

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the Glovertown area for their efforts in hosting a multicultural social in March 2024.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) congratulating Megan Coles, Miss Newfoundland and Labrador 2024.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Danielle Mills, the first female official to referee a senior hockey game in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) congratulating Michael Tobin on their submission chosen to create the mascot for the 2025 Canada Games.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing Peggy Roche for 24 years of service on the Torbay Town Council.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (E. Loveless) highlighting ongoing preparations for forest fire prevention.

The Members for Exploits (P. Forsey) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) announcing the province-wide implementation of public safety radio on June 1.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) 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

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.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding reinstatement of chemotherapy services at the Bonavista Hospital.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding amendments to the *Citizens' Representative Act* to include all municipalities in the province.

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.

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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. on Monday, May 13.

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, May 14.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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, May 15, 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 Thursday, May 16.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Chair of the Resource Committee (S. Reid) as follows:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Resource Committee presented on April 29.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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Points of Order

During the debate, the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) raised several points of order regarding comments made by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) in which the Minister drew attention to certain Members' absences from the Chamber on March 21st.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) spoke to the point of order and in doing so referenced attending the proceedings by viewing them remotely. In a subsequent point of order, the Member (P. Lane) indicated the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) had implied they had lied about this statement.

The Speaker (P. Trimper) took the matters under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Tourist Accommodations Act" (Bill 75).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Tourist Accommodations Act" (Bill 75) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 75 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 Tourist Accommodations Act" (Bill 75).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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 Tourist Accommodations Act" (Bill 75).

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 75 be read the third time tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m.

Kim Hawley George, KC
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