

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate Alex Stead who has been named Newfoundland and Labrador's 2014 Student Entrepreneur Provincial Champion.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Western Female Winter Games Hockey Team which won a gold medal at the 2014 Winter Games.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Savannah Skinner who won the Provincial Primary Heritage Places Poster Contest.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Valmont Academy Girls' Basketball team for winning the Provincial Girls' A School Sports Provincial title.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Keisha Collins who has won the Royal Canadian Legion poster contest.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Pat Marche and Mr. Reg Eddy on the release of their CD of two songs honouring veterans.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House that parent resource kits for children aged 12 and 18 months are being distributed province-wide as part of the Provincial Government's Early Childhood Learning Strategy, *Learning from the Start*.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Mr. French) made a Statement on Newfoundland and Labrador's strategic position as a path to the Arctic and the government's exploration opportunities and future development potential with respect to Arctic activities in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, Order in Council 2014-076 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations up to \$6,500,000 in 2014-15 to facilitate the award of a contract to Bell Aliant for centrex services and the award of a contract to Bell Mobility for mobile communications services.

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The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

By leave the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Marshall) and the Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) spoke to the Petition.

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 reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the users of Route 470 and Route 470-10 in their request to have Route 470-10 resurfaced.

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 change the outdated 1.6 km school busing eligibility policy in order to ensure safe travel to school for primary and elementary school children.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to assist providers to ensure Pine's Cove is in receipt of broadband internet services in the Province.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to complete a comprehensive feasibility study for a fixed link across the Strait of Bell Isle that would include a geological assessment and a full cost analysis.

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 extend eligibility for the Intensive Applied Behavioural Analysis Programme beyond Grade 3 in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of

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Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 6) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.