

Wednesday, December 4th, 2013

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

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to recognize the Canadian Cancer Society of Lake Melville.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize the spirit of volunteerism and care exhibited by the Boys' and Girls' Club of Norris Arm.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Melissa Hardy for her athletic accomplishments.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Ryan Russell.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate the Stephenville Lassies ladies' hockey team which won the Exploits' Roofing Ladies Invitational Hockey tournament.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to pay tribute to Judy Vante on her retirement.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works and Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to inform the House that the Combined Councils of Labrador have travelled to St. John's this week to hold a series of meetings with Provincial Cabinet Ministers.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to provide an update on the Parental Benefits Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Davis) tabled a document from which he had quoted in responding to a question about the Turner Report.

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a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to change the outdated 1.6 km school busing eligibility policy in order to ensure safe travel to school for primary and elementary school children.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the calcium chloride application programme.

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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 provide the necessary resources to retain the Public Library in Conception Bay South.

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 South (Mr. Osborne):

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to consider following the recommendation of their own consultant, Mr. John Noseworthy, and implement a rental rate structure for income support clients based on regional market rates.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

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

The Speaker 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.