

Monday, November 18, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing David Coffey of Cuslett on their receipt of the Governor General's Medal of Bravery.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Little Bay Heritage Centre Quilters on their collaboration with Quilts of Valour Canada.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Allison Jones of Mount Pearl as the province's first delegate to compete in the Miss Canada Earth Pageant.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) recognizing November 25 as the launch of the Purple Ribbon Campaign and the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

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.

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Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS the loss of the Ocean Ranger and its entire crew on 15 February 1982 was a disaster of global implications that affected the ‘soul’ of our Province; and

WHEREAS the Royal Commission on the Ocean Ranger Marine Disaster concluded inadequate emergency training, a flawed rig design and poorly enforced safety regulation as crucial elements in the disaster; and

WHEREAS much of the physical evidence used in the Royal Commission including a wide array of records and materials from the rig, were placed in secure storage at Ingenium in Ottawa by the Federal Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS the loss of the Ocean Ranger and subsequent recommendations from the Royal Commission improved the design and safety features of future facilities, more stringent regulations regarding safety equipment, and training; and

WHEREAS friends and family of the 84 men lost on the Ocean Ranger have expressed the view that the physical evidence should be returned to the Province; and

WHEREAS the Ocean Ranger Legacy Foundation has formed to use ALL of this material as a memorial for education and means of encouraging continued vigilance regarding offshore safety.

THEREFORE the House of Assembly calls on Government to work with the Government of Canada to repatriate artifacts and records from the Ocean Ranger to St. John’s for a permanent exhibit.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) will be the one presented on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

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 Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) regarding repairs to Route 20.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding repairs and upgrades to the breakwater in Trepassey.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding improvements to the cellphone network in the District of Harbour Main.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding the need to enact legislation banning the use of temporary replacement workers during a strike or lockout.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding adopting a deadline of the end of June for annual pothole repair.

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 order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 33 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 Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33).

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 Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 33 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill 97); and

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A bill, "An Act to Amend the Arts Council Act" (Bill 98).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bills be read the second 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 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act" (Bill 86).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act" (Bill 86) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 86 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 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act" (Bill 86).

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 (Trimper) resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19 at 1:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)