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

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to commend Mr. Everett Cull for his honesty in returning a significant sum of money left in his taxi to the owner.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Carbonear (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to recognize the Victoria United Church Children's Choir for their success in the Trinity Conception Music Festival.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Rowena Young.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Salvation Army Citadel Corps in Deer Lake on its 90th anniversary.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate the friends and family of the late Dr. Jack Hand who have established the Dr. Jack Hand Legacy Foundation.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the residents of Trout River who have formed the Trout River Blue Whale Corporation to investigate and pursue long-term economic opportunities which may result from the unfortunate loss of the whale which came to rest in Trout River harbor.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Isaac Bonisteel recipient of the Lester B. Pearson scholarship for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize May 12-18 as National Nursing Week.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador communities face very real challenges due to population decline and population aging;

AND WHEREAS the Province can no longer rely on employment alone to successfully compete and attract and retain skilled workers needed for growth in global environment;

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AND WHEREAS the significant economic, social and cultural contributions of newcomers to our Province are well-recognized;

AND WHEREAS international migrants, including immigrants, temporary workers and international students will continue to play an increasingly important role in helping to sustain and grow a diverse and prosperous future;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has among the lowest newcomer attraction and retention rates in the country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urge Government to implement a *Worker Recruitment and Protection Act* similar to Nova Scotia or Manitoba which would require an employer registration process as well as a licensing requirement for companies/individuals recruiting foreign workers.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 14th.

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 reinstate the amount cut from the funding of the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – Newfoundland and Labrador in 2013 and provide a long-term sustainable funding arrangement for COD-NL.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to find a local operator for the fish plant in New Ferolle.

The Member for St. John’s East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to establish a procedure to enable insurance companies to co-ordinate with police, highway enforcement officers and the Motor Registration Division to remove unlicensed and uninsured vehicles from our province’s highways.

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 intervene in the matter and instruct the English School Board to develop more suitable options than those imposed by the Board to address overcrowding in St. Peter’s Elementary and Mount Pearl Senior High.

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

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urge Government to work with the appropriate agencies to provide adequate broadband service to communities along the Labrador Coast.

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 480 in their request to have Route 480 resurfaced.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 32 that the Orders of the Day be read.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening and declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King):

“WHEREAS subsection 20(7) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that a change to the level of amounts of allowances and resources provided to members not be made except in accordance with a rule that has been first laid before the House of Assembly and adopted by resolution of the House;

AND WHEREAS an amendment to the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*, which would change the level of the amounts of allowances and resources has been laid before the House by the Speaker;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly adopt the amendment to the *Members’ Resources and Allowances Rules*, as approved by the Management Commission of this House on April 14, 2014 and tabled by the Speaker of this House on May 8, 2014.”

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

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

- A Bill, “An Act To Establish And Implement A Province-Wide 911 Telephone Service For The Reporting Of Emergencies” (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act And The Tax Agreement Act, 2010” (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Fish Processing Licensing Board Act” (Bill No. 18).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Public Interest Disclosure” (Bill No. 1) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Public Interest Disclosure” (Bill No. 1).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Public Interest Disclosure” (Bill No. 1) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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. Verge took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (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 made some progress on a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Public Interest Disclosure" (Bill No. 1) and ask leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 13th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.