

Wednesday, April 29th, 2015

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

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize Vince Wiltshire for the help he provides to the residents of Maplewood Manor.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate William (Bud) Murphy, Martin Harvey and Ronald Marshall who have been awarded Korean War medals by the government of South Korea.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to commend the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for their service to the communities of Torbay and Flatrock.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the Town of Arnold's Cove for having been given a 4-bloom rating and special mention for the volunteer efforts of residents during the 2014 Communities in Bloom National Symposium and Awards Ceremonies.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Steve Crewe who has received a 12-Year Long Service Award from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Valmont Academy Boys' 2A Soccer Team which won the silver medal at the 2014 Provincial championships.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about job fairs, one of the services which are made available through the Provincial Government's employment centres.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate winners of Safe Work Newfoundland and Labrador's *Who Wants to Save A Life* game show: Holy Spirit High and Menihek Junior High and St. Francis of Assisi and Hazelwood Academy winners of the exhibition game shows.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate funding to include brush clearing for the Manuels Access Road.

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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 reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to increase moose/vehicle accident mitigation measures, including moose fencing, brush cutting and increasing quotas, and to provide financial assistance to those most seriously injured as a result of said collisions.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath):

“WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador deserve to be served by the most progressive legislature in the Country;

AND WHEREAS greater effectiveness and efficiency can be achieved by the legislature in its service to the people of the Province;

AND WHEREAS modernizing procedures would allow for greater involvement of all MHAs in the legislative process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the reforms of the House championed by the Premier and outlined in the 2015 Speech from the Throne, which include “enhancing the roles of individual Members, reviewing the compensation of Members who hold special positions in the legislature, reviewing MHA pensions, reducing the number of seats and opening legislation to greater scrutiny.”

During the debate the Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) moved the following amendment to the Resolution:

“That the Resolution be amended by

- (1) deleting the recital clauses,
- (2) deleting the words “championed by the Premier and outlined in the 2015 Speech from the Throne” and by adding
- (3) in the resolution clause after the second reference to “House”, the words “of Assembly”.

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The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:42 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. Davis, Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Granter, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Cross, Ms. Perry, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Russell, Mr. Forsey, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Slade, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reid, Mr. Hillier, Mr. Flynn.

Against: Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.