

Wednesday, December 15th, 2010

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

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Battery Radio on receiving a Silver World Medal at the 2010 New York Festival.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to recognize the Volunteer Fire Departments of the District for their contribution to their communities.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Anika Eddison, a Grade 10 pupil of Bayview Regional Collegiate in St. Lunaire-Griquet, who won a Netbook for her winning entry in a competition designed by the Career Development Partnership Initiative of the Great Northern Peninsula and Southern Labrador.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Torbay on its Small Business Awards presentation and this year's winners and nominees.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Constable Sharon Warren who has been selected as the International Association of Women Police Officer of the Year 2010.

The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Fogo on their first place award in the National Communities in Bloom Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about a trade mission to Greenland.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Calvin Lake, Chief Legislative Counsel upon his retirement.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House about business development programmes established by Government.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean):

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“WHEREAS there are insufficient long-term care facilities and services to care for our aging population;

AND WHEREAS this Government committed to a long-term care strategy back in February 2008 but has failed to live up to its promise;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has the fastest aging population in Canada and that by the year 2020 one in five people will be over the age of 65;

AND WHEREAS seniors are often spending months and months in acute care beds waiting to move into a long-term care facility;

AND WHEREAS seniors moving between facilities causes Relocation Stress Syndrome which can result in a serious decline in their health;

AND WHEREAS these acute care facilities are not providing the appropriate social and recreational opportunities to our aging population;

AND WHEREAS the improper care for our seniors creates severe stress on families and friends;

AND WHEREAS Government policy has failed to provide the proper long-term care and community support services to the people of this Province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House calls on Government to consider committing sufficient resources in this upcoming budget to address the long-term care needs, facilities, equipment and appropriate staffing for the aged in our Province”.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 16th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.