

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

The Speaker made some opening remarks regarding public health measures which would be observed during the sitting in the re-configured Chamber as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**“THAT**, for the period of the sitting of this House from June 9, 2020 to June 18, 2020 inclusive, this House will sit in accordance with the times prescribed in Standing Order 9(1) except that the House will not sit on Wednesday morning on June 10, 2020 or June 17, 2020;

**AND** that for the purpose of this sitting of the House, the Speaker's Gallery and the Public Gallery shall be considered to be part of the Chamber of this House;

**AND** that notwithstanding any Standing Order to the contrary, a Member may be recognized by the Speaker from any place in which they are sitting in the Chamber;

**AND** that notwithstanding any Standing Order to the contrary, a Member shall stand to be recognized by the Speaker but shall speak in debate from a seated position in accordance with recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.”

During the debate the Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) moved the following amendment:

“That Clause 1 of the Resolution be deleted and the following substituted:

That for the period of the sitting of the House from June 9, 2020 to June 18, 2020, inclusive, this House shall sit in accordance with the times prescribed in the Standing Order, including Wednesday mornings, and that on Wednesday mornings the House shall move to debate on Address in Reply.”

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 2:12 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:33 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Ms. Coady, Mr. Davis, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Haley, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Stoodley, Mr. Loveless, Mr. Trimper, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Brazil; Mr. Dwyer; Mr. Tibbs, Mr. Forsey, Mr. O'Driscoll, Mr. Wakeham, Ms. Evans, Mr. Petten, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Pardy, Mr. Lester, Ms. Conway Ottenheimer, Mr. Paul Dinn, Ms. Coffin, Mr. James Dinn, Mr. Brown.

Against: Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lane.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Myrtle Hoddinott who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate Gerald "Jed" Butt on his induction into the Mount Pearl Sports Alliance Hall of Fame Athlete/Builder Category.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to recognize the members of the group called A Mask for Everyone who provided over 800 masks which were delivered to those who needed them.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to recognize Doug Pawson and his End Homelessness team for their contribution to the community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize the spirit and resilience of Ms. Rita Hickey who at 92 years of age recovered from the coronavirus.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the successful repatriation of the remains of two Beothuk, Nonosabasut and Demasduit.

The Honourable the Minister of Child Youth and Family Services (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize June as Seniors Month and June 15<sup>th</sup> as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

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The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the 2020 high school graduates in the Province.

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

**“WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador’s offshore oil is one of the least carbon intensive extractive crudes and emits significantly less greenhouse gas emissions than other oil-producing jurisdictions per barrel of oil extracted;

**AND WHEREAS** upon completion of the Muskrat Falls Hydroelectric Project and the forthcoming closure of the Holyrood Generating Station, 98 percent of electricity consumed in the Province will be generated from renewable energy;

**AND WHEREAS** in March of 2019 the Provincial Government released “The Way Forward on Climate Change”, a 5-year action plan which outlined 33 actions to reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions and 17 actions to build resilience to climate impacts;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in their commitment to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.”

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, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 paving/upgrading the side roads including Darby’s Cove, Sharpe’s Lane, Maple Crescent, Old Church Road, Academy Hill, Hollett’s Point, and Shoal Cove Heights in Swift Current as add-on to the existing road upgrade project.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O’Driscoll) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to perform brush cutting on the Witless Bay Line, Route 13 immediately for driver’s safety and to provide clear visibility for the driving public in recognition of the high volume of vehicles travelling this daily.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Medical Care And Hospital Insurance Act” (Bill No. 20) was read the third time and passed.

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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. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 28) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 28).

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. 28) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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