

Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

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

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Mary Queen of Peace parish on its 50th anniversary.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize Barbara Ivany who has retired from thirty five years of dedicated service in Long Term Care.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Stacey Shiwak on receiving her Doctorate of Dental Surgery.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Edwina Connors and the pupils of St. Francis of Assisi who have raised over \$40,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the 837 Northeast Squadron of the Springdale Royal Canadian Air Cadets upon its 40th Annual Ceremonial Review.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate those who participated in the 49th Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to honour the legacy of the late Dr. William H. Newhook.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House that May 30th is Provincial Francophonie Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL tabled the 2013 Annual Performance Report of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.

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**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2014-119 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$4,773,542 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Grey Rock Services Inc. for road upgrades related to Project 08-14PHP; and

Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

- (b) Order in Council 2014-120 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$530,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Concord Paving Limited for road upgrades related to Project 10-14PHP.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS section 42.1 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that the Information and Privacy Commissioner is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS section 42.2 of the Act states that a commissioner may be reappointed;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of the current commissioner, Mr. Ed. Ring, expires on June 24, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that Mr. Ring be reappointed as the commissioner for a term of 2 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ed Ring be reappointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a term of 2 years.”

The Member for St. John’s South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to request that Eastern Health and the Provincial Government direct the staff at Placement Services to continue to honor the existing agreement and past practice of having the tenants of the St. Luke’s Cottages move over to St. Luke’s Homes when they can no longer manage to live in their cottages.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John’s South (Mr. Osborne):

“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;

Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

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

During the debate the Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) moved the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended

(1) by adding a fourth recital clause which reads: ‘Whereas the government’s social housing strategy includes several housing initiatives giving seniors access to safe, accessible, affordable housing’; and

(2) by adding in the Resolution clause after the word ‘seniors’ the phrase ‘incorporating its existing housing initiatives from which seniors are benefitting.’ ”

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 3:27 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 3:39 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

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

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

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

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.