Thursday, March 17, 2022

INTERSESSIONAL PROCEEDING

At 10 a.m., the Honourable the Speaker (D. Bennett) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, appeared before the Honourable Judy Foote, P.C., O.N.L., 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, "Interim Supply Act, 2022" (Bill 45).

The Lieutenant Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I assent to this bill."

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly. The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker paid tribute to Commissionaire Site Manager, Tom Donavan and congratulated them on their up-coming retirement after 16 years' service to the House of Assembly.

The Speaker acknowledged two former pages, Raylene Mackey and Alden Spencer, a former Member of the House of Assembly, Mark Browne, together with their teammate Duncan Wallace and their coaches, as they represent the University of New Brunswick in the national trial advocacy competition.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing Easter Seals NL Ambassador, Brandon Bowen.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing sisters Beatie Hooper and Claudia Kelly of Marystown on the 30th anniversary of their kidney transplant.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada Young Inuk Woman of the Year Emelia Angnatok of Nain.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing the Loveman family of Leading Tickles and their appearance on the TV show Family Feud Canada.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing the late William Hogan, former Member of the House of Assembly for the district of Placentia.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

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The Minister of Health and Community Services (J. Haggie) recognizing March as Pharmacy Appreciation Month.

The Members for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) announcing the release of the Valentine Gold Project from the environmental assessment process and its approval to proceed.

The Members for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) and Labrador West (J. Brown) 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.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) tabled:

Environment and Climate Change: Strategic Plan 2021-2023.

Pursuant to section 7 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) tabled:

<u>Muskrat Falls Project Land Use and Expropriation – Arbitration Panel: Activity Plan</u> 2021-2023.

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) tabled:

Children, Seniors and Social Development: Strategic Plan 2021-2023.

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Pursuant to section 5 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (J. Byrne) tabled:

Immigration, Population Growth and Skills: Strategic Plan 2021-2023.

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (K. Howell) tabled:

Municipal and Provincial Affairs: Strategic Plan 2021-2023.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

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 Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding the restoration of the 24-hour emergency service of the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre in Botwood.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the rising cost of fuel and the need for a fuel rebate for truckers in the province.

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

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 St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding funding for glucose monitors, flash glucose monitors and insulin pumps for all those living with Type 1 diabetes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Publication of a Summary of a Decision or Order of an Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill 28).

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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 Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Publication of a Summary of a Decision or Order of an Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill 28).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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 Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Publication of a Summary of a Decision or Order of an Adjudication Tribunal" (Bill 28).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 28 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.