

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) congratulated the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (Ms. Stoodley) on the birth of her son.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act, 2009" (Bill No. 46) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker):

**"THAT**, notwithstanding the Parliamentary Calendar issued by the Clerk for 2020 or any Standing Order to the contrary, the Parliamentary Calendar for the Fall 2020 sitting of this House shall be as follows:

**THAT** this House will meet in accordance with the daily schedule prescribed in the Standing Orders, as follows:

- From September 30 to October 8, 2020, inclusive; and
- From October 19, 2020 to November 5, 2020, inclusive

**AND THAT** week of October 12, 2020 shall be a constituency week".

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker):

**"THAT** the following change be made to the composition of the Select Committee on Democratic Reform:

**AND THAT** the MHA for Carbonear-Trinity-Bay de Verde be replaced by the Member for Virginia Waters-Pleasantville".

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:07 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to recognize the owners and staff of Alderwood Estates Retirement Centre.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize District Drugs in Torbay, a family-owned business that has been operating and serving the people of Cape St. Francis since 1963.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Dawson Mercer of Bay Roberts on being drafted in the First Round of the 2020 NHL Entry Draft by the New Jersey Devils.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize the opening of the Community Garden at the Manuals River Interpretation Centre.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to recognize the late Billy Bollard for his service to the community of Grand Falls - Windsor.

The Honourable the Minister of Immigration, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to recognize the significant success our government and its partners throughout the Province have achieved in increasing immigration.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize the 2020 recipients of Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors of Distinction Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Dawson Mercer of Bay Roberts who was selected 18<sup>th</sup> overall by the New Jersey Devils in the first round of the National Hockey League Draft.

Pursuant to Standing Order 44, the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) raised a point of order relating to comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) during Oral Questions.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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The Speaker (Mr. Reid), pursuant to Section 7 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, tabled the 2020-2023 Activity Plan for the Office of the Citizens' Representative.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs):

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the Government to bring to the House an amendment to the “House of Assembly Act” for deliberation during the current fall sitting to set a fixed date for the next general election in the third week of October 2020<sup>1</sup>, notwithstanding Section 3.1 of the Act.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, 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. Lane.

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

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

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