

Monday, March 11, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing Bill and Sharon O'Toole of Bauline for their volunteer work in the district.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Lions Clubs in the district for their invaluable contribution to the community.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) congratulating the Bishop's Falls Lions Club on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lions Winter Carnival.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the late Bernard Kavanagh and their success and contributions in business.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Mike Goodyear for their contributions in business and to the community.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) congratulating Team Gushue on winning the 2024 Montana's Brier Canadian men's curling championship.

The Leaders of the Official Opposition (T. Wakeham) and the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) highlighting recently announced public procurement strategies in the province.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) 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

There were no documents tabled.

## 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(e), the Privileges and Elections Committee shall comprise:

Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (B. Davis);  
Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike);  
Member for St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows (K.L. Howell);  
Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn); and  
Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott).

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** for the second year in a row, our province's fishing industry may be destined for a shutdown over issues such as pricing, leaving frustrated harvesters out of the water protesting instead of on their boats fishing, and leaving fish processing plant workers lacking product to process while days and weeks are lost;

**AND WHEREAS** these repeated shutdowns in our fishing industry cost our fish harvesters valuable and perhaps irreplaceable fishing time in the short harvesting

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season, cost our fish processing plant workers the work they need, cost our province an important source of spinoff economic activity in our communities and revenue, and cost Newfoundland and Labrador its reputation as a stable place to do business;

**AND WHEREAS** many approaches have been proposed in the past and many approaches are in place in other jurisdictions that might offer hope of a resolution to the current impasse and ways of avoiding future impasses – but good solutions are usually found faster when all parties are around the negotiating table working hard on a resolution;

**AND WHEREAS** an industry as important to Newfoundland and Labrador as the fishing industry requires the hands-on leadership and presence of our province's top leaders in government, including the Premier and the Fisheries Minister, especially in times of crisis like this;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Hon. House urge the Premier and the Province's Minister of Fisheries to immediately take a hands-on role at the table with representatives of our fisheries workers and fish processors to help find a swift and effective resolution of the current impasse, as well as long-term solutions that make future impasses less likely and help place our fishing industry on a more stable and steady footing so the opportunities our province needs are not lost.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) will be the one presented on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

### **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 Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding amendments to the *Limitations Act* to remove limitation periods for civil child abuse claims.

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The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding the need for road infrastructure upgrades in the community of St. Shotts.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding amendments to the *Limitations Act* to remove limitation periods for civil child abuse claims.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding extension of the catchment area for the Patient Connect list for Clarenville to include the entire Bonavista peninsula.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding establishment of a fertility treatment clinic within the province providing full fertility services, including in vitro fertilization.

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

### **Point of Privilege – Ruling**

Respecting the point of privilege raised by the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) on March 5, the Speaker ruled there was no *prima facie* breach of privilege.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act No. 2” (Bill 69).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act No. 2” (Bill 69) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 69 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 Memorial University Act No. 2” (Bill 69).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) 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 Memorial University Act No. 2” (Bill 69).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 69 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act Respecting Recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation” (Bill 67).

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Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act Respecting Recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation” (Bill 67) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 67 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 Respecting Recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation” (Bill 67).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) 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 Respecting Recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation” (Bill 67).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 67 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

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