

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

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

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Colleen Kennedy on her induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers of Tourism Bell Island for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Royal Canadian Legion Branch 41, Eastport on their being awarded the Prime Minister's Volunteer Award for a community leader in the Atlantic Provinces.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Marigold Benoit for her accomplishments in cross-country skiing.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Gerald C. Batstone.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Blair Gillis.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to recognize Multiculturalism Week.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Fire and Emergency Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement about the implementation of Province-wide Basic 911 Service.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize Check Registration Day.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) tabled, in accordance with section 51 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the annual report of the House of Assembly Management Commission for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to develop a comprehensive province-wide strategy for autism spectrum disorder in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community.

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The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to start enforcing its blue zone regulations in order to provide appropriate access for persons with mobility issues.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne):

"WHEREAS Government has recently indicated that energy conservation was necessary to prevent rolling blackouts;

AND WHEREAS Nalcor has issued two energy conservation requests to the general public in 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge Government to consider developing and introducing energy conservation programs for all ratepayers in our Province".

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) moved the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the word 'consider' be deleted and the following substituted:

'build on the initiatives it has already undertaken in.' "

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 3:47 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

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The Speaker then adjourned the House without question put pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.