

Monday, October 31, 2022

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Auxiliary.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the Fry Family Foundation and founders, Darryl and Marlene Fry, on their 25 years of community service.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Kristen Cooze of Kippens on winning a gold medal at the 2022 World Ball Hockey Championships and their induction to the International Ball Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing the "Warm Bellies" project of the Buckmaster Circle Boys and Girls Club.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing three-time World Karate Champion, Emily Power.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) with leave recognizing the late Bill Saunders, a veteran of the Second World War and long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission (S. Coady) welcoming the first new employees of the provincial government graduate recruitment program.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) 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

Pursuant to section 9 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) tabled:

2021-21 Annual Report of the Marble Mountain Development Corporation.

Pursuant to the section 60 of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) tabled:

2021-22 Public Accounts Consolidated Summary Financial Statements.

Notices of Motion

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 60, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business;

AND THAT, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

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

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding upgrades to the Witless Bay Line.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding a return to in-person learning for the students of Nain High School.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding legislative amendments to allow for resolution to existing private land claims on Crown lands.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding cancelling the sugar sweetened beverage tax.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) replied to the petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) 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 on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Schools Act, 1997" (Bill 7).

Point of Order

During the debate, the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 48 regarding relevance in debate.

The Speaker reminded Members to remain relevant to the scope of the bill.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Schools Act, 1997" (Bill 7).

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Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Schools Act, 1997” (Bill 7) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 7 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 Schools Act, 1997” (Bill 7).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) moved an amendment to clause 25.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment was not in order.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 7.

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 Schools Act, 1997” (Bill 7).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 7 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly