

Monday, April 15th, 2019

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to recognize the Towns of Botwood, Peterview and Northern Arm on joint hosting on April 11th of their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner which took place this year at the Salvation Army Citadel in Peterview.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Calvin Sheppard.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation on their successful telethon and applaud them for their ongoing efforts in assisting families in need.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate Kevin Blackmore, Wayne Chaulk and Ray Johnson of Buddy Wasiname and the Other Fellas who will be granted Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize the Burin Peninsula Eastern Health Team who will be officially recognized for eliminating wait times at the National Health Leadership Conference in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to provide an update on the K-6 Mathematics Bursary Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to advise residents of the Province to exercise extreme caution during Spring burning.

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections (Mr. Reid) presented a Report to the House of Assembly entitled "Point of Privilege Against the Member for Terra Nova Respecting The Release of Reports of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards" dated April 15th, 2019.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion: "That this House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government." (Budget Speech).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into

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a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 7).

The Member for Bonvista (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following motion:

“WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition has finally admitted that the problems we have faced as a Province over the last 4 years were inherited from the previous administration;

AND WHEREAS the projected deficit for the year 2016-2017 was projected to be \$2.7 billion if no action was taken, making it the largest deficit in the Province's history;

AND WHEREAS despite the fiscal situation we found ourselves in when forming office we have drastically reduced our provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS Government spending throughout the former PC administration increased by over fifty percent despite a decline in oil revenue;

AND WHEREAS our Government has stabilized spending to a manageable level, reduced our reliance on oil, and diversified the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the fiscal and economic plan for the Province as laid out in Budget 2019.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 17th, 2019.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following motion:

“That this House of Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections on a Point of Privilege Raised Against the Member for Terra Nova Respecting the Release of Reports of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS section 3 of the *Citizens’ Representative Act* provides that the Citizens’ Representative is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Bradley Moss is to be appointed as the Citizens’ Representative effective May 1, 2019.”

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 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 Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) 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 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 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 hold public consultations to discuss the findings of the May 2018 Risk Assessment for the Bell Island Ferry Service.

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to remove the provincial component of taxes for medical cannabis users.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Correctional Services Act” (Bill No. 2) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill No. 3).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Warr, Mr. Davis, Ms. Haley, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Reid, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

Against: None.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill No. 3) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act” (Bill No. 6).

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act” (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bills entitled

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“An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill No. 3) and “An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act” (Bill No. 6).

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 the Bills entitled “An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill No. 3) and “An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act” (Bill No. 6) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 and Bill No. 6 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 16th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.