

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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 said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

**"WHEREAS** subsection 6(3) of the *Independent Appointments Commission Act* provides that members of the Independent Appointments Commission are to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 7(1) of the Act states that a commissioner may be reappointed;

**AND WHEREAS** the appointment of the following commissioners expires on May 25, 2019:

Clyde K. Wells, Chairperson  
Zita Cobb  
Shannie Duff  
Philip R. Earle  
Derek Young

**AND WHEREAS** it is proposed that the said commissioners be reappointed as commissioners for a term of 3 years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following persons be appointed members of the Independent Appointments Commission for a term of 3 years:

Clyde K. Wells, Chairperson  
Zita Cobb  
Shannie Duff

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Philip R. Earle  
Derek Young.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“**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 Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

By leave, pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 11:15 a.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Michelle O’Keefe who is the recipient of a Canada Local Heroes Award.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Darlene Bennett who was recently named the Number 1 Realtor in Canada for 3% Realty for the first quarter of 2019.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of this year’s Mount Pearl Athletic Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Senior and Social Development made a Statement to inform the House about Government’s commitment to seniors through Budget 2019.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to announce that a new mobile crisis response team had been established with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary in Corner Brook, and would be operational later this month.

The Member for The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to

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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 legislate a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2021, with an annual adjustment thereafter to reflect provincial inflation.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Davis) replied to the Petition.

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bonavista (Mr. King):

**“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 Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Warr, Mr. Davis, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Finn, Mr. Holloway, Mr. King, Ms. Pam Parsons, Ms. Parsley, Mr. Dean, Mr. Reid.

Against: Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker 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.

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Be it known on this day at 11:45 o'clock in the morning the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Judy Foote, PC, ONL, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk Assistant read the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Correctional Services Act” (Bill No. 2);

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).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills”.

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