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

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Carbon Products (Bill No. 43).

The Speaker left the Chair. Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

During the debate the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) raised a point of order regarding a comment made by the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (Mr. Davis), pursuant to Standing Order 49. The Member withdrew the comment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:11 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 Mayor Harold Mullowney on 30 years as a member of the Bay Bulls town council.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize the award winners, nominees, and sponsors of the Bright Business Achievement Awards in Conception Bay South.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. James Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the Salvation Army Ches Penney Centre of Hope on its new location located at 18 Springdale Street, St. John's.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Paul Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the Conception Bay South Lions Club for their contributions to the community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Earl Pardy Jr., of Marystown on celebrating his 50th Birthday.

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The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to inform the House of a new reading bursary of \$500 per successfully completed course for Newfoundland and Labrador public school teachers pursuing the Graduate Diploma in Education – Reading Development and Instruction at Memorial University.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to update the House on the construction of the protective care unit extension at the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre in Botwood.

The Honourable the Minister of Immigration, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement regarding this summer's student employment programming.

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.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to approve the boundary extensions for the Town of Sunnyside.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities (Mr. Bennett) 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 adequate upgrades to the internet infrastructure in the Northern Labrador indigenous communities of Nain, Natuashish, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville, and Rigolet.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley):

"WHEREAS Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 is Remembrance Day;

AND WHEREAS Remembrance Day is a day to honour and remember the people who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have an illustrious history of service and have suffered great tragedies in the line of duty;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will restrict many annual commemorative ceremonies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House supports veterans in Newfoundland and Labrador and recognizes the sacrifices made by all members of the Canadian Armed Forces;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to work with the Royal Canadian Legion, and other partners, to rehabilitate the Newfoundland National Memorial in time for the Memorial's centennial on July 1, 2024."

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.