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

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Jessica Butt, a pupil at Pasadena Academy, and cornet player in the Salvation Army Band, who was selected to take part in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to inform the House that he had attended two functions relating to the Easter hockey tournament for female youth from ages 12-20 years old and to congratulate the participants in the Province – wide tournament.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate all the volunteers who operated Radio Bell Island from March 19-24.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate Pearson Academy Astros Boys' Senior Volleyball team for a successful volleyball season.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize Gerard Philpott on his retirement from his position of Parks and Facilities of the City of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize the outstanding humanitarian work of Pastor Cathy Harris.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's support for initiatives such as Global Vision which link youth with innovative learning experiences and valuable connections.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's investments in initiatives which promote educational opportunities for youth with an interest in the fishing and aquaculture industries.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to conduct a review of school bus transportation policies and school restructuring to ensure safe and quality education for all school children in the Province.

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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 establish a public inquiry into search and rescue in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) moved, 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.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

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

During the debate the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) moved, seconded by the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) the following amendment:

"That all the words after 'that' be deleted and the following substituted:

"the Bill be not now read the second time but that it be read the second time this day six months hence.""

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 2:49 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:04 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment was not in order.

Debate resumed on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 12).

During the debate the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) moved, seconded by the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) the following amendment:

"Be it resolved that all the words after 'That' be replaced with "the Bill be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day six months hence."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

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Debate commenced on the amendment.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment.

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

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 12).

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) put the question on Second Reading of Bill No. 12.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Dunderdale, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Burke, Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. French, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Kent, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Granter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Little, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Perry, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Cross, Mr. Peach, Mr. Lane, Mr. Russell, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

Against: Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Kent took the Chair of Committees of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Kent) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend the Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 12) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 28th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.