

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

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

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the Twillingate Combines for winning the 2018 Central Men's Recreation Hockey League Championship.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the MacMorran Community Centre staff and volunteers on the successful Multicultural Festival which took place on March 22nd.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate the Lewisporte Senior Lynx Male Basketball Team for winning the 3A Provincial Basketball Championships.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to commend the volunteers who assisted Mr. Wesley Collins by repairing the damage caused to his house by high winds.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate the award winners at the 2018 Central Newfoundland Kiwanis Music Festival and recognize all those who participated and thank their instructors.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize April 15th – 21st as National Volunteer Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had announced \$250,000 in support for a partnership with Brilliant Labs to provide pupils in the Province's schools with hands-on participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics-focused activities.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to inform the House that applications were being accepted for Summer Student Employment Programmes.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) tabled the following reports:

- (a) The Annual Report of Nalcor Energy for 2017;
- (b) The Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Consolidated Financial Statements for 2017.

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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 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 take steps to put in place a plan for a gradual transition to a universal, public child care and after-school care program.

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 the policy on vessel length to ensure the safety of those fish harvesters.

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).

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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) 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, accountable governance or proper concern for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.' "

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, Wednesday, April 18th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.