

Thursday, November 5th, 2020

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) raised a point of order, pursuant to Standing Order 49, in respect to comments made by the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) on November 4th. The Member withdrew his comment.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) made a Statement to recognize search and rescue volunteers in the District.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to honour all veterans in the District.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to offer thanks to all veterans and Legion members in the District.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to recognize the community spirit of Jim and Rowena Tarrant, and Paul and Myra Bennett in helping distract from COVID-19 with weekly live web-streamed kitchen party concerts for the last 33 weeks.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize Doris Butt of Curling, a recipient of the 2020 Seniors of Distinction Awards.

By leave, the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to honour the late Hedley Clarke of Port aux Basques.

By leave, the Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the late veteran and former resident of Twillingate and Gander, Elmo Baird, and asked Members to join him in a moment of silence to honour Mr. Baird and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the freedom that they helped provide.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the work of the Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter of Equal Voice, and recently appointed co-chairs, Karla Hayward and Gillian Pearson.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (Mr. Davis) made a Statement regarding the Province's cultural sector.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) provided additional information to the Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) pursuant to his question related to cell phone coverage in the District.

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The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to champion the benefits of oil and gas to the Federal Government for their support to restart West White Rose and offshore exploration and development industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to work with the groups involved to put in place new agreements immediately ensuring no interruption in vital ambulance and medical services across the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act, 2009” (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Other Post-Employment Benefits Eligibility Modification Act” (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Auditor General Act” (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Condominium Act, 2009, The Co-Operatives Act And The Corporations Act” (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill, “An Act Respecting Tourist Accommodations” (Bill No. 52).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to resume consideration of 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.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 43 be introduced 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 following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That is it expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on carbon products.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act” (Bill No. 43) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

The House recessed at 3:23 o'clock in the afternoon to await the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judy Foote, PC, ONL.

At 4:03 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to your Honour a Bill for the Appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, "An Act For 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. 42).

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Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I assent to this Bill".

The Speaker further addressed Her Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Contracts Act" (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 43);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 44);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 45);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act, 2009" (Bill No. 46);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan Act, 2020" (Bill No. 47);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill No. 48);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Other Post-Employment Benefits Eligibility Modification Act" (Bill No. 49);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Auditor General Act" (Bill No. 50);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Condominium Act, 2009, The Co-Operatives Act And The Corporations Act" (Bill No. 51);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Tourist Accommodations" (Bill No. 52).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said "In Her Majesty's Name I assent to these Bills".

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Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn to the call of the Chair.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.