

Monday, May 14th, 2012

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

By leave the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Jennie Bidgood and to offer condolences to the Walsh and Bidgood families.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize the staff, students and parents of Lewisporte Intermediate School for their accomplishments.

The Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize the Grade Three class at St. Matthew's Elementary School who are participating in a twinning program with the Grade Three class at Presentation Primary School in Carrick-on-Suir in County Tipperary, Ireland.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to extend condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Josephine Heffernan.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Baie Verte Sabres Under-15 Female Hockey Team for winning the Silver medal at the Provincial Tournament in Baie Verte.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to recognize Bethany Kean who won the Junior Division Prose Category of the Arts and Letters Competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Don Johnson.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize May 13-19 as National Police Week.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Volunteer and Non-Profit Sector (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate the recipients of the 2012 URock Volunteer Awards.

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, May 15th, 2012.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS education plays a critical role in preparing young people to grow up as productive, contributing, and constructive citizens;

AND WHEREAS all students, teachers, and staff members should feel safe at school and deserve a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status, or disability;

AND WHEREAS everyone – government, educators, school staff, parents, students and the wider community – has a role to play in creating a positive school climate and preventing inappropriate behaviour, such as bullying, sexual assault, gender based violence, homophobia, and other forms of harassment;

AND WHEREAS neither bullying nor harassment is yet mentioned anywhere in the Schools Act; and

AND WHEREAS bullying, harassment, and intimidation are as prevalent in our schools as ever;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urge Government to address the issue of bullying and harassment in our schools as follows:

Section 2 of the *Schools Act* is amended by adding the following definition:

(c) “bullying” means repeated and aggressive behaviour by a pupil, teacher, or staff member where:

(i) the behaviour is intended by the pupil, teacher, or staff member, to cause, or the pupil, teacher or staff member, ought to know that the behaviour would be likely to cause, harm, fear, or distress to another individual, including psychological harm or harm to the individual’s reputation,

(ii) the behaviour occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance between the pupil, teacher, or staff member, and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, family circumstances, race, disability, or the receipt of special education, and

(iii) the behaviour occurs in the form of any physical, verbal, electronic, written, or other means.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week be enacted twice during the school year – the weeks beginning the third Sunday in September and the third Sunday in February;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Government create a bullying prevention plan that will be placed in legislation, which would be included in the curriculum, and would include reporting mechanisms and discipline structures between schools, school boards and the department.”

The Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John’s North (Mr. Kirby) would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 16th.

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 support their request for cellular phone coverage in Cox’s Cove and McIvers.

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 re-invest in rural broadband initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 home care 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. John’s North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact legislation banning the use of Temporary Replacement Workers during a strike.

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.

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The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

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

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) 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, May 15th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.