

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Annette and Chris Higdon for organizing the Red Shoe Crew Walk for families.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Whitney and Kendra Willcott-Benoit and Kelly Stone who have been awarded Electoral District Scholarships.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the community of Beachside for its successful Come Home Year celebrations in July/August 2014.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate the under-21 men's curling team from Stephenville which has won the provincial championship.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Eugene and Jessie Ryder who have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Francis Robotics Team for winning the Provincial Lego Robotics title.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize January 21st as Weedless Wednesday.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to announce the release of the *Greening Government Action Plan*.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) 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 St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take action to attract a permanent doctor or make other arrangements to improve health care service in the Heatherton to Highlands area.

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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 finalize the Land Transfer Agreement with Parks Canada to allow for the establishment of the national park in the Mealy Mountains of Labrador to occur before the 2015 tourism season.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers):

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to immediately strike an all-party committee on mental health to conduct province wide public consultations, review the current state of provincial mental health services, receive expert testimony on best practices in mental health care delivery, and report its findings with the goal of improving mental health programmes and services to better serve the needs of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

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 Thursday, January 22nd, 2015.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.