

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015

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

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Flynn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late John McCarthy.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Victor Keats who was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the March Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the Battle of the Atlantic.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to congratulate the Star of Bethlehem Loyal Orange Lodge on their 100th anniversary.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate all the participants in the Labrador West Regional Annual Heritage Fair.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Thomas Park and Ashley Higgins who represented the Province's speed skating team at the Canada Winter Games in British Columbia.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize May 4-10 as Safe Kids Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize May 6th as Municipal Awareness Day in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about the unveiling of two accessible taxicabs, the result of a partnership between Government and industry, the City of St. John's and non-profit organizations.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, Order in Council 2015-101 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$9,920,094 against its 2016-17 budgetary appropriations and \$200,000 against its 2017-18 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Bird Construction Group for the construction of the Torbay Area Grade 5-7 School.

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The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Granter) tabled Information regarding The OCI plant in Fortune.

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. King) tabled a document regarding Loans and financing provided by Government to companies and individuals.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge) tabled the Report of the Auditor General entitled *Update On Prior Years' Report Recommendations 2014*.

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 St. George's and surrounding area.

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 discontinue using chemicals covered under the pesticide ban and begin using safer methods of brush clearance.

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

"BE IT RESOLVED the House of Assembly urge Government to cancel the intended increase to the HST".

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Slade, Mr. Mltchelmores, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Lane, Mr. Reid, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

Against: Mr. Davis, Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Granter, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Cross, Ms. Perry, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Russell, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach, Mr. McGrath.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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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.