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

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate all those who contributed to the success of the "Shake The Leg" production by New World Theatre in Cupids.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to recognize Terry-Lee Roberts who has won the Pilley's Island School Council Person of the Year Award.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize the Cox's Cove Volunteer Fire Department.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate Norman and Phoebe Clarke who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on February 25th.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate everyone who contributed to the success of the 32nd Annual Frosty Festival in Mount Pearl.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize Graham Keats for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to acknowledge the work of winter maintenance crews.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the Province's participation at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's international mineral convention and trade show in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. McGrath) tabled, upon request, 4 Tender Books and a letter relating to paving projects.

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a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to change the outdated 1.6 km school busing eligibility policy in order to ensure safe travel to school for primary and elementary school children.

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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 allocate funds to pave a section of Route 430.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact legislation and regulations immediately to protect workers in hazardous workplaces including late-night shifts in convenience stores and gas stations.

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 re-instate the calcium chloride application programme.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government in partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) that the Orders of the Day be read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

By leave the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Marshall) advised the House that the former federal Minister of Finance, Honourable Jim Flaherty, had passed away earlier today. The House observed a minute of silence.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Verge) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9) without amendment and had made progress on a 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).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.