

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to congratulate pupils of Queen Elizabeth Regional High School who have been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Medal.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Sandra Dominie who was chosen Harbour Breton's Citizen of the Year for 2014.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Scott Blanchard upon his new CD release *Son of a Son*.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Wayne Rodgers for his volunteer contributions.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize Ed Evely, Walt Mavin and the late Jim Grant who have been inducted into the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame in the builder category.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Marvin Ryder for his contribution to his community.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's annual international convention and trade show held recently in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to highlight the success of the provincial delegation that attended Seafood Expo North America in Boston.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize March as Nutrition Month and March 18<sup>th</sup> as Dietician Day.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on October 22, 2014.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) tabled the Strategic Plan for the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development for the period 2014-2017.

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 direct the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to find a more suitable alternative to the proposal which would see pupils from Holy Family School to the former School for the Deaf.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard):

**“WHEREAS** the Northern Shrimp fishery is an extremely important fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** both the inshore and offshore sectors have a history in this fishery and are both important drivers of economic activity in the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the inshore sector is adjacent to the northern shrimp resource, has been involved in the fishery since 1997, and was given permanent status in 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** the application of the Last In, First Out (LIFO) policy in the face of quota cuts has had an extremely disproportionate impact on the inshore sector;

**AND WHEREAS** Last In, First Out (LIFO) is a policy which is only applied to the northern shrimp fishery;

**AND WHEREAS** continued application by the Government of Canada of the LIFO policy for northern shrimp will result in widespread economic ruin for hundreds of rural communities in Newfoundland and Labrador and the thousands of our people who earn their living from the northern shrimp resource;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urges the Government of Canada to discontinue the LIFO policy and replace the allocation policy for northern shrimp with a new sharing arrangement that is fair to both valued fleets.”

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

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

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.