

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to pay tribute to St. Peter's Anglican Church in Upper Gullies for their innovation and loving concern shown their elders during the pandemic.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Walter Harding and his team for his contribution to the community in carrying out litter clean-ups in the City for 25 years.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to thank Louise and Bernie Mercer for instituting an annual food drive as a tribute to their late children Alex and Riley.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to pay tribute to the staff and volunteers of the MacMorran Community Centre who continued to operate its food bank to provide the essentials for those in the Community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) made a Statement to congratulate Blake Colbran who has been awarded the Horatio Algar Scholarship and the Joyce Family Foundation Bursary.

By leave, the Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to pay tribute to crew members of the *Sarah Anne*, Eddie Joe, Scott and Jody Norman and Isaac Kettle, who lost their lives at sea on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to remind motorists to drive safely during the summer.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to encourage residents to vacation at home this summer.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to announce Government's Highway Safety Initiative for school zones.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take immediate action to ensure that the services currently offered at the Portugal Cove Community Health Clinic continue to be offered at that clinic in the town of Portugal Cove – St. Philips.

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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 Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take the necessary steps to repair and repave roads in the District of Harbour Main, which are in need of upgrading, to ensure the safety of the driving public who use them on a regular basis.

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.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) 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 take the necessary steps to immediately repair and restore the train trestle in the Seal Cove Channel to ensure boater safety of the general public who use this channel for their recreational pleasure.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) replied to the Petition.

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 update anti-racism education in Newfoundland and Labrador secondary schools.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) replied to the Petition.

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The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to bring forward amendments to the *Labour Relations Act* to impose binding arbitration (when only one of two parties makes application) in cases where strikes or lockouts are prolonged, where collective bargaining has failed, or when it is in the public interest to do so; and to also bring forward amendments to the *Labour Relations Act* to ban the use of replacement workers.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure proper maintenance is carried out on the Buchans Highway permanently or regularly to obviate the need to repair a new highway again to prevent accidents.

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

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 develop a childcare strategy that will provide affordable, accessible and quality childcare for Newfoundland and Labrador parents of different economic and social backgrounds.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) 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 work with day care operators in the Province to seek solutions, including giving consideration to the continuation of the daycare subsidy program utilizing a sliding scale as recently announced in Nova Scotia.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) replied to the Petition.

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 support the position of an ambulance service provider so that residents of Bay Bulls to Bauline meet the national standard for response times.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 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 Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39).

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 Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be read the third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 25);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Personal Property Security Act” (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill No. 39).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

At 4:35 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

“May it please your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Cannabis Control Act” (Bill No. 19);

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);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 25);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Personal Property Security Act” (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills.”

Her Honour then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Crosbie), the Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Coffin), and the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) wished the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) well in recognition of his last day sitting in the House as Premier.

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The House then adjourned *sine die*.

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