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

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Alex Street who has received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Bill Waechter who has won an award for obtaining the largest national percentage of donations to the Jumpstart programme.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Flatrock for winning the Tidy Towns award for their category.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Robert Snook who has received a 2012 Seniors of Distinction Award.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. John Nick Jeddore who was honoured as a Tradition Bearer and to recognize Resettlement as an Event of Provincial Significance, under the Provincial Historic Commemorations Program.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Valmont Academy Vikings Boys' Soccer Team which won the school sports Provincial Championship.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement about the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy and to congratulate the City of St. John's, which won the 2012 Gold Communication Excellence Award given by the Solid Waste Association of North America, for its Curb It recycling programme.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) raised a point or order relating to comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Johnson) on November 27th.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Trust And Loan Corporations Act" (Bill No. 48).

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Young Persons Offences Act" (Bill No. 49).

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 North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the Eastern School District is provided with sufficient funding to keep Swift Current Academy as a K-12 school.

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 amend the *Human Rights Act* to include gender identity and gender expression in the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball):

"WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has the mandate through the Electrical Power Control Act Board to ensure that the Province shall have the most efficient production, transmission and distribution of power at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service;

AND WHEREAS the proposed development of Muskrat Falls will have profound effects on the rates paid by electricity users of the Province for decades to come;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to compel Nalcor to submit the proposed Muskrat Falls development to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a complete and unrestricted review."

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Osborne.

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Against: Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Ms. Shea, Mr. Davis, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Granter, Mr. Cornect, Ms. Johnson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. French, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Kent, Mr. Lane, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Cross, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Russell.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.