

Monday, November 18th, 2019

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Cottles Island Lumber Company on 50 years of successful operation in the forest products industry.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to thank the community of Grand Falls – Windsor and the Lionel Kelland Hospice Board as well as the Presentation Sisters for making possible the establishment of the Hospice.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Noreen Careen of Labrador City for her work on behalf of women and seniors in Labrador West.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Levi Moulton on all his accomplishments in the sport of cross-country running.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to honour Margaret Doyle who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 12th.

The Honourable the Minister for the Status of Women (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to recognize the Mokami Status of Women Council as they celebrate their 40th anniversary this week.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House about the Province's partnership-driven adult literacy plan, *The Way Forward on Adult Literacy*.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to inform the House about the positive work of municipal leaders which was recognized at the annual Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and Trade Show this past weekend in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) tabled the Aker Arctic Canada Inc. Report which was referenced during Oral Questions on November 17th, 2019.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on September 25, 2019.

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The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS The Way Forward on Climate Change highlighted increasing electric vehicle usage within the Province as a priority for this Government;

AND WHEREAS increasing access to electric vehicle charging stations will encourage the transition to electric vehicles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in its efforts to establish a network of electric vehicle charging stations across the Province”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, November 20th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Demise Of The Crown” (Bill No. 18).

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Mitchelmore) clarified the answer he had given to a question asked by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) during Question Period regarding the terms of reference of the Minimum Wage Review Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) provided additional information relating to a question asked by the Member for Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) regarding PRIDE Training for foster parents.

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 Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide an air transportation subsidy to reduce the cost of airfare between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the northern Labrador communities.

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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 declare a climate emergency and put a plan in place to mitigate the effects of changing climate.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Bragg) 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 consider adding the paving/upgrading of the side roads in Swift Current to the current road upgrade project.

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 take a more proactive approach to ensuring affordable and inclusive transportation is available for all individuals who experience accessibility challenges.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Provide For Damages And Recovery Of Opioid Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 17) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion the Bill 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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 10) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 10).

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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 10) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read the third 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 Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill No. 16) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill No. 16).

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 Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill No. 16) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read the third 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 Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 14) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 14) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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 Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 14).

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 Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 14) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Elizabeth Murphy,
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly.