

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize Renee Osborne who was selected by Samaritan's Purse to represent Newfoundland in delivering shoeboxes to Costa Rica through Operation Christmas Child.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to commend the Concert Crowd.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Christina Fudge who received an emerging artist award in the Junior Division of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts and Letters Awards in 2012.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Springdale Braves Bantam Hockey Team which won the Gold medal in the Provincial C Division Tournament.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to honour Becky Pendergast and her team at the HUB Print Shop.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to recognize members of the Goose Bay Judo Club for their accomplishments at the recent Atlantic competition in Truro.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to commemorate the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to advise the House that Vale will develop an underground mine in northern Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 5).

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The Honourable the Minister of Service Newfoundland and Labrador (Mr. McGrath) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House commends the Government for returning half a billion dollars a year to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians by reducing personal income taxes and supports the Government in its decision not to increase personal income tax rates to address the Province's fiscal challenge."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 partner with the private sector to provide High Speed internet services to their communities.

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 identify the needs of all levels of long-term care in Labrador and to re-open the Paddon Seniors Nursing Home, located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay to provide all levels of health care.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose a moratorium on slickwater fracking until they develop regulations and ensure each project undergoes a conclusive environmental assessment.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse the damaging decision to students and reinstate the Adult Basic Education programming at the College of the North Atlantic.

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 reverse the decision to cut funding to EAS agencies in the Province.

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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 work with the Newfoundland Federation of Indians and the Government of Canada to provide a fair and equal review of all applications for registration as members of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band.

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 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 that exist in this Province and its failure to create a climate of sustainable economic growth within the Province."

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:20 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 was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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.