

NDP Caucus News

NDP Private Member's Motion For debate November 8, 2017

Member from St. John's East-Quidi Vidi to move:

Whereas the province's serious financial situation has caused Government to predict a decline in program expenses of 0.85% per annum or \$376 million over the next 6 years, which could result in tens of millions of dollars cut from health care each year; and

Whereas people are worried their health care system won't be there for them when they need it; and

Whereas this level of cost reduction should not proceed without a comprehensive health sector review, and a plan that will avoid arbitrary, harmful cuts in services;

Whereas the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) has called for an independent, expert review of the province's health care facilities and services based on wide consultation in the health sector; and

Whereas the NLMA says the review should be tasked with telling Government how to reconfigure the health care system to be smarter, less costly, high quality, and focused on patient care and prevention; and

Whereas the people of the province expect the House of Assembly to work together on this issue;

Therefore be it resolved that Government undertake an independent, external review of health care, to be conducted by an eminent expert recognized in the field of health care delivery, with the goal of maintaining quality health care into the future.

Seconded by the Member for St. John's Centre