

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to recognize the work of the Kelligrews Ecological Enhancement Programme (KEEP).

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to congratulate Shalyn Case on her perfect Kindergarten to Grade 12 school attendance.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate Eva Blake who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Jillian Forsey for being named the 2014 Provincial Senior Female Athlete of the Year by Sport Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to recognize Shelley Kelly and Brandie Crant who were honoured by St. John Ambulance for their roles in saving the lives of Max and Terry Crant.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Bishop Field Music teacher, Margaret Rowe, who is about to retire from teaching.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. King) made a Statement to commend the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officers responsible for initiating the restoration and reinstallation of a monument, found in Little Bona, which commemorates Private John White, RNR who was killed in Belgium in World War I.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to provide an update on the Strongest Families Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize all those involved in the establishment of the Lawn Bay Ecological Reserve.

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 provide regular maintenance to Cemetery Road in Grate's Cove.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier):

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**'WHEREAS** seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador have the lowest median income amongst all Provinces;

**AND WHEREAS** seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador have remained at the very bottom in median after-tax income amongst Provinces since 2003 despite billions in oil revenue and a poverty reduction strategy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this Honourable House urge Government to commit to a poverty reduction strategy designed specifically to target seniors' poverty."

During the debate, the Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Collins) the following amendment:

"That the Resolution be amended by adding immediately after the word "Government" the words "to continue" and by deleting the words "specifically to target" and substituting the words "to include".

The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) suspended the proceedings at 3:28 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) resumed the Chair at 3:46 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 and declared the amended Resolution 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.