

Thursday, May 16, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Point of Order

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) raised a point of order regarding the consistency of rulings regarding proposed amendments to the private Member's resolution of May 15.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) took the matter under advisement.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing Judy Bolt, constituency assistant, for their contributions to the district.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing the Carol Players, a local community theatre troupe celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing the Heart of Labrador 50+ Club for its contributions in the district.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Vanda Maunder and the 50th year of the Vanda Maunder Dance studio in Brigus.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) recognizing May 19 as World Family Doctor Day.

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

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Point of Order

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) raised a point of order regarding the use of surnames by the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) during a response to a ministerial statement.

The Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker advised a ruling to a previous point of order on the same matter is forthcoming and reminded Members of the longstanding tradition of the House to avoid the use of Member surnames during debate.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Point of Order

The Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) raised a point of order under Standing Order 49 regarding the use of unparliamentary language by the Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (F. Hutton) during Oral Questions.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (P. Forsey) presented a report entitled:

Review of the Auditor General's Report on Physical Mitigation of Muskrat Falls Reservoir Wetlands.

Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

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Notices of Motion

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

“An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act and the Provincial Offences Act” (Bill 79).

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 Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding amendments to the *Limitations Act* to remove limitation periods for civil child abuse claims.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding the need for accessible and affordable childcare.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the need for accessible and affordable childcare.

The Minister of Education (K. L. Howell) replied to the petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding working towards removing barriers that impact timely access to adequate health care for Northern Labrador residents.

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

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

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

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Crop Insurance Act” (Bill 76);

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill 77); and

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Credit Union Act, 2009 No. 2” (Bill 78).

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

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members’ Day on Wednesday, May 22 but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business;

AND THAT, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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 Correctional Services Act” (Bill 71).

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:

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

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 71 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)