

Thursday, September 17th, 2020

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

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Muriel Anderson on her 103rd birthday.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) made a Statement to recognize the Food for Families Program created by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to recognize Archdeacon Ron Lee for his devotion to the community.

The Member Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Peter Blackmore for his work spreading kindness and generosity to the community.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Gary Briffet on receiving the Newfoundland and Labrador Award for Bravery.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Carl Lake for his 53 years of dedication to the sport of baseball.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize International Week of the Deaf from September 21st – 27th.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the innovation of local companies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) tabled a document entitled "COVID-19 Economic Response Initiative Summary Report: Engagement Process, Themes, and Responses, July 2020."

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 maintain and repair the roadway through the community of Cold Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) replied to the Petition.

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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 address the safety concerns along Route 520 and that these portions of roadway be repaired and/or upgraded before the end of the 2020 construction season.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) 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 eliminate the 1.6 km policy for all Elementary Schools in the Province and in Junior and Senior High Schools where safety is a primary concern.

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 repair and repave the roads in the District which are in need of such work.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) 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 take immediate action to ensure schools are safe for the return of students.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Osborne) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Insurance Contracts Act" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Insurance Contracts Act" (Bill No. 41) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable the 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 Insurance Contracts Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Insurance Contracts Act" (Bill No. 41) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 40).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment.

During the debate the Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Dinn) tabled, by leave, a letter to Premier Furey concerning dental care coverage of children in the Province.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Wakeham, Mr. Lester, Ms. Evans, Mr. Petten, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Pardy, Mr. Paul Dinn, Ms. Conway Ottenheimer, Mr. Tibbs, Mr. O'Driscoll, Ms. Coffin, Mr. James Dinn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lane.

Against: Ms. Coady, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Davis, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Loveless, Ms. Stoodley, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Warr, Mr. Trimper, Ms. Haley, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) declared the amendment carried.

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Debate continued on Bill No. 40 Respecting the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty as amended.

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) requested and received consent to propose the following amendment to the Schedule:

<u>Head of Expenditure</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Consolidated Fund Services	\$ 435,000
Digital Government and Service and Newfoundland and Labrador	\$ 5,879,800
Executive Council	\$12,837,700
Finance	\$20,751,700
Public Procurement Agency	\$ 320,400
Public Service Commission	\$ 371,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	\$12,421,400
Legislature	\$ 3,678,800
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture	\$17,299,800
Immigration, Skills and Labour	\$121,011,400
Industry, Energy and Technology	\$ 61,679,900
Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	\$ 10,576,000
Children, Seniors and Social Development	\$ 27,052,900
Education	\$131,369,700
Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities	\$ 50,470,600
Health and Community Services	\$ 526,138,200
Justice and Public Safety	\$ 30,231,600
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation	\$ <u>7,690,500</u>
Total	\$1,040,216,400

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) suspended the proceedings at 4:14 o'clock to review the amendment.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) resumed the Chair at 4:24 o'clock and ruled the amendment is in order.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) put the question on the amendment and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued and concluded on Bill No. 40 Respecting the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty as amended.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution as amended and the Bill consequent thereto as amended to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendments were read the first and second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution as amended was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$1,040,216,400.”

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 40) as amended was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 4:38 o'clock to consider a matter.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:50 o'clock and confirmed to the House the passing of Mr. Harvey Hodder, former Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Osborne), the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester), the Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane), the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) and the Speaker (Mr. Reid) made remarks regarding the late Harvey Hodder and extended condolence to his family and friends.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 30th, Budget Day, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.