

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

The House met at 10 a.m.

Point of Privilege

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) raised a point of privilege respecting remarks made in the House on May 21 related to a point of privilege and the premature disclosure of a bill.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan), Third Party House Leader (J. Brown), and Members for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane), Torngat Mountains (L. Evans), Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) and St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) spoke to the point of privilege.

The House recessed to consider the point of privilege.

The House resumed and the Speaker ruled there was no *prima facie* breach of privilege.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

On motion, the House recessed at 12:18 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing the volunteerism and community contributions of Bob Miller of Stephenville.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing the community contributions of the Exploits Rotary Club.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing the organizers of the Dennis Drover Memorial Hockey Tournament.

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The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing the service of Barry Pearce, Bill Long and Bill Hookey of the Port Rexton Lions Club.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing the Paradise Lions Club for their service to the community.

The Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (P. Parsons), with leave, congratulating the Madrock Theatre Troupe of Bay Roberts on their accomplishments.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) highlighting the 2024 economic growth forecast for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (T. Wakeham) and Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (E. Loveless) highlighting a milestone in the protection and recovery of the pine marten.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Point of Privilege

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) raised a point of privilege respecting Members' inability to scrutinize legislation in a timely manner constitutes an obstruction to Members discharging their duties.

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The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons), Opposition House Leader (B. Petten), Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn), Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (G. Byrne), Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) and Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) spoke to the point of privilege.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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 Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act” (Bill 81).

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 27.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28.

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30.

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 Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding enactment of legislation to allow senior couples to remain together at the highest level of care.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding adjustments to regulations in rural communities to allow property development by granting road access to said properties.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (E. Loveless) 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 Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding the doctor shortage in the province and the Trepassey area.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Medical Services Act, 2011 and the Psychologists Act, 2005" (Bill 80).

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

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Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Crop Insurance Act” (Bill 76).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Crop Insurance Act” (Bill 76) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 76 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 Crop Insurance Act” (Bill 76).

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 Crop Insurance Act” (Bill 76).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 76 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m.

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