

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Kristy Peet and her Caring Cards team.

The Member for Cape. St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing and congratulating the recipients of the 2023 Premiers Athletic Awards for Athletic Excellence.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing Jenni Simpson of Glovertown for her accomplishments in sport and scholarship.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing volunteer fire departments in the district and across the province.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Grace Woodworth of Point Leamington, recipient of the Junior Miss Newfoundland and Labrador Leadership Award, for raising over \$3,000 for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Minister provided statements:

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) recognizing the St. John's International Women's Film Festival.

The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees**

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

### **Tabling of Documents**

By leave, the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) tabled:

Letter dated October 4, 2023 to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador from the Member for St. John's Centre.

Letter dated October 6, 2023 to the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development from the Member for St. John's Centre.

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (P. Pike) tabled:

Response dated October 11, 2023 to the letter from the Member for St. John's Centre to the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

### **Notices of Motion**

The Government House Leader gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

"An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2" (Bill 56).

The Government House Leader gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

**THAT**, notwithstanding the 2023 Parliamentary Calendar, this House not sit on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 but shall instead meet for the installation of the Lieutenant Governor designate, Joan Marie Aylward, at 11:30 in the morning.

### **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 Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding amendments to the *Limitations Act* to remove limitation periods for civil child abuse claims.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the creation of an emergency plan to address the cost of living in the province.

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

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding the need to enact legislation banning the use of temporary replacement workers during a strike or lockout.

The Minister Responsible for Labour (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the need to review the 30-day window for payment regulation to ensure child support payments are received.

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding the need to ensure the development of provincial incentives and rebate programs include northern residents of Torngat Mountains.

### **Standing Order 36 – Matters of Urgent Public Importance**

Pursuant to Standing Order 36, the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn), asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance regarding the affordability of housing in the province.

The Speaker recessed the proceedings at 3:38 p.m. to consider the motion.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:06 p.m.

The Speaker ruled debate on the matter was not of urgent public importance and ruled the debate could not proceed.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Insurance Companies Act” (Bill 47);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022” (Bill 48);
- A bill, “An Act Respecting the King’s Printer” (Bill 49);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act, 2009” (Bill 50);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act, 2008” (Bill 51);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Buildings Accessibility Act” (Bill 52);
- A bill, “An Act Respecting King’s Counsel and Order of Precedence in the Courts” (Bill 53);
- A bill, “An Act Respecting Towns and Local Service Districts” (Bill 54); and
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, the City of Corner Brook Act, the City of Mount Pearl Act, the City of St. John’s Act and the Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill 55).

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

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) informed the House of an adjustment required to the title of Bill 17 in the records of the Assembly, that it will now be reflected as follows:

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“Aquaculture Act, 2023” (Bill 17)

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled “Aquaculture Act, 2023” (Bill 17).

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 6.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Chair put the question on the amendment.

The Chair declared the amendment defeated.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 17.

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:

“Aquaculture Act, 2023” (Bill 17).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 17 be read the third time now.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on third reading of the following bill, and said bill was passed:

“Aquaculture Act, 2023” (Bill 17).

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 18, at 10 a.m.

**Kim Hawley George, KC**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)