

Wednesday, December 10th, 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 seven centenarians who have celebrated birthdays recently.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the organizers of the Shea Heights Santa Claus Parade.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize organizer Emily Bolt, her associates and the other performers who participated in a Christmas benefit concert at the Holy Trinity Church in Meadows.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Terry Hart upon his retirement.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Arnold's Cove Lions Club for organizing the 36th Annual Ecumenical Carol Service held on December 8th.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Lindsee Clarke who was awarded the Spirit of Youth Scholarship at the Miss Achievement NL competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's funding partnership in support of the Translational and Personalized Medicine Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize the Fogo Island Inn on their recent success and international recognition.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the Growing Forward 2 programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 41).

By leave pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act And The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill, "An Act To Modify Eligibility For Other Post-Employment Benefits" (Bill No. 40).

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to work with Nalcor to establish hydro rates which are fair and consistent throughout the Province.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn):

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government announced in the 2014 Budget and in greater detail on November 4, 2014 that it will invest in two venture capital funds: Venture Newfoundland and Labrador and Build Ventures;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Provincial Government's decision to help further diversify our economy and further strengthen the business climate of our Province by investing in venture capital funds."

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

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.