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

The Leader of the Opposition and Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to pay tribute to and convey condolences to the family of the late Mr. John Nolan, former Member of the House of Assembly, former Cabinet Minister and well known broadcaster.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also spoke to pay tribute to the late Mr. Nolan.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Vera Perlin Society and its service to individuals with developmental disabilities and to their families. The Member also recognized the contribution of Mrs. Vera Crosbie Perlin in establishing the Society.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Bay Roberts with respect to the holding of the 4th Bay Roberts Klondyke Concert scheduled for July 31, 2004.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize the residents of Harbour Breton who recently contributed to the Harbour Breton Volunteer Fire Department in a recent telethon.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Beatrice Watts of North West River who as a teacher and activist fought hard for the children of Labrador.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to acknowledge a group of Levels II and III students who were visiting St. John's from her district in order to look at post-secondary institutions and to plan for their educational careers.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to acknowledge that Ms. Marilyn Churley, originally from Newfoundland and a Member of the Ontario Legislature had convinced the Ontario Liquor Commission to stock ANewfoundland Screech@ in its liquor stores.

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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 Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Garnish in her district impressing on the Minister of Transportation, Works and Aboriginal Affairs the urgency of including that section of Route 220 between the turn off to Winterland Road and the turnoff to Garnish in this year's allocation of funding for provincial road work.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (that being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) moved, seconded by the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid) that the amendment to the Budget Speech being a non-confidence motion be further amended by adding immediately after the word Aproblems@ the following:

And further, this House rejects the Government's Budget statement because it is predicated upon mythical and inaccurate information.

Following a short recess, the Speaker ruled the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

On motion the debate on the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) was adjourned.

It was agreed to stop the clock for a few minutes in order to finish the day's proceedings.

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, May 3rd, 2004.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 3^{rd} 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.