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

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House about the "Celebration of Courage" ceremony that he had attended at the Health Sciences Complex as the guest of the family of the late Stephen Short of Port aux Basques, an organ donor.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Shore Breakers Pee Wee B team which won the All-Newfoundland and Labrador championship for 2007.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement respecting the Royal Canadian Legion of District # 2 Battle of the Atlantic Parade held at Dildo, Trinity Bay on Sunday, May 6th, 2007.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to recognize the vital role nurses play in the Province's health care system.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate St. Francis School, Harbour Grace, which recently won second place in the Alliance Expo at the World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Cassandra Sellars, a pupil of Baccalieu Collegiate, who was one of three winners in Canada in the "Law Day 2007" competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize Drinking Water Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize Mental Health Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House of significant investments being made by Government in the development of the Province's labour market.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would move the following motion:

"BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Paul Reynolds be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner of Members' Interests only after it is verified that he meets the

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requirements for the appointment equivalent to a DRO under section 21 of the *Elections Act.*"

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) tabled a copy of the Statistics regarding child care spaces.

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 adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9^{th} at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.