

Tuesday, January 20th, 2015

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

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate the cross country running team at Bishop Field Elementary School for their achievements.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Aaron Mercer, Adrian Ward and Nathan Noel for their achievements in hockey.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to recognize the firefighters of the West End Fire Station for their service to the community.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize St. Luke's Home for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Grandy's River Collegiate Senior Boys Volleyball Team for winning gold at the provincial School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador volleyball tournament.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to thank the people of Flatrock for volunteering their talents to help a gravely ill resident of the community see her dream come true.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to provide an update on the Provincial Government's *Understanding Changes Everything* campaign.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize seven leaders inducted into the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission's CEO Safety Charter for 2014.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to move forward without delay to amend the *Electoral Boundaries Act* so that an independent commission will be appointed to facilitate a reduction of the number of seats in the House of Assembly from 48 to 38 in advance of the next general election.

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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 strike an all-party committee on mental health.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to move forward without delay to amend the *Electoral Boundaries Act* so that an independent commission will be appointed to facilitate a reduction of the number of seats in the House of Assembly from 48 to 38 in advance of the next general election.

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 ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to move forward without delay to amend the *Electoral Boundaries Act* so that an independent commission will be appointed to facilitate a reduction of the number of seats in the House of Assembly from 48 to 38 in advance of the next general election.

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 ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42) was introduced and read the first time.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42).

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

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

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42). During the debate the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) moved the following amendment:

"that Bill No. 42, An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time six month hence."

The Speaker left the Chair at 7:38 o'clock in the evening to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:45 o'clock in the evening and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment. The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 21st at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.