

Wednesday, May 8th, 2013

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the Crescent Collegiate Vocal Ensemble which has been selected to represent the Province as part of the Unisong music festival.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to congratulate Sherman Downey and the Ambiguous Case for being selected as the "Best New Music Act in Canada" for the National CBC Searchlight Competition.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize Geraldine Wheeler and her Committee for organizing the Steps for Life walk.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate the Paradise Grasshoppers for all they do for the Town of Paradise.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate everyone involved in the Prince of Wales Collegiate Safe Grad event.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the 2013 winners of the Mount Pearl Athletic Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to inform the House that the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission have launched their annual SAFE Work Young Worker Video/Radio Ad Contest.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the winners of the 2013 Arts and Letters Awards.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) tabled the Report of the Resource Committee.

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.

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The Member for Burgeo - LaPoile (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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball):

“WHEREAS we have seen many tragedies and many lives lost due to distress on land and at sea, including Ryan's Commander, Melina and Keith II, Check-Mate III, Cougar 491, and Burton Winters;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has closed the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre for search and rescue services in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS many questions have been raised about procedures and practices of the Provincial Government and the Department of National Defence (DND) in relation to these tragedies;

AND WHEREAS the federal Auditor General has determined that search and rescue services in Canada are operating at a bare minimum and need significant improvements;

AND WHEREAS the federal Auditor General has identified that a common set of principles for coordinating with other levels of Government on national matters does not exist;

AND WHEREAS the federal Auditor General did not audit or investigate provincial, territorial, or municipal search and rescue activities, including those of volunteer organizations, or the activities of other federal organizations such as the RCMP, who are involved in search and rescue activities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced that it would cooperate with the Province on an inquiry into search and rescue issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct a full investigation into search and rescue services in Newfoundland and Labrador using a public inquiry under subsection 3.1 of the *Public Inquiries Act, 2006*, which states: “The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may

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by order establish a commission of inquiry to inquire and report on a matter that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers to be of public concern”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, May 9th, 2013.

The debate continued and concluded on the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Humber Valley.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Osborne.

Against: Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Granter, Mr. Cornect, Mr. McGrath, Mr. French, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Kent, Mr. Lane, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Cross, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Russell.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.