunteer Week, a special time set aside to honour people who donate their time and energy to their fellow citizens. The theme chosen for this year's Volunteer Week was [AVolunteers Grow Community@](#).

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate North Atlantic Refinery for celebrating ten years of successful operations in Newfoundland and Labrador and having invested in excess of \$400 million to make their facility at Come By Chance safer, cleaner and more efficient.

During Oral Questions, there was a disturbance in the Public Galleries following which the Speaker reminded visitors in the galleries to respect the proceedings of the House.

After Oral Questions, there was another disturbance in the Public Galleries whereupon the Speaker directed the galleries be cleared and recessed the House at 2:12 o'clock.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:41 o'clock.

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.

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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).

During the debate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) the following amendment:

That this House condemn the Government for its failure to accurately represent the true state of the economy in the Province and the Government's consequential failure to take appropriate budgetary action to deal with the real problems.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20th 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