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

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate 17 year-old Sarah Davis on her successful play at the IIHF 2010 World Women's Under 18 Ice Hockey Championship in Chicago.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of St. John Ambulance on their 100th anniversary in the Province.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate all winners and nominees at the Stephen Awards Banquet held in Stephenville on April 17th.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate 15 year-old Cole Walsh who recently won a local essay writing contest which enabled him to explore the Chemistry and Biochemistry Departments at Memorial University.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to recognize the Jackson's Arm Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the Labrador Nation on selecting a new name: *Nunatukavut*.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement about the Juno Awards held recently in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement about Earth Day.

The Member for Port de Grave (Ms. Butler) presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allow citizens to build cabins on Kruger land.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate, the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) moved, seconded by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler), the following sub-amendment to the Budget motion:

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"That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

"and that this House also condemns the Government for its failure to present a budget that reflects the possibilities which exist in terms of addressing the needs of the people and dealing with problems such as retirement package for fisherpersons and plantworkers, crisis in the fishery, the extension of 911 service, public service pensioners, the lack of economic development in rural Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Speaker (Mr. Kelly) suspended the proceedings at 4:28 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:33 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the sub-amendment in order.

Debate continued on the sub-amendment to the Budget motion and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.