

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing the Mount Pearl Marconi District Girl Guides, which is celebrating 65 years in Guiding.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing Jordan Pomeroy of Placentia, Sport NL Award and Premiers Athletic Award recipient.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing Henry and Kay Hounsell of Pasadena on being accepted into the Cross-Country Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Abby Farrell Powell of Marystown for their accomplishments in public speaking.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing the Dance Centre team for 36 years in operation.

The Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (J. Abbott), with leave, recognizing Megan Donoghue-Stanford and their work related to stained-glass windows in the National Historic Ecclesiastical District.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (P. Pike) recognizing June as National Seniors' Month.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) 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 Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Medical Act, 2011 and the Psychologists Act, 2005” (Bill 80).

## **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 funding for the Supported Employment Program.

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (G. Byrne) replied to the petition.

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

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The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding access to long-term care in the same facility for senior couples.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding access to health care in Postville.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker (D. Bennett) called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bill was introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act and the Provincial Offences Act" (Bill 79).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bills were read the third time and passed:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 35);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act and the Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill 62);

A bill, "An Act Respecting the Practice of Pharmacy in the Province" (Bill 66); and

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Correctional Services Act" (Bill 71).

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, 2009" (Bill 77).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, 2009" (Bill 77) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 77 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 Vital Statistics Act, 2009" (Bill 77).

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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 Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill 77).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 77 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 to Amend the Credit Union Act, 2009 No. 2” (Bill 78).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Credit Union Act, 2009 No. 2” (Bill 78) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 78 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 Credit Union Act, 2009 No. 2” (Bill 78).

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 Credit Union Act, 2009 No. 2” (Bill 78).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 78 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House recessed at 3:27 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:43 p.m.

### **Point of Privilege**

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) raised a point of privilege respecting an alleged breach of privilege with respect to premature disclosure of “An Act to Amend the Limitations Act” (Bill 74).

The House recessed to consider the point of privilege.

The House resumed, the Speaker ruled there was a *prima facie* breach of privilege by way of contempt and asked the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) to move the motion.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the following motion:

**THAT** this matter be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections and that the Committee report back to this House.

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion.

The Speaker put the question and the motion carried.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 22 at 10 a.m.

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