

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to mark the success of the Northern Lights Trade Show and Conference held in Ottawa from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Sergeant Reg Gulliford.

The Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Richard Taor who is the recipient of a teaching award in the discipline of Family Medicine at Memorial University.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate the communities of Pasadena and Deer Lake for hosting winter carnivals this year.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate John and Leah Crane of Upper Island Cove on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to honour Sgt. Elaine Careen who has returned to her home, Point Lance, after a seven-month tour of duty in Afghanistan.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting the Provincial Nominee Program which allows the Province to recruit immigrants to meet its socio-economic and labour market needs.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House of the increase in online usage rates by clients of the Province's Companies and Deeds Online (CADO) system.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill,            "An Act Respecting The Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill,            "An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services" (Bill No. 5);

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A Bill, “An Act Respecting Embalmers And Funeral Directors” (Bill No. 11).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information and Protection Of Privacy Act” (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Registered Nurses” (Bill No. 3).

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 Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to establish a long-term drug and alcohol addictions treatment facility in the Province.

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):

**“WHEREAS** on February 14<sup>th</sup> Government ordered the closure of 22 privately run personal care homes in the Province which were non-compliant with a 2003 order, pursuant to subsection 13.1(b) of the *Fire Prevention Act*, to install sprinkler systems in their facilities to protect against the threat of fire;

**AND WHEREAS** Government stated that the closure of 22 privately run personal care homes was made strictly on the basis of health and safety of the residents of those facilities;

**AND WHEREAS** it was recently discovered that several hospitals, long-term care homes and other government run health care facilities in the Province do not have sprinkler systems in compliance with subsection 13.1(b) of the *Fire Prevention Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** Government has a duty to protect patients and residents from fire and safety hazards at its own health facilities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to remove the double-standard that exists between fire regulations at privately run

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personal care homes and government health care institutions recognizing that fire can occur at any facility;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Government immediately comply with its own fire regulations and install sprinkler systems at government run health care facilities.

During the debate the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) moved, seconded by the Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Rideout), that the resolution be amended as follows:

“by deleting the final two paragraphs and substituting the following

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly calls upon Government to continue to act upon the recommendations of the Fire Commissioner’s Office, with respect to fire regulations and the *Fire Prevention Act*”.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 3:24 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 3:35 o’clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

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

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the Resolution as amended and declared the Resolution as amended carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.