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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the Charlottetown Relay for Life.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Deanne Barker's Grade 5 and 6 classes at Point Learnington Academy which won the national Canadian Geographic Classroom Energy Diet Challenge.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Fred Alteen for being named Corner Brook's citizen of the year for 2013.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Gilbert Thomas Hillier.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate Chloe Gale for her musical accomplishments.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the 2014 graduating class of St. James's All Grade School.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House about the 38th Provincial Theatre Arts Festival.

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 27th, 2014.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has the highest median age in Canada;

AND WHEREAS one in six people in our Province today are seniors, and by 2025 one in four people will be seniors;

AND WHEREAS access to safe, accessible, affordable housing is one of the most significant issues facing seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to develop a comprehensive housing strategy for seniors."

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, May 28th,

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 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 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 carry out 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 East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to cease the use of chemicals covered under the pesticide ban and begin using safer methods of brush clearance.

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 reverse its decision to privatize the Bay St. George Youth Assessment Centre in Stephenville.

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 resurface Route 437.

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.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, seconded by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 20) was introduced and read the first time.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend Various Acts Of The Province Respecting The Publication Of A Summary Of A Decision Or Order Of An Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend Various Acts Of The Province Respecting The Publication Of A Summary Of A Decision Or Order Of An Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill No. 8) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 (Bill No. 13) was introduced and read the first time.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act" (Bill No. 7) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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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. 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 passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Various Acts Of The Province Respecting The Publication Of A Summary Of A Decision Or Order Of An Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill No. 8) and a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care and Treatment Act" (Bill No. 4) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be now read the third time and that Bill No. 8 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act" (Bill No. 4) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Establish And Implement A Province-Wide 911 Telephone Service For The Reporting Of Emergencies" (Bill No. 14) and on motion the Bill was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 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) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be now read the third 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 third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 27th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.