

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

The House met at 10 a.m.

### **Points of Order**

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49 regarding offensive language used by the Minister of Education (K.L. Howell) during Oral Questions on November 19.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49 regarding offensive language used by the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) during Oral Questions on November 19.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved:

**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.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Arts Council Act" (Bill 98).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Arts Council Act" (Bill 98) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 98 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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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 Arts Council Act” (Bill 98).

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 Arts Council Act” (Bill 98).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 98 be read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act Respecting Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and Nurse Practitioners” (Bill 87).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act Respecting Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and Nurse Practitioners” (Bill 87) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 87 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 Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and Nurse Practitioners” (Bill 87).

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.

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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 Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and Nurse Practitioners” (Bill 87).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 87 be read the third time tomorrow.

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

A bill, “An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33);

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

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act” (Bill 86);

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Engineers and Geoscientists Act, 2008” (Bill 92; and

A bill, “An Act Respecting the Management of Law Enforcement Articles, Uniforms, Vehicle Markings and Vehicle Equipment” (Bill 94).

On motion, the House recessed at 12:02 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) apologized to the Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (S. Stoodley) for remarks made during Oral Questions on November 19.

The Minister of Education (K.L. Howell) withdrew remarks made during Oral Questions on November 19.

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## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Nunatsiavut students Ian Dicker and Jacob Dyson for their achievements in volleyball and contributions to their communities.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Mark Gray of Bonavista for their artistic promotion of the province through photography.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) congratulating the Rocky Isles Singers on their recent accomplishments.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the Southern Shore Folk Arts Council, a not-for-profit organization preserving the arts and cultural heritage of the Irish Loop region.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) congratulating Janie Lane of Roaches Line for their success in business and contributions to the community.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) providing an update on the 2024 tourism season statistics.

The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (S. Reid) recognizing recent statue unveilings honouring the Beothuk in Botwood and St. John's.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) and the Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees**

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (P. Forsey) presented a report entitled:

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### **Tabling of Documents**

There were no documents tabled.

### **Notices of Motion**

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 Thursday, November 21.

### **Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

The Minister of Education (K.L. Howell) provided additional information and tabled School Materials and Student Fees Policy, March 12, 2015, in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

### **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna) regarding upgrades to Riverloop Crescent in Gander Bay South.

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

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddick) regarding upgrades to Route 392.

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

## **PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper):

**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.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

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Pursuant to order, the House proceeded to Government business.

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 Lands Act No. 2" (Bill 68).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker 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 recessed at 6:04 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:31 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 Lands Act No. 2" (Bill 68).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) 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 recessed at 8:02 p.m.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair at 8:13 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 Lands Act No. 2" (Bill 68).

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 Exploits (P. Forsey) moved an amendment to clause 3.

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 68 (as amended).

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 Lands Act No. 2" (Bill 68).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 68 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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