

Wednesday, May 13th, 2009

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

The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to pay tribute to J.M. Olds Collegiate of Twillingate for their recent success in the fields of Education and Athletics.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate organizers, participants and those who won awards at the Northern Heritage Fair which took place recently at Mountain Field in Forteau, Labrador.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate music teacher Howard Larade and Stephenville High School band students for their success at the Atlantic Band Festival.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the 1st Mount Pearl Women's Institute on their 40th Anniversary which took place on May 12th.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Memorial University's Distance Education and Learning Technology's Second Life Team which has won an Award of Excellence in Use of Technology for Learning and Teaching.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement respecting the Department's new motor registration telephone services.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the Summary Report of the Activities and Costs in respect of the Consumer Advocate in relation to Insurance Matters in respect of the fiscal year commencing April, 2008.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael):

“WHEREAS the present financial assessment tool used by Government to assess homecare and home support sets up barriers for people;

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AND WHEREAS Government's new financial assessment tool will not be in place until December 1, 2009;

AND WHEREAS the present system discriminates against people who need care at home and people who receive care in institutions;

AND WHEREAS seniors, persons living with disabilities, and those living with chronic diseases require home care and home support, some on a daily basis, some on short term basis and some on a sporadic basis;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately implement a needs-based assessment tool for assessing home care and home support in the Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to create a fully-regulated home care and home support system".

During the debate the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), seconded by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons), moved the following amendment:

"That the Resolution be amended by deleting the clause commencing with the words:

"**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to implement immediately a needs-based assessment tool for assessing home care and home support in the Province" and substituting the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately implement a hybrid assessment tool whereby needs are assessed first and financial means are assessed second in order for residents to access home care and home support in the Province"

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings at 3:38 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:44 o'clock and ruled the amendment in order.

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

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment defeated.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.