

Tuesday, December 15th, 2009

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement respecting the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Barbour and the 80th anniversary of the voyage of the Neptune II.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Victoria Smith and Anna Kearley winners of the Essay Contest sponsored by Branch #9, Royal Canadian Legion, Spaniard's Bay in memory of Gary D. Churchill.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Jessica Cave, Cayley Linehan and Megan Reeves who have won the 2009 Provincial Electoral District Scholarships.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Gord Casey who has won the Canada Physical Education Teaching Award.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Kevin Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Madonna Wilkinson who was selected as volunteer of the year for the Town of Flatrock.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement respecting the new Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) tabled a binder of documentation entitled: "*Child and Youth Advocate Document Inventory / Chronology December 2009*".

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission meeting held on November 18, 2009.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to support and strengthen the air ambulance programme based in St. John's and St. Anthony to provide reliable air ambulance services and timely access for residents of Labrador.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

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The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 51);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act, The City Of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 52);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 53);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Therapists Act, 2005" (Bill No. 59).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be passed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Public Accountants" (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Public Accountants" (Bill No. 49) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act" (Bill No. 50) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act" (Bill No. 50) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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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 House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 54) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 57) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 58) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Public Accountants" (Bill No. 49);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act" (Bill No. 50);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 54);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act”
(Bill No. 58).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, and had directed him to report that they had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Public Accountants” (Bill No. 49);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act” (Bill No. 50);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity
And Administration Act” (Bill No. 54);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act”
(Bill No. 58).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 16th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.