

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) raised a point of privilege regarding new evidence related to a point of privilege raised on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) raised a point of order regarding a Member's use of another Member's surname in debate in the House.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) made a Statement to recognize and thank Judith Gaudon for her commitment to her community and congratulate her being awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to congratulate Heritage Collegiate's Robotics Team on their success in the robotics field.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to thank Mayors, Councilors, workers, volunteers and residents of the District of Cape St. Francis for their help during the recent snow storm.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to congratulate Dorothy Michelin who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to honour Chief Vince MacKenzie of the Grand Falls – Windsor Fire Department on a lifetime of achievement in firefighting and community service.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to thank the hundreds of health care professionals and support staff who went over and above the call of duty during Snowmageddon 2020.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate Team Newfoundland and Labrador on their recent success at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate schools which received the Safe and Caring Schools Special Project Award.

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The Speaker (Mr. Reid) tabled a letter of apology to the House from the Member for St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows (Mr. Mitchelmore) pursuant to the Resolution passed in the House on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada believes that *The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA) falls short in protecting Canadians from the privacy risks posed by advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) systems;

**AND WHEREAS** an artificial intelligence system is defined as: “a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual environments. AI systems are designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy”;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador residents are protected in the public sector through the provincial *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP) and in the private sector by the federal PIPEDA;

**AND WHEREAS** provinces including British Columbia and Alberta have their own privacy legislation (Personal Information Protection Act) in lieu of PIPEDA, that safeguards privacy and protection of personal information held by private companies and organizations;

**AND WHEREAS** other countries such as the UK have comprehensive legislation that protects residents’ privacy and personal information from advances in artificial intelligence systems in both private and public sector organizations;

**AND WHEREAS** within the current regulatory framework, advances in artificial intelligence systems may result in inadequate privacy protections;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada in expanding PIPEDA to include artificial intelligence systems;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to investigate expanding Provincial privacy legislation to include protections for the use of individuals’ personal information by public and private sector organizations, particularly as it relates to artificial intelligence systems.”

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 25).

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 reinstate the ferry service to include Rigolet on the south coast run.

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 designate 75% of NL Housing family units as non-smoking.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) replied to the Petition.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

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

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Medical Care And Hospital Insurance Act”  
(Bill No. 20);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 21).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second 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 Cannabis Control Act” (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Cannabis Control Act” (Bill No. 19) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 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 Cannabis Control Act” (Bill No. 19).

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 Cannabis Control Act” (Bill No. 19) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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.