

Monday, May 1st, 2017

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate the Royal Canadian Legion on the success of their 32nd annual Legion Telethon.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Trudy Anne Green on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate award winners honoured at the 38th annual Stephen Awards ceremony and thank the Stephen Awards Committee, sponsors of the event.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Concert Crowd on another successful year.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Iris Partridge and all volunteers of the Bay Roberts-Shearstown United Church Pastoral Charge on their 4th annual "Soup's On Project".

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate participants in the 52nd Central Newfoundland Kiwanis Music Festival and thank the region's instructors for their dedication.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize the National Day of Mourning to remember those who have died or been injured in a workplace.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize today as the start of Mental Health Week in Newfoundland and Labrador and across Canada.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced that the Resolution of which the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) had given notice on April 10th would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, May 3rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 3 placed on the Order Paper of April 5th, 2017, by the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) respecting the proposed long-term care home and acute care hospital for Corner Brook.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 1 placed on the Order Paper of March 7th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting temporary hires.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 2 placed on the Order Paper of March 9th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting full time employees (FTEs), as announced in Budget 2016.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 3 placed on the Order Paper of March 14th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting provincial revenue generated from Personal Income Tax.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 4 placed on the Order Paper of March 15th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting revenue generated from Gasoline Tax.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 5 placed on the Order Paper of March 16th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting provincial revenue generated from Corporate Income Tax.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered Question No. 5 placed on the Order Paper of April 10th, 2017, by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting revenue generated in this fiscal year (to date) from the “revenue actions” contained in Budget 2016.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the adult dental programme.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to restrict the public recruitment process for the Mistaken Point UNESCO World Heritage Site to qualified people from local area.

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 not to impose a provincial sales tax on books.

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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 increase mental health services and programmes in the Province's K-12 school system.

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 Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) moved, seconded by the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten), 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 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 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) resumed the Chair at 4:00 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 2nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.