

Wednesday, May 7th, 2008

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

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to offer condolences to the family of the late Johnny Penney.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to congratulate volunteers and athletes who were recently honoured at the 34th Annual Volunteer appreciation evening of the Town of Labrador City and the Labrador City Recreation Commission.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate the pupils and staff of Lakeside Academy in Buchans on the successful completion of the 9th annual "SchoolStock".

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Tricentia grade-nine-and-under boys' team for winning the Gold Medal at the Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. John Scott who was named Citizen of the Year for the Town of Conception Bay South.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about a programme to help single parents in receipt of income support secure employment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House that "Down in the Dirt", a film written, directed and produced in the Province, will be featured at the 61st Cannes Film Festival.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to improve their efforts to recruit and retain general practitioners.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate teaching units in small rural schools and review guidelines to find a solution that recognizes the unique needs of students in small rural schools.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones):

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“WHEREAS home care is special care that allows people facing health challenges to stay in their home and receive care;

AND WHEREAS there is an immediate need for improved, affordable access to home care in the Province;

AND WHEREAS Government has acknowledged that the current system is flawed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges Government to immediately implement emergency measures to lessen the financial burden facing those requiring home care services in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

During the debate on the Resolution the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) the following amendment to the Resolution:

“That the Resolution be amended by adding the following at the end of the Resolution:

‘BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House urges Government to immediately implement as an emergency measure a 10 hour a week free allocation of home care time where a need for such care has been identified by health care professionals, and where they fall below the income benchmark of \$31,930 established by Government.’”

By leave, at the request of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) suspended the proceedings at 3:27 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) resumed the Chair at 3:49 o'clock in the afternoon. The Speaker heard submissions on the admissibility of the amendment, then suspended proceedings at 4:02 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) resumed the Chair at 4:11 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and on the Resolution itself.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

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The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Ms. Michael.

Against: Mr. Rideout, Ms. Burke, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ridgley, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Oram, Mr. Denine, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Kent, Mr. Baker, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Peach, Mr. Verge, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Harding, Mr. French, Mr. Young, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Loder, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Kelly.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

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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, May 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.