

Wednesday, April 17th, 2013

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

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to recognize the academic achievements of Alexander James Maxwell Howse.

The Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to congratulate St. Matthew's Elementary School for their African Well Project.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate the Exploits Cataracts Peewee A and Bantam A Team for winning Gold Medals at the Robert French Invitational Tournament.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Richard Rich who has received the Wayne Earle Community Service Award.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Frank "Jiggs" Borland.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Corner Brook Winter Carnival Committee on the success of the 2013 Corner Brook Winter Carnival.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to inform the House that the Government plans to assist Corner Brook Pulp and Paper with a \$90,000,000 loan.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize April 20th to 27th as National Immunization Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the period November 2012 to March 2013 (3 volumes).

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 Bird Cove.

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 decision to cut funding to EAS agencies in the Province.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn):

“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.”

During the debate on the Resolution the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Kennedy) tabled the transcript of a CBC interview of the Leader of the Third Party.

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House without question put pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.