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

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to pay tribute to Colleen Hogan, a teacher at Leary's Brook Junior High, who has demonstrated the principle of inclusion in helping her pupils surmount obstacles.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate Gerald Coombs who has received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service to his community.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to honour Doug Robbins, Deputy Mayor of Bonavista South for his years of volunteer work.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to recognize The Turk's Gut Heritage Seniors group.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Lois Brown who has received the 2011 Rhonda Payne Theatre Award.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to thank five persons in his district for their two decades of musical service to their community.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to mark International Volunteer Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to promote awareness of the provincial chronic disease self-management programme "Improving Health: My Way."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved that the Orders of the Day be read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Dunderdale):

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House now supports the development of the Muskrat Falls Hydro project."

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During the debate the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons), that the resolution be amended as follows:

"by adding immediately after the word 'that' the following

'notwithstanding that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has not conducted an unrestricted review of the project."

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) suspended the proceedings at 4:07 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:18 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour: Ms. Dunderdale, 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, Mr. Osborne.

Against: Mr. Ball, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 6th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.