

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

Point of Order

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49, wherein on March 11 during petitions, the Member for Windsor Lake (J. Hogan) accused the Member for Torngat Mountains of using false and misleading information in the presentation of their petition.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Jenna Lake of Upper Gullies and their success in the sport of volleyball.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing Barry Park of Meadows, for their dedication and support to the Templeton Academy community.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing participants of the Cain's Quest 2024 snowmobile race.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Sarah Dawe of Mount Pearl for being named to the coaching staff for Team NL's Indoor Volleyball at the 2025 Canada Games.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission (S. Coady) regarding the graduate recruitment program.

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

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Due to a disturbance, the Speaker recessed the House to clear and close the public galleries. Oral Questions resumed at the conclusion of the recess.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker asked the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) to retract unparliamentary language. The Member withdrew their remark.

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 Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Correctional Services Act” (Bill 71).

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 Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding needed repairs to Long Run Road in Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding upgrades to Routes 350, 351A and 352.

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The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding timely access to medical care for patients in northern Labrador by ensuring medical flights are available for patients as needed.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding reinstating the Fisheries Loan Board eligibility for young prospective harvesters.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on the reasoned amendment on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 22).

The Speaker put the question and declared the amendment defeated.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 22) was read the second time and it was moved that Bill 22 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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Some Members questioned whether the correct procedure for second reading had been followed. The Speaker recessed the House to review Hansard.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the correct procedure had been followed.

The Speaker put the question on the motion to resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 22.

Point of Order

The Member for Conception Bay South raised a point of order review the procedure followed at second reading on Bill 22.

The Members for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce), St. John's Centre (J. Dinn), and Corner Brook (G. Byrne) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Point of Order

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands raised a point of order to ask the House to unanimously consent to reverting Bill 22 back to second reading. The House did not consent.

The Speaker put the question on the motion to resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 22 and declared the motion defeated.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)