

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Cheryl Stagg of Port au Port for their contributions to the community and the province.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the late Jim Brown.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing athletes from the district who received the 2024 Premier's Athletic Award for Athletic Excellence.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddock) recognizing the Baie Verte Peninsula Chamber of Commerce on their golden anniversary.

The Member for Waterford Valley (J. Korab) recognizing the Blackhead One Room School and Church Museum.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Minister provided statements:

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (S. Stoodley) recognizing investments in the Supported Employment Program.

The Members for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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### **Point of Order**

The Deputy Premier (S. Coady) raised a point of order regarding comments made by the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) during oral questions.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) withdrew the comments.

### **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 Government House Leader (J. Hogan) 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, November 20, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

### **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 access to mental healthcare in the province.

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The Minister of Housing (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding sightline and speeding regulations in rural communities.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (F. Hutton) replied to the petition.

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

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (F. Hutton) replied to the petition.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding a limit to the amount rent can be increased annually.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding a replacement for Canning Bridge in Marystown.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (F. Hutton) replied to the petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding affordable travel costs in Northern Labrador.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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 bills entitled "An Act to Amend the Medical Act, 2011 No. 2" (Bill 83) and "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.

During the debate, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (J. Haggie) moved an amendment to clause 2 of Bill 83.

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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 83, as amended.

During the debate, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (J. Haggie) moved an amendment to clause 4 of Bill 83.

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 83, as amended.

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 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act”  
(Bill 86).

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

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On motion, it was ordered that Bill 86 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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, with amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Medical Act, 2011 No. 2” (Bill 83).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 83 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Lands Act No. 2” (Bill 68) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

On motion, the House recessed at 5:27 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Lands Act No. 2” (Bill 68).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Lands Act No. 2” (Bill 68) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 68 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the amendments to “An Act to Amend the Medical Act, 2011 No. 2” (Bill 83) were read the first and second time.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 20 at 10 a.m.

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