

Monday, October 30, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing the late Colonel Helmut Röhrig of Goose Bay.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Victory Pentecostal Church of North Harbour.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing William Pardy of Pasadena for their humanitarian work.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Jim Mercer of Stephenville Crossing for their contributions to folk music in the province.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) recognizing the expansion of Memorial University's Faculty of Nursing.

The Members for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) 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.

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Tabling of Documents

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

Public Accounts Consolidated Summary Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2023.

Notices of Motion

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

THAT in accordance with Standing Order 65, the Public Accounts Committee shall comprise:

Member for Exploits (P. Forsey);
Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh);
Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr);
Member for Labrador West (J. Brown);
Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid);
Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper); and
Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall).

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on:

Tuesday, October 31, 2023; and

Thursday, November 2, 2023.

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

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

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The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill 61).

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 Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding the need to institute a six-month pause on approving industry projects on the Southwest Coast to conduct assessment studies and consultations.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding establishing reasonable timelines for the tendering process to be brought to its conclusion.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding a replacement for Canning Bridge in Marystown.

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

The Member for Ferryland (L. O’Driscoll) regarding the need for brush cutting along Route 10, Southern Shore Highway.

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 Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding the reinstatement of marine services between the island portion of the province and Labrador.

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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 Respecting the Quarry Resources in the Province" (Bill 58);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act" (Bill 59); and

A bill, "An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 60).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2" (Bill 56).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2" (Bill 56) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 56 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 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2" (Bill 56).

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.

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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 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2” (Bill 56); and

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 56 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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 Buildings Accessibility Act” (Bill 52).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

During the debate, the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) moved an amendment to clause 5.

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 52.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) 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 Buildings Accessibility Act” (Bill 52).

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

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On motion, it was ordered that Bill 52 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 31 at 1:30 p.m.

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