

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing the late Edward Nash of Branch, St. Mary's Bay.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Michael Power of Mooring Cove for promoting the importance of workplace health and safety training.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing the Bay St. George Pow Wow, which will be held in Flat Bay from July 14-16, 2023.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing April 17, 2023 as World Hemophilia Day.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) congratulating Lena Bouziane, a student at Bishop Abraham Elementary, on her invitation to attend camp at the Sobey's Atlantic Tennis Centre.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) regarding a recent funding announcement for infrastructure upgrades to the Trans-Canada Highway and the Team Gushue Highway.

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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Point of Order

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) raised a point of order, pursuant to Standing Order 49, regarding use of the word “misleading” by the Minister of Education during oral questions.

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

During Oral Questions, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) tabled:

News article from CBC Newfoundland and Labrador, dated November 5, 2014, respecting a court action against the Province regarding Labrador West hospital.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Chair of the Government Services Committee (P. Pike) presented a report entitled:

Consideration of Estimates 2023 (Concurrence).

Tabling of Documents

There were no tabling of documents.

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.

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

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

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the need for increased support programs and services for mental health issues.

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 reinstatement of the option to complete a paper application for big game licenses for those who experience difficulties with the online application.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) replied to the petition.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding meeting with teachers and support staff to address staffing, maintenance and teacher housing in Labrador West.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding enactment of legislation to allow senior couples to remain together at the highest level of care.

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.

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act" (Bill 39).

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

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), debate commenced on the deemed motion standing in the name of the Chair of the Government Services Committee (P. Pike) as follows:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Government Services Committee presented on May 2, 2023.

On motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly