

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

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

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 time limit prescribed in Standing Order 71, when this House reviews the 2020-2021 Estimates of the Legislature and Executive Council in Committee of Supply, the time allocated to that review shall be no more than 2 ½ hours.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to Consider the Estimates of the Legislature and Executive Council.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Chairperson of Committees (Ms. Parsons) suspended the proceedings at 11:12 o'clock to consider a procedural manner.

The Chairperson of Committees (Ms. Parsons) resumed the Chair at 11:17 o'clock.

Debate continued and concluded on the Estimates of the Legislature and Executive Council.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed without amendment the Estimates of the Legislature and Executive Council.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act, No. 2” (Bill No. 44) 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 Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:22 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize the passing of the late Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle and offered condolences to his family.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Dave Murphy of Grand Falls – Windsor who recently retired from a long career as a barber in the community.

The Member for St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Mildred Lavers of Port Saunders, an indigenous leader on the Great Northern Peninsula.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) made a Statement to recognize volunteer firefighters in the District and across the Province.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to recognize the Discovery Geopark on being designated a UNESCO Global Geopark.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to update the House on the new six-bed mental health unit to be built in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize this year's Newfoundland and Labrador recipients of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the merits of the Labrador Sport Travel Subsidy program under the Labrador Affairs Secretariat.

During debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) raised a point of order, pursuant to Standing Order 44, regarding comments made by the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) during Oral Questions.

The Speaker ruled on the point of order and reminded all Members of Standing Order 44 and that all comments during debate must be directed to the Chair.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) presented a report entitled: "Report of the Government Services Committee" (concurrence report).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following motion:

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**“THAT** Motions 6, 7, 8 and 9 now appearing on the Order Paper be deleted;

**AND THAT** notice on the related Bills be deemed to have been properly given;

**AND THAT** in replacing those motions, the motions before the House therefore be as follows:

- (i) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Carbon Products. (Bill No. 43)
- (ii) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Tobacco. (Bill No. 45)
- (iii) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a Resolution Relating to the Raising of Loans by the Province. (Bill No. 47)
- (iv) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Vapour Products. (Bill No. 48).”

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 find a more permanent solution and install curb and gutter to the areas affected by erosion on Route 60 through Topsail.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper):

**“WHEREAS**, Health Canada has concerns about vaping as it can increase exposure to harmful chemicals and lead to nicotine addiction, with youth being especially susceptible to its negative effects, that include altered brain development, memory and concentration;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (2017) reported that 54 per cent of all students thought it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get an e-cigarette with nicotine if they wanted one;

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**AND WHEREAS**, a 2019 British Medical Journal survey of youth in Canada, England and the United States found that from 2017 to 2018, the prevalence of vaping for teens aged 16 to 19 jumped from 8.4 per cent to 14.6 per cent, representing a 74 per cent increase year-over-year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House refer the following reference question to the Social Services Committee for immediate action and report back with recommendations by March 31, 2021: ‘What can be done to reduce the prevalence of youth vaping in Newfoundland and Labrador?’”

The Speaker put the question and 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.