

Wednesday, May 14th, 2014

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize award winning school principal James David Hibbs for his exceptional contribution as a teacher and administrator.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Emily Hayes who has been selected as one of the provincial delegates who will make a nine-day pilgrimage to Europe to follow the trail of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in World War I.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Richard Kennedy.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Baie Verte Sabres, Silver Medalists in the All-Newfoundland-and-Labrador Atom G Provincial hockey tournament.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to celebrate the victories of the Minor Hockey Association on the Great Northern Peninsula.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Hedley J. Saunders who has celebrated his 90th birthday and recognize him for his unselfish contribution to his community.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had officially launched the Honour 100 website.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House that the Commission's popular youth game show *Who Wants to Save a Life* had concluded its sixth season.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. French) made a Statement to recognize National Police Week.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett):

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“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;

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.”

During the debate on the Resolution the Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) that the Resolution be amended

“by the deletion of the words in the sixth resolution clause ‘a Worker Recruitment and Protection Act similar to Nova Scotia or Manitoba’ and the substitution therefor of the words “worker recruitment and protection legislation.”

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:38 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

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

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. King, Ms. Shea, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Felix Collins, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Dalley, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. French, Mr. Kent, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Granter, Mr. Cross, Mr. Little, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Slade, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Cathy Bennett.

Against: Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

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

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. King, Ms. Shea, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Felix Collins, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Dalley, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. French, Mr. Kent, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Granter, Mr. Cross, Mr. Little, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Slade, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Cathy Bennett.

Against: Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

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

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.