

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize Clayton Johnson and Gerard Hodder who have devoted 20 and 25 years respectively to their local fire departments.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize Chef Dereck Collier who received the Chef of the Year Award from the Newfoundland and Labrador Chefs' Association.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Terri-Lynn Baggs, Danielle Locke and Lauren Robinson who were awarded Electoral District Scholarships.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to recognize the Brother T.I. Murphy Centre for 25 years of outstanding work.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to congratulate Kelsey Roberts, Courtney Roberts and Sarah Fowler who have raised more than \$11,000 for a new animal shelter for the SPCA.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate the girls' volleyball team of Greenwood Academy in Campbellton on their success in their sport.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize March 26<sup>th</sup> as Purple Day for Epilepsy in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate Don McKay who has been named the winner of this year's BMO Winterset Award for his collection of essays *The Shell of the Tortoise*.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** the current Government, in its 2011 policy blue book, promised to deliver wait times strategies for emergency departments and hip and knee joint replacement surgeries;

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**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Health and Community Services fulfilled these election commitments by announcing strategies to reduce wait times in both of these vital areas of our health care system;

**AND WHEREAS** we have made significant progress in improving wait times for the benchmark areas outlined in the 2004 Accord;

**AND WHEREAS** eighty-three percent of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians received access to care in the five priority areas within their respective benchmarks according to the Canadian Institute for Health Information annual report on wait times, the second highest of all the provinces;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has directed resources to other areas outside the 2004 Accord where access has been a challenge, such as emergency departments and diagnostic imaging;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Government has invested over \$140 million over the past eight years to improve wait times throughout the Province;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports the significant actions this Government has taken and is continuing to take to enhance access and reduce wait times throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to implement a new homecare model in 2012-13 to cover family caregivers.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage through Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities.

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The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to order full removal and environmental clean-up of the former fish plant in the Town of Englee.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to do a full investigation into the Burton Winters Tragedy and search and rescue in Labrador and lobby the Federal Government to establish permanent search and rescue capability at 5 Wing Goose Bay.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act” (Bill No. 10).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act” (Bill No. 12).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ball) rose to advise the House that he would recuse himself from the debate on Bill No. 12 upon the advice of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards.

Debate continued on Bill No. 12 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, Tuesday, March 27<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.