

Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate the Boys' Volleyball team of Catalina Elementary School, winners of the gold medal in Tier 2 at the 14-and-Under Provincial tournament.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Nigel Mercer of Upper Island Cove.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Marthe Bernard who has won the Best Actress award at the First Glance Hollywood Film Festival for her performance in the feature film Beat Down.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Ethel Miller who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to extend an invitation to the residents of the Province to attend come-home year celebrations in St. Anthony, St. Lunaire-Griquet, Main Brook and Anchor Point/Deadman's Cove which begin on July 20, 2012.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Kitchen for their contribution to residents of the downtown and inner city areas.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the expanded cultural programming offered at the Province's six Arts and Culture Centres.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House about the Justice Project at Her Majesty's Penitentiary.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) reported in compliance with subsection 43(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* that the Audit Committee had not recommended an external auditor and informed the House that in compliance with subsection 43(5) the Auditor General would audit the accounts of the House of Assembly.

The Opposition House Leader (Ms. Jones) announced pursuant to suborder 63(3) of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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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. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact whistleblower legislation to protect public sector employees in Provincial departments and agencies.

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 implement a new homecare model in 2012-13 to cover family caregivers.

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 support residents of White Bay North in their request to obtain adequate cellular phone coverage in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

During the debate the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

"That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:

this House condemns the government for its failure to present a fiscally responsible program which addresses the immediate economic problems of rural areas of the Province as well as the serious social needs which exist in this Province and its failure to create a climate for sustainable economic growth within the Province."

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:32 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.