Tuesday, October 6th, 2020

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

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize Michael Mercer of Southlands, on his participation in the 26th Annual 2019 Canadian Boccia Championships in Victoria, B.C.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) made a Statement to congratulate and thank the Applefest Committee and the Town of Port Blandford on their recent successful community event.

The Member for St. Barbe – L'Anse Aux Meadows (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Chris and Charlie Humby of St. Lunaire-Griquet for their successful "Just the Tip Great Northern Peninsula Motorcycle Rally" and for the funds they raised for the Kids Eat Smart Foundation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to honour the late Kevin Dalton of Cape Broyle.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to recognize constituent Calvin Pond of Musgravetown.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Newfoundland and Labrador Book Award Winners: Sharon Bala and Charis Cotter.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to advise Members of Fire Prevention Week.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he 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, October 8th, 2020.

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 ensure the immediate cutting of brush on Route 10 of the Southern Shore Highway for the safety of commuters and prevention of moose vehicle accidents.

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

By leave, pursuant to Standing Order 36, the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil), seconded by the Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie), moved the following motion:

"THAT because of the impact of the closure of the Come by Chance Oil Refinery and the devastating economic impact it will have on our Province's economy, the issues of supply on the Island portion of the Province and the expected closure of many spin-off business, I move that the business of this House be adjourned to hold an emergency debate on the closure of the Oil Refinery".

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 2:29 o'clock to consider the motion.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:58 o'clock and informed the House that the matter did not strictly meet the test of an urgent debate pursuant to Standing Order 36, however, referencing the ruling of Speaker Ottenheimer on May 29, 1978, the will of the House must be taken into consideration.

The Speaker ruled the urgent debate could proceed. Debate commenced and concluded on the motion.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 7th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.