

Tuesday, May 5th, 2015

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate the youth of the Stephenville High Duke of Edinburgh Programme who received their Bronze Awards.

The Member for Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to recognize the organizers of the 19th Annual North Shore Ambulance Telethon.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate Juanita Hoben for her contribution to her community.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Kevin Pike and the Pinware Karate School for their contribution to martial arts in Labrador.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Waterford Hospital Lion's Club on its 35th anniversary.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate the producers of *Them Days* magazine on its 40th anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House about action being taken by Government to ensure drinking water in the Province is clean, safe and secure.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize May as National Hemochromatosis Awareness Month.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to inform the House about a one-day workshop spearheaded by Government for the fish harvesters in the under 40-foot vessel fleet that focused on vessel innovation and harvesting for quality.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice and by leave moved that the Member for Humber East (Mr. Flynn) replace the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) on the Social Services Committee.

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

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 in,

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partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to retain control and funding for not-for-profit long-term care in the Province.

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 allocate resources to allow for permanent resurfacing of Route 510 from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take action to attract a permanent doctor or make other arrangements to improve health care service in the Heatherton to Highlands area.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

During the debate the Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons), the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

"That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:

'this House condemns the Government for its failure to present a fiscally responsible program which addresses the immediate economic problems of rural areas of the Province as well as the serious social needs that exist in this Province and its failure to create a climate of sustainable economic growth within the Province.' "

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:29 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:46 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.