

Tuesday, December 3rd, 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 the Lewisporte Regional Fire Rescue on the opening of their new modern fire station and thank the dedicated firefighters for 70 years of continuing service and devotion to duty.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Rebecca Brent who represented the Province at the third annual Kids Food Nation gala in Toronto.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to recognize the Alvin Parrill Hockey Tournament and thank the Parrill family and all volunteers and players who have contributed to the continued success of the tournament year after year.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to recognize and thank The Gathering Place for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize 50+ groups throughout the Province and acknowledge their contribution to their communities.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Megan Gail Coles and Michael Crummey who were shortlisted for the 2019 Giller Prize.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to announce more than \$200,000 in scholarships for 201 recent high school graduates.

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 Thursday, December 5th, 2019.

The Hononourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Commissioner for Legislative Standards recommended in the Mitchelmore Report dated November 13, 2019 that this Honourable House should reprimand the Member for St. Barbe-L'Anse aux Meadows in accordance with paragraph 39(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*;

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AND WHEREAS the practice in this Honourable House in dealing with recommendations under paragraph 39(a) of the Act requires Members to apologize to this Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards and asks that the Member for St. Barbe-L'Anse aux Meadows stand in his place and apologize to this Assembly".

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) gave an answer to a question asked by the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) regarding the number of ophthalmologists in the Province.

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 reinstate the Adult Dental Programme to cover low-income individuals and families.

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 Exploits (Mr. Forsey) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to restore the 24-hour emergency service to the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre immediately.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose fines for those responsible for destruction of the natural environment and other illegal activities and set a deadline for the restoration of all illegal developments to their original state.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to consider repairing, upgrading and maintaining the 10 kilometers of unpaved road to Blue Beach.

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,

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hygiene and all other required care for patients with cognitive debilitating conditions in long-term care homes.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments Act” (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments Act” (Bill No. 12) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 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 Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments Act” (Bill No. 12).

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 Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments Act” (Bill No. 12) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 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 Public Trustee Act, 2009” (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be now read the second time.

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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 Public Trustee Act, 2009" (Bill No. 11) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read the third 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 Provide For Damages And Recovery Of Opioid Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 17).

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 Provide For Damages And Recovery Of Opioid Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 17) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be now read the third time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Provide For Damages And Recovery Of Opioid Related Health Care Costs” (Bill No. 17) 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.

By leave, debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady):

“WHEREAS the Commissioner for Legislative Standards recommended in the Mitchelmore Report dated November 13, 2019 that this Honourable House should reprimand the Member for St. Barbe-L’Anse aux Meadows in accordance with paragraph 39(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*;

AND WHEREAS the practice in this Honourable House in dealing with recommendations under paragraph 39(a) of the Act requires Members to apologize to this Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards and asks that the Member for St. Barbe-L’Anse aux Meadows stand in his place and apologize to this Assembly”.

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.

Debate continued on the Mitchelmore Report concurrence motion.

By leave, the Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:30 o’clock for the supper break.

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

Debate continued on the Mitchelmore Report concurrence motion and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 o’clock in the morning.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.