

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to inform the House that since making a ruling on April 16th, 2013 with respect to a point of privilege raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) relating to a Member's presence on Facebook, he had become aware of more information about the complexities of this medium. In light of that information the Speaker stated that his finding of contempt was erroneous and apologized to the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) for the position in which she had been placed when asked to apologize to the House.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize the collaboration of six communities on the Bonavista Peninsula in the creation of a new hiking trail network.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the volunteers in the District of Bellevue.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of Andy Jones who has recently been awarded the BMO Winterset Award.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to commend Habitat for Humanity for the good work they do in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Alex Street.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Stevens Norvell who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Morley Burse.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to inform the House that Moody's Investors Services have assigned a Triple A rating for the financing of the Muskrat Falls project.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House that Government have finalized their Aboriginal Consultation Policy.

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The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the well-being of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador depends on their ability to use reliable transportation links – whether by road, air or water – to access employment, government services, and business, as well as to foster cultural and social benefits;

AND WHEREAS after ten years in power Government has failed to properly develop and maintain vital highway and ferry services in many parts of the Province;

AND WHEREAS this Government has failed to follow its own ferry strategy;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador continue to suffer from an unacceptably large inventory of unpaved gravel roads, aging bridges, culverts and highways;

AND WHEREAS this neglect has resulted in the Canadian Automobile Association listing five of the 11 worst roads in Atlantic Canada as being found in our Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call upon Government to develop an advanced transportation strategy for road and ferry users.”

The Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 24th .

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 North (Mr. Kirby) 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 Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to support the users of Route 470-10 in their request to have Route 470-10 resurfaced.

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.

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 extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 4) was introduced and read the first time:

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the sub-amendment to the Budget 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, Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.