

Tuesday, May 28, 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 Susanne O'Keefe of Mount Pearl for their 32 years of teaching music in the community.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing St. Vincent's Beach status as a tourist attraction.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre's recent Spring Festival, held on April 22.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing the Codroy Valley Area Development Association for their contributions to the region.

The Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (B. Davis), with leave, recognizing author Helen Escott for the success of their published novels and plays.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) recognizing June 2 to June 8 as Environment Week.

The Members for Exploits (P. Forsey) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on:

February 21, 2024;

April 11, 2024; and

May 1, 2024.

Pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) tabled the following pre-commitments:

Order-in-Council 2024-019 authorizing the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$40,702 plus HST, against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2024-25, to facilitate an agreement with the New Gower Hotel GP Ltd. Operating as the Delta Hotels – St. John’s Conference Centre, to host delegates to the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Symposium on Digital Trust and Cybersecurity;

Order-in-Council 2024-020 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$175,448 in fiscal years 2024-25 to 2032-33, and \$160,828 in 2033-34, excluding HST, to facilitate a lease agreement for 6,748 square feet of space at 59 Clyde Avenue, Mount Pearl, with the City of Mount Pearl;

Order-in-Council 2024-021 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pre-commit the amount of \$3,560,520, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2024-25, to facilitate the award of a contract to Wajax Limited for the supply and commissioning of six ferry engines for the MV Veteran and MV Legionnaire; and

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Order-in-Council 2024-047 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$27,784.00 per year for fiscal years 2025-26 to 2028-29 and \$2,315.33 for 2029-30, excluding HST, to facilitate a lease agreement for 1,342 square feet of space in the Town of Heart's Desire Municipal Building.

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 Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding funding for continuous glucose monitoring systems to allow for better management of diabetes.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's participation in the federal buyback program for firearms.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding eliminating the use of private agency travel nurses and focus on retention and recruitment efforts within the public system.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding lobbying the federal government to purchase existing wild salmon licences at fair market value.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

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

On motion, the House recessed at 2:32 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:58 p.m.

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 Limitations Act" (Bill 74).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) moved an amendment to clause 2.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Chair put the question on the amendment.

The Chair declared the amendment carried.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 74 (as amended).

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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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, with amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Limitations Act” (Bill 74).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the amendment was read the first and second time.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 74 be read the third time now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Limitations Act” (Bill 74).

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 29 at 10 a.m.

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