

Thursday, May 7th, 2015

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

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize pupils and teachers at Leary's Brook Junior High and Prince of Wales Collegiate for their participation in the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Programme.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Jacob Hill founder of the #FTP Hockey Tournament, and winner of the "What Do You Play For" contest, for his contribution to youth in his community.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize the Discovery Shooting Club Great War Living History Committee for their dedication to keeping the history of the World War 1 Veterans alive.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate Jenna Lee Ralph, one of the award winners of the Regional Heritage Fair.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize The Code Green team for their promotion of environmental awareness.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate all those who have made the Junior NBA Canada basketball programme at Virginia Park Elementary such a success.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House about work undertaken recently to ensure the Province is prepared to deal with the impact of climate change.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House about the status of the voluntary Operating Grant Program which was launched in December 2014.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House that May 4 -13 is Emergency Preparedness Week.

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 ensure more adequate level of access to specialist primary care-based oral surgery is provided in Newfoundland and Labrador and to review the level of financial assistance to residents who must leave the Province for oral surgery.

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The Member for Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to widen the shoulders of the Heart's Content Barrens Highway.

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.

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 stop taxing home energy and reverse its decision to abolish the Residential Energy Rebate.

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 complete a comprehensive feasibility study for a fixed link across the Strait of Bell Isle that would include a geological assessment and a full cost analysis.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce), the following sub-amendment to the Budget motion:

“that the amendment that was previously presented, the non-confidence motion, be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

‘and that this House also condemns the Government for its failure to present a budget that reflects the possibilities which exist in terms of addressing the needs of the people of the Province.’”

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 2:51 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 3:10 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the sub-amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the sub-amendment to the Budget 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, Monday, May 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.