

Thursday, November 14th, 2019

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate those who were honored at the 8th Annual Bright Business Achievement Awards Ceremony.

The Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) made a Statement to recognize National Francophone Immigration Week.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate Agnes Murphy, Barb Predham, and the late Bernice Miller who were collectively awarded the 2018 Life Time Achievement Award.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to thank Susan and Kevin Lamond for their dedication to the Howling Huskies Special Olympics Team for the last six years.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) made a Statement to recognize Kathleen Jean on her remarkable golf career.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Genesis on being named a Top Challenger in North America by University Business Incubators Global at the World Incubation Summit held in Doha, Qatar last week.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to inform the House that all natural resources projects in Newfoundland and Labrador have benefits agreements which include gender equity and diversity plans.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled, pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the Order in Council 2019-267 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations up to \$3,864,000 per annum in fiscal years 2020-21 through 2023-24, and up to \$3,382,000 in fiscal year 2024-25, to facilitate a contract with Bell Canada for the administration of the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program Real Time Claim Adjudication System.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr.

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Parsons), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act to Provide For Damages And Recovery Of Opioid Related Health Care Costs” (Bill No. 17).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, November 18th, Tuesday, November 19th, and Thursday, November 21st, 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 ensure urgent repair work on Route 450 and other upgrades are carried out during the 2020 construction season.

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

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to expedite the process of restarting operations at the Bull Arm Fabrication Site.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to urge the St. John's Airport Authority to lobby strenuously for the reinstatement of the non-stop flights from Newfoundland and Labrador to Dublin, Ireland.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) 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 provide bus passes to all income support recipients, all seniors who receive the income supplement and all low income recipients who are in receipt of the NLPDP.

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

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 5) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole presently.

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Trustee Act, 2009” (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments Act” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act, 2008” (Bill No. 16).

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 5).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett 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 (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 5) with amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendment was read the first and second time.

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

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, November 18th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.