

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to recognize Dr. Cheryl Laite on her outstanding accomplishments and selfless dedication to preserving species at risk.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Joseph Butler on his induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to recognize and thank the Star of the Sea volunteers and members for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to thank the Torbay Lions Club for their hardwork and dedication to their community.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Peter Hiscock.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Judy White, Q.C. on her recent appointment as Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize April 7th – 13th as National Volunteer Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) answered a question asked by the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) regarding the contingency reserve.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reexamine the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Strategy with particular emphasis on the legislation and an implementation plan that considers all stakeholders and takes into consideration regional disparities.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Letto) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to encourage companies that are awarded the contracts for the new Corner Brook hospital to hire local tradespeople and labourers.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) replied to the Petition.

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 improve access to gender affirming surgery.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to instate legislation which would include provisions to ensure the safety, hygiene and all other required care for patients with cognitive debilitating conditions in long-term care homes.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to revise the policy on personal care home access.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 3);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 6).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 1) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 1).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 1) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.