

Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Professor Harry Paul.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients Mr. Wilbur Sparkes and Mrs. Evelyn Adams.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Edward Sawdon who has received the 2012 Renaissance Great Comeback Award for Atlantic Canada.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to commend Community Readiness for People with Disabilities, an innovative organization promoting inclusion.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Ron Day, a 15-year community volunteer who has been awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to ask the House to join him in wishing Anthony Maher a speedy recovery from injuries sustained in an accident in Montreal.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to announce that provincial consultations relating to bullying, harassment and intimidation will begin later this week.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement about positive developments in the Province's aquaculture industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House about the launch of a new multi-media campaign called *Foster a Future...Foster a Child Today*.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move That The House Resolve Itself Into A Committee Of The Whole To Consider A Resolution Relating To The Advancing Or Guaranteeing Of Certain Loans Made Under The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 39).

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The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Health Research Ethics Authority Act, The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 And The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 40);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act” (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend Various Acts Of The Province Respecting Annual Reports” (Bill No. 42).

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Health Research Ethics Authority Act, The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 And The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 40);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act” (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend Various Acts Of The Province Respecting Annual Reports” (Bill No. 42).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

By leave, the Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Dunderdale) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that this House now supports the development of the Muskrat Falls Hydro project.”

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** the Arctic presents significant opportunities for future economic growth and development, and Newfoundland and Labrador is well-positioned to play a central role because of our Province’s geographic location, industrial infrastructure, knowledge and experience in operating in cold and harsh environments, research and development capacity and facilities, and favourable reputation;

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**AND WHEREAS** our Government launched the cross-departmental Arctic Opportunities Initiative in April 2010 to identify opportunities, build knowledge and capacity, promote awareness of our Province's strengths, and find ways the Government can help advance and support local successes in Arctic development; and our Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development is also leading a Federal-Provincial Arctic Committee focused on promoting collaboration between the Provincial and Federal Governments to advance opportunities in the North;

**AND WHEREAS** in September and October 2012, the Province conducted a series of stakeholder engagement sessions in St. John's, Lewisporte, Corner Brook, St. Anthony, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Wabush, bringing together a broad base of stakeholders from Government, academia, communities, community organizations and industry to discuss opportunities, challenges and the role the Province can play in advancing and supporting work in the Arctic for companies and organizations in the Province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House encourages the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue-through its Arctic Opportunities Initiative-to identify and advance opportunities for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to take the lead in Arctic development initiatives, specifically by producing an Arctic "plan forward" that will promote Newfoundland and Labrador as the ideal staging ground for Arctic-related activities, given our many capabilities and competitive advantages, and work with local companies, institutions and organizations to identify and prepared to capture Arctic opportunities as they emerge."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to implement a mandatory educational programme for high school students that includes what is lacking in the current sexual education programme.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to mandate the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Board to review the Muskrat Falls project.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to

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ensure that the Eastern School District is provided with adequate funds to maintain Immaculate Conception School as a K-6 school.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector to provide High Speed internet services to their communities.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to repeal Bill 29.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support residents of The Straits - White Bay North District in their request for adequate cellular phone coverage in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the current practice of processing crab landed in Area 2J in plants adjacent to the area is maintained.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be now referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Verge) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 31) without amendment.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.