

Monday, May 2nd, 2016

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

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Vanier Elementary pupil, Vince Burton, who won the Cupids Museum Award of Excellence for 2016 in the Junior Division, and the Vanier Elementary Chess Team which won the gold medal at the Provincial Chess Tournament.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the Concert Crowd on the occasion of their 48th anniversary.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the Badger's Quay Lions Club which celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 15th.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize Ron and Ethel MacNeil for their artistic accomplishments.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of awards at the Portugal Cove – St. Philip's community awards ceremony.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate entrepreneurs who participated recently in a Start-Up Weekend.

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

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) read the following names:

Jackman, Michael Joseph
Jackson, Thomas
Jacobs, Frederick James
Jacobs, Harold G.
Jacobs, Walter
James, John
Janes, Albert Evelyn
Janes, Charles
Janes, Dercie H.
Janes, Frederick
Janes, George
Janes, George Robert
Janes, Maxwell
Janes, Stephen

Janes, William
Jarvis, Richard
Jeans, John Allan
Jeffers, Silas
Jerrett, Frank
Jerrett, Levi
Jesso, Leo Francis
Johnson, Alfred
Johnson, George
Johnson, John Joseph
Jones, Arthur
Jones, James
Jones, Nathaniel
Jones, William

Joy, Edward
Joyce, William
Jupp, Clifford Henry Oliver
Kane, George
Kavanagh, Edward
Kavanagh, John James
Kavanagh, Thomas Joseph
Kean, Edgar
Kean, Thomas Joseph
Kean, Wallace
Keane, Walter Arthur
Kearley, Eber

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The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize May 2 – 8 as Mental Health Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living on their 60th anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize May 1-7 as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce legislation including a presumptive clause with respect to PTSD for people employed in certain frontline emergency response professions including firefighters and police officers not already covered under federal legislation.

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 Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) 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 immediately.

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 make representation to the Federal Government to encourage them to change policy regulations which link snow crab harvesting quotas to vessel length.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act” (Bill No. 25) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

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

By leave the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the introduction of legislation for the recall of elected Members of the House of Assembly, similar in principle to the legislation in effect in British Columbia, where a registered voter can petition to remove from office the Member of the Assembly for that voter’s district provided the voter collects signatures from more than an established percentage of voters eligible to sign the petition in that electoral district.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 4th.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o’clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon and at 10 o’clock in the evening and declared the motions carried.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o’clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget motion.

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The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Browne, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Warr, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.