

Thursday, April 21st, 2016

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize Goward Heath, Royal Navy World War II veteran, who celebrated his 100th birthday on October 22nd, 2015.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Nicole Whittle and Eemaan Thind, recipients of Youth Ventures Awards.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate the Winterfest committee and the Town of Conception Bay South for the success of the festival.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to inform the House about the recent discovery of a possible Viking site at Point Rosie in the Codroy Valley.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Amelia Curran who has won two ECMA awards.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the Dorset Collegiate Table Tennis Club for its achievements.

*The Commemoration of the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel
Honor 100*

The Member for Carbonear – Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) read the following names:

Gullage, Hubert Victor	Hall, William	Hann, William S.
Gullage, William F.	Hallett, Albert	Hannon, Frank J.
Guy, Ambrose	Hamen, Richard J.	Harbin, Wilfred T.
Guy, Chester Cameron	Hamlin, Stewart	Harding, Ernest William
Hagen, James George W.	Hancock, Alan	Harding, Herbert
Haines, Albert	Hancock, Albert	Harding, William
Halfyard, John	Hancock, Eli	Hardy, Edward
Halfyard, Silas	Hancock, John	Hardy, John
Halfyard, Wallace	Hancock, Louis	Hardy, William Frank
Haliburton, Gordon Archibald	Hann, Albert	Hare, Harvey
Haliday, Abel	Hann, Brigham	Harnett, Frank
Hall, James	Hann, Fred	Harnett, William
Hall, Richard Hugh	Hann, George	
Hall, William	Hann, Robert	

The House observed a minute of silence.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize April 22nd as Earth Day.

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 ensure that the Deficit Reduction Levy is eliminated and any replacement measure is based on progressive taxation principles and that an independent review of the provincial tax system begins immediately.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to begin the process of building a new primary school for the Bay Roberts, Coley's Point, Port de Grave, Bareneed, Shearstown and Butlerville area.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to stop the introduction of the temporary deficit reduction levy.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the Deficit Reduction Levy is eliminated and any replacement measure is based on progressive taxation principles and that an independent review of the provincial tax system begins immediately.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to direct Eastern Health to reverse its decision and to ensure that the population-based breast screening program is accessible to women aged 40-49.

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 Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) moved, seconded by the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil), the following sub-amendment to the Budget motion:

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“that the amendment that was previously presented, the non-confidence motion, be amended by changing the full stop 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 demonstrate sound leadership and compassion by addressing the needs of Newfoundland and Labrador’s most vulnerable, its children, its youth, its seniors, its families, its communities or its many others who are impacted by its approach.’ “

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) suspended the proceedings at 3:00 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) resumed the Chair at 3:09 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the sub-amendment in order.

Debate continued on the sub-amendment and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.