

Wednesday, November 20th, 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 congratulate the Town of Come By Chance for winning an award in the Municipal Government Carbon Footprint Challenge Contest.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Holyrood for receiving the Torngat Municipal Achievement Award for its efforts and innovation in Economic Development.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Valmont Academy Vikings Female Softball and Soccer teams for their outstanding accomplishments.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the Templeton Tigers Volleyball team for their accomplishments and to wish them success in the Provincial tournament.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Al Dunphy for being chosen Volunteer of the Year by the Rabbittown Community Centre.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate Daniel Kelloway who has been awarded an academic scholarship and an athletic scholarship by Simon Fraser University.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize November 20th as National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about this year's Provincial Student Leadership Conference.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to give serious consideration to making repairs to Route 450.

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 include the section of road between Channel-Port aux Basques to Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers):

“WHEREAS the Family Violence Intervention Court provided a comprehensive approach to domestic violence in a court setting that fully understood and dealt with the complex issues of domestic violence;

AND WHEREAS domestic violence continues to be one of the most serious issues facing our Province today;

AND WHEREAS the cost of the impact of domestic violence is great both economically and in human suffering;

AND WHEREAS the Family Violence Intervention Court was welcomed and endorsed by all aspects of the justice system including the police, the courts, prosecutors, defence counsel, Child, Youth and Family Services, as well as victims, offenders, community agencies and women's groups;

AND WHEREAS the recidivism rate for offenders going through the court was 10 percent compared to 40 percent for those who did not;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to consider reinstating the Family Violence Intervention Court.”

During the debate the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) moved the following amendment to the Resolution:

“That the Resolution be amended by

(1) deleting the word ‘court’ and by adding the words ‘pilot court program’ in the fifth recital clause and adding immediately after the word ‘not’ the phrase ‘partake of the pilot court program.’

(2) adding immediately after the fifth recital clause the following:

AND WHEREAS Government is committed to being proactive in identifying ways to provide programming and services that address root causes of family violence;

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AND WHEREAS family violence is a complex societal issue, and finding solutions requires active participation by the public, community, police and social agencies of Government including Health and Community Services, Education, Child, Youth and Family Services, Justice and the Women's Policy Office.

(3) amending the resolution paragraph by deleting the words 'to consider' and by adding instead the following phrase 'to explore all avenues for addressing family violence with a focus on preventative measures when considering.'

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:57 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:11 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

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

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. King, Ms. Shea, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Davis, Mr. Crummell, Mr. French, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Kent, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Cross, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Lane, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Peach, Ms. Perry, Mr. Little, Mr. Russell, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution as amended, carried.

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.