

Wednesday, May 4th, 2016

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize Cameron Rice for his dedicated volunteer service.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate the participants in and winners of the Lions Annual Speak Offs hosted by the St. Alban's Lions Club.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Botwood Collegiate Robotics Team on their success in the Skills Canada Provincial Competition.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate the Labrador Straits Academy Judo Club on their success in their first Provincial Tournament.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate husband and wife team, Michelle and Andre Jesso on their success in the fishery and their efforts as ambassadors for the fishing industry and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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

The Member for Gander (Mr. Haggie) read the following names:

Knight, William Blackler	Langer, John	LeDrew, Herbert
Knott, Cecil James	Langmead, George	LeDrew, John F.
Knott, Harold	Lannigan, James Joseph	Lee, Albert
Knott, William	Lannon, James	Legge, Joseph
Knowling, William A.	Lannon, Michael Francis	Legge, Marcus
Lacey, George B.	Lannon, William Joseph	LeGrow, Walter
Lacey, Harry	Lavigne, Francis	LeMessurier, Wallace James
Lahey, Robert Joseph	Lawrence, William G.	Leonard, James
Lamb, Anthony Joseph	Learning, Samuel John	Leonard, Michael
Lambert, Frederick	Leary, Charley	Leonard, William
Lambert, John	LeBuff, Robert	LePage, Manuel
Lambert, John	Ledingham, James Allen	LeRiche, James H.
Lane, Gideon Harland	LeDrew, Edward	
Lane, Malcolm	LeDrew, George Hussey	

The House observed a minute of silence.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement respecting the devastating wildfire and resulting mass evacuation in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to provide an update on the Waypoints Foster Family Support Pilot Project.

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 enlarge the law enforcement presence in the Conception Bay South 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 Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse fee increases as introduced through Budget 2016.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent):

“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 Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

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

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Lane, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Parsley, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Warr, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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.