

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing author Breana Andrews of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the publishing of her books about indigenous languages.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing the career and community work of Clyde Russell of Kippens, a member of the Qalipu First Nation.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) congratulating 15 young athletes from the district who received the 2021 Premier's Athletic Award for Athletic Excellence.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) recognizing Karen Huxter of Springdale, who started a school in Haiti, and her adopted Haitian son, Luc.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing the new Fight League Atlantic Amateur Heavyweight Champion, Jordan Noseworthy of Badger.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) recognizing October as Cyber Security Awareness Month.

The Members for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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 Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Secretary-General of the United Nations recently stated '*the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse-gas emissions from fossil-fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk*';

WHEREAS scientists estimate that by 2050, if GHG emissions are not reduced, the average winter temperature will be 3.4 °C above pre-industrial levels in St. John's, 6 °C warmer in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and 7.3 °C warmer in Nain (Government of NL 2018);

WHEREAS the province is already experiencing significant warming resulting in the reduction of ice cover particularly on the north coast and across Labrador for example;

WHEREAS NASA (2021) states that the "*Earth's surface continues to significantly warm, with recent global temperatures being the hottest in the past 2,000-plus years*" and "*Nineteen of the hottest years have occurred since 2000*".

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador, as a partner in the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, is obligated to aggressively reduce provincial emissions despite increases over the past 20 years (NIR 2021);

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WHEREAS Hibernia crude oil emits 0.487 metric tonnes of CO₂ per barrel, the 1.7 billion barrels of oil extracted from the Province since 1997 (Government of NL 2018) would represent 830 million tonnes of GHGs based on EPA (2020);

WHEREAS oil and gas development represents 25 percent of provincial GDP, 41 percent of exports, thousands of direct and indirect jobs, and over \$20 billion in cumulative royalties to the Province since 1997 (Government of NL 2018);

WHEREAS in advance of COP26 in Scotland, the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) calls on the world to “*Create an international community of practice that can support governments in delivering their commitment to a managed and just phase-out of oil and gas production*” and “*Strengthen global climate ambition by aligning oil and gas production with the Paris Agreement goal of well below 2°C, pursuing efforts for 1.5°C*”;

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is facing an unsustainable fiscal situation that requires immediate action (PERT 2021) including being ‘*at risk of not being able to make its financial commitments such as paying salaries, operating hospitals, offering other public services or making payments to pension plans which it is legally obligated to do.*’

AND WHEREAS the primary means of addressing fiscal imbalance and quality of service delivery across Canada, that of equalization payments based on the fiscal capacity of each province, has been inadequate for Newfoundland and Labrador particularly as a result of how oil and gas revenues are calculated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to:

- Cease oil and gas exploration on inactive licenses and any further provincial investment in the exploration of active licenses;
- Move to complete planned production on the existing operational fields of Hibernia, Terra Nova, White Rose and Hebron;
- Initiate discussions to join the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance with Denmark, Costa Rica and other national and sub-national signatories and
- Secure a climate crisis agreement with Canada that recognizes the value of leaving oil and gas reserves undeveloped. The carbon offset agreement would calculate projected emissions for commercially viable hydrocarbons AND the federal price per tonne of CO₂ directed as \$170/tonne by 2030.

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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 Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) regarding moose accidents on Route 370, the Buchans Highway.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding ambulance services in the Trepassey to Cape Broyle area.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the Bull Arm Fabrication Site.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding a climate emergency declaration.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order 32, the Government House Leader (S. Crocker), moved orders of the day.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bill was introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 43).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

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

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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 the Conduct of Municipal Officials” (Bill 37).

Pursuant to order and on motion, the bill entitled “An Act Respecting the Conduct of Municipal Officials” (Bill 37) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 37 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 the Conduct of Municipal Officials” (Bill 37).

The Speaker (P. Trimper) left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) moved an amendment to clause 6(2).

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 on the amendment.

The House divided.

AYES	NAYS
D. Brazil	A. Furey
B. Petten	S. Crocker
P. Dinn	L. Dempster
C. Pardy	J. Haggie
T. Wakeham	G. Byrne
C. Tibbs	T. Osborne
L. O’Driscoll	S. Coady
H. Conway Ottenhiemer	P. Parsons
L. Parrott	S. Stoodley
J. Wall	A. Parsons
P. Forsey	J. Hogan

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AYES	NAYS
J. Dwyer	B. Davis
J. Dinn	D. Bragg
J. Brown	J. Abbott
E. Joyce	K. Lynn Howell
P. Lane	P. Pike
P. Trimper	S. Reid
L. Evans	S. Gambin-Walsh
	L. Stoyles

The Chair declared the amendment defeated.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 37.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) 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, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act Respecting the Conduct of Municipal Officials” (Bill 37).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 37 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 Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill 32).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill 32) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 32 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 to Amend the Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill 32).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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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, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill 32).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 32 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act” (Bill 18) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.