

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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 congratulate the staff of Larkhall Academy for the continuing success of their annual Parent Breakfast.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize NHL player, Michael Ryder, who scored his 200<sup>th</sup> career goal on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate the staff of Amalgamated Academy on their production of Beauty and the Beast.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate the Canon Richards Wildcats Girls' 2A Ball Hockey champions.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to inform the House about the Holocaust Memorial Service which was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate athletes honoured at the annual Sport Newfoundland and Labrador's Stars and Legends Awards Gala.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador has many seasonal industries;

**AND WHEREAS** the climate of our Province determines when work can be done in agriculture, forestry, the fisheries, highway construction and tourism;

**AND WHEREAS** workers in these industries have become skilled employees whom their employers value;

**AND WHEREAS** many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians rely on the Employment Insurance Program to sustain them for part of the year during the off-season or while their employer is functioning at reduced capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has introduced changes to the Employment Insurance system through the provisions of Bill C-38, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures:

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**AND WHEREAS** some of these changes have had a disproportionately negative impact on the Province as well as Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

**AND WHEREAS** the reforms may force these skilled workers to find year-round employment in trades other than their own, making them unavailable for seasonal work, which will be devastating for seasonal industries;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador urge the Government of Canada to recognize the cyclical nature of seasonal employment and industry;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador urge the Federal Government to review its employment insurance reforms with the intent of eliminating the aspects that negatively impact the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and our Province.”

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 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 East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to maintain funding to the West Coast Training Facility in Stephenville and work with user groups to develop a sustainability plan.

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 to cover family caregivers.

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 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. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to

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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 debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell):

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports this Government's actions to ensure that public programs and services for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are designed and delivered in ways that are results-focused and effective as well as innovative, efficient and affordable.”

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

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

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.