

Monday, October 25, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the Southwest Arm Historical Society on their ceremony honouring individuals from the area who served with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit and Auxiliary Territorial Service in World War II.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing Sandra Hemmings of Conception Bay South on her 31 years of service as a special needs educator.

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing the late Gord Dunphy of St. Laurence and his contributions to the sport of soccer.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing Mi'kmaq artists of the Bay St. George area: Jordan Bennett and Marcus Gosse.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing the Consumers' Health Awareness Network of Newfoundland & Labrador (CHANNAL).

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) recognizing four new schools recently opened in the province.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act” (Bill 43).

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS 2020 and 2021 have been incredibly difficult for the tourism and hospitality, arts, and cultural industries in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS many individuals and groups are working hard to make 2022 a successful year;

AND WHEREAS planning for 2022 is important now in order to take full advantage of the anticipated demand from people wishing to return or to visit our Province;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted tourism and its important position as a key employer and revenue generator throughout the Province;

AND WHEREAS the desire of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who reside outside the Province to visit their families and friends has increased because of many months not being able to travel;

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AND WHEREAS an abundance of municipalities across the Province have local or regional events planned for the 2022 tourism season;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation's mandate letter announced Government's intention to have 2022 as a Come Home Year event;

AND WHEREAS Government will continue to support the very effective provincial tourism marketing and branding efforts that have brought so many visitors to Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is a remote working destination of choice;

AND WHEREAS there are plans to encourage and convince Newfoundlanders and Labradorians living outside of the Province, as well as first-time visitors to stay and make Newfoundland and Labrador their home to live and work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support the Government's plan to make 2022 a provincial Come Home Year celebration in all areas of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster), announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) will be the one presented on Wednesday, October 27.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding repairs to and upkeep of Cold Brook Road.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

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The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding road conditions in the district.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) regarding return of the former mill property, Grand Falls House, to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding condition of Route 232 to Burgoyne's Cove.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding access to motor vehicle registration services in the province.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order 32, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster), moved orders of the day.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act Respecting Accessibility in the Province" (Bill 38).

Pursuant to order and on motion, the bill entitled "An Act Respecting Accessibility in the Province" (Bill 38) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 38 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled "An Act Respecting Accessibility in the Province" (Bill 38).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

During the debate, the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (L. Dempster) moved an amendment to clause 37.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the committee and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Chair put the question and declared the amendment carried.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 38 as amended.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, with amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act Respecting Accessibility in the Province” (Bill 38).

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the amendment was read the first and second time.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 38 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill 23).

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“An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act” (Bill 23).

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 23 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.