

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) as follows:

WHEREAS section 7 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* prescribes that, upon nomination by the House of Assembly, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by Lieutenant-Governor in Council by Commission under the Great Seal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Escott be appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker put the question on the resolution and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act Respecting the Renaming of Indian Lake” (Bill 12) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b), the sitting recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

The Speaker introduced acting Table Officer, Evan Beazley.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members’ Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Gordon and Marie Lannon of Bishop’s Fall on their 75th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing Dwayne Broomfield’s completion of 535-kilometre bike ride to raise awareness of VACTERL association.

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The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Mary Costigan of Harbour Main on their 100th birthday.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing the community service of the students, teachers and staff of St. Teresa's School.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing the late Vince Burton of Paradise.

The Member for Waterford Valley (T. Osborne), with leave, recognizing the Labatt Brewery of St. John's on reaching a milestone of 10 years with zero lost time injuries.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) recognizing October as Foster Families Month.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (G. Byrne) recognizing the recent arrival of 116 Afghan refugees in St. John's.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

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.

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Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to section 51 of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act, the Speaker tabled:

Report of the House of Assembly Management Commission for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Notices of Motion

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28.

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 replacement of the Bay St. George long-term care home.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding upgrades to Routes 350, 351A and 352.

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

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding physician recruitment in the province.

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) replied to the petition.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr):

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;

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;

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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.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(3), the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Thursday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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INTERSESSIONAL PROCEEDING

At 5:15 p.m., the Honourable the Speaker (D. Bennett) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, appeared before the Honourable (J. Foote), Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed a bill, 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 bill:

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act, No. 3” (Bill 29)

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to this bill.”

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