

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate the following young women from his District namely: Ms. Nikita Hickey, Ms. Katie Hickey, Ms. Vanessa Dicks and Ms. Shealie Keating who participated in the Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to recognize the athletic accomplishments of Mr. Jonathan Howse of Springdale.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate the participants in and winners of the Pee Wee AAA Aliant Atlantic Hockey Tournament recently held in Mount Pearl.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General and Member for Humber East (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate the Bas Buckle Senior Men's Curling Team which won the Senior Men's World Championship in Scotland.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement concerning the removal of electronic waste from school computers.

During Oral Questions the Speaker reminded visitors in the Public Galleries not to participate in the debate and not to cause a disturbance.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** a consequence of the relocation of weather forecasting services from this province has been that the workplace and social activities of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are being conducted in a hazardous environment;

**AND WHEREAS** the social, economic, business and commercial operations of our province are impacted negatively by inaccurate weather forecasts at a far greater rate of frequency, in particular by

- (a) threats to the safety of fishermen,
- (b) havoc and lost productivity inflicted upon the operation of educational institutions,
- (c) turmoil and chaotic conditions that are created when patients must reschedule long awaited appointments because of cancellations due to

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inaccurate forecasting of impending storms, and

- (d) impairment of groups such as business committees, sports organizations, and volunteer groups to conduct their affairs in a timely, economic and effective manner so as to maintain a reasonable flow of activity;

**AND WHEREAS** as a result of undependable weather forecasting, it is clearly evident that this province is paying an economic penalty far greater than could be anticipated, due to

- (a) the economic impact upon the coastal and rural workforce,
- (b) the loss of productivity and added costs within the medical field when hours of work for specialists and medical staff are not fully utilized because of rescheduling caused by erroneous weather predictions,
- (c) the added costs to patients and all citizens who are forced to make repeated journeys when appointments are rescheduled because of inaccurate weather forecasts, and
- (d) the negative economic impact on specific aspects of our tourist industry like adventure tourism, who rely on accurate forecasting for their livelihood;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador make representation to the Federal Government of Canada to rescind the decision to move weather forecasting services from Gander to mainland sites and to return full weather forecasting services to this province.”

Because of disorder in the Public Galleries after giving two warnings, the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ordered the Galleries cleared and suspended the proceedings at 2:46 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 3:07 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) concluded his notice of motion.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to request that the Honourable the Premier table a document he had cited earlier in the day. The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) stated that he would endeavor to obtain a copy and table it.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote):

**“WHEREAS** there is a need on the Burin Peninsula for improved health

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care services, in particular, by providing a CT scanner;

**AND WHEREAS** current medical needs are not being met because of the lack of adequate facilities and medical equipment;

**AND WHEREAS** these needs were identified and brought forward to Government by medical professionals;

**AND WHEREAS** Government committed during the election to complete the health facility in Grand Bank and address the health care needs of residents of the Burin Peninsula;

**AND WHEREAS** Government had an opportunity in the budget with a projected cash surplus to address these needs, but chose not to fund any improvements to health care services on the Burin Peninsula;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls on Government to place a CT scanner on the Burin Peninsula and recommit to construction of the health facility in Grand Bank in this fiscal year.”

Because of disorder in the Public Galleries, after giving two warnings the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ordered the Galleries cleared for the remainder of the day and suspended the proceedings at 3:35 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 3:49 o'clock in the afternoon.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Gander (Ms. Foote).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Grimes, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Jones, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Reid, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Foote, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: Mr. Rideout, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Burke, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Denine, Mr. French, Mr. Harding, Mr. Young, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Jim Hodder, Ms. Goudie, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Oram, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Ridgley.

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The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.