

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing the late Terry Goodyear of Grand Falls-Windsor.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) respecting a recent visit to Roncalli Central High School in Avondale.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing Legionnaire George Cake of Corner Brook, recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) congratulating snowmobile racers of Cain's Quest 2023.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) respecting Budget 2023 infrastructure investments in Labrador.

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

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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During Oral Questions, the Speaker advised the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) and the Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) that they would not be recognized for the remainder of the day.

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 Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and an Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 38).

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 Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding the 1.6 kilometre busing policy for schools in the province.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding reviewing Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) grant regulations to increase availability to low income home owners.

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The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding the need to pave Wheeler's Road for safety reasons.

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

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding providing a retention bonus to all eligible hospital support staff.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding improvements to the cellphone network in the District of Harbour Main.

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

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the ability of the Dr. William H. Newhook Community Health Centre to continually provide health services.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

On motion, debate continued on the motion "That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (budget motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly