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

The Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to extend condolences to the family of the late Parker Tobin of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Boyce Stewart who has been chosen Harbour Breton's Citizen of the Year for 2017.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to commend Mr. Clayton Delaney for his tireless advocacy for making AEDs available in all schools and wherever there is a need for such devices.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement about Kaetlyn Osmond's homecoming.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to commend the volunteers who carried out the Point In Time Count organized by End Homelessness St. John's.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to offer condolences to the families and friends of those affected by the Humboldt Broncos bus accident.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Al Chislett.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Trudeau Government intends to legalize marijuana in 2018 even though many important questions about the impact of legalization have still not been answered;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians deserve answers to such questions prior to legalization;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to promptly release its analyses of the impacts of

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legalization on Newfoundland and Labrador, including the social, medical, fiscal, economic, legal, penal, educational, residential and cross-jurisdictional impacts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to urge the Government of Canada to delay marijuana legalization unless both levels of Government can assure Newfoundlanders and Labradorians that effective measures are in place to:

- a) inform people of the impacts of legalization;
- b) monitor, evaluate and respond to the impacts in real time;
- c) address any social and medical consequences as they arise;
- d) protect people from marijuana-impaired drivers;
- e) protect people from second-hand exposure to marijuana products; and
- f) compensate our province promptly and fully for any net negative fiscal impacts of legalization.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, April 18th.

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 extend operations at the Hermitage Medical Clinic to include an extra two days of services per month, for a total of four days per month.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to cancel any plans for clear cutting in the Port Blandford area and direct the Department to ensure that appropriate consultations are conducted before any decisions are made concerning wood cutting in the region.

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 introduce legislation requiring all AEDs in the province to be registered with an on-line registry linked to the 911 system.

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 Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) moved, seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings), the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

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“That all the words after “that” be deleted in the motion before the House and the following words be substituted:

‘THEREFORE this House expresses its lack of confidence in the government because of its continuing failure to create the conditions for growth and opportunity in Newfoundland and Labrador.’ ”

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) suspended the proceedings at 4:23 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) resumed the Chair at 4:34 o’clock in the afternoon and declared the amendment in order.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) 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 17th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.