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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Frederick Thoms, World War Two Royal Navy Veteran.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Pasadena Lions Club for their successful Easter Seals fundraising programme.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he 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 on Thursday, March 15th, 2012.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell):

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government laid out its long-term vision for social housing in 2009 in Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation's ten-year Social Housing Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador entitled "Secure Foundations" and supported this strategy with a significant investment in 2011;

AND WHEREAS key investments by the Provincial Government to provide housing assistance to those with the greatest needs include

- 5,573 rental units province-wide through the NLHC;
- rent subsidies for people living in 1,732 rental units;
- capital funding for approximately 1,100 new affordable housing properties in the private and supportive living sector in dozens of communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;
- financial and training support to 1,026 partner-managed units;
- over \$16 million annually to help close to 3,500 people with low incomes stay in their own homes through the various programs for homeowners such as the Provincial Home Repair Program, the Residential Energy Efficiency Program, and home Modification Program; and,
- an investment of \$4.8 million per year through the Supportive Living Community Partnership Program to provide operational funding for

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community-based organizations that create housing supports for people with complex service needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House expresses its support for the Provincial Government's ten-year Social Housing Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador entitled "Secure Foundations" and the investments it is continuing to make to provide assistance to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with the greatest housing needs."

During the debate, the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) moved, seconded by the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), the following amendment:

"That the motion be amended by adding the following words at the end of the motion:

"while recognizing that further action on this issue is necessary."

and that the motion be further amended by also adding:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urges Government to seek input from concerned citizens and groups in relation to the serious housing crisis in this Province."

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 3:31 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:37 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 to the Resolution and declared the amendment lost.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Burke, Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. French, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Verge, Mr. Kent, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Granter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr.

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Hunter, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Cross, Mr. Peach, Mr. Lane, Mr. Russell.

Against: Mr. Ball, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 15th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.