

Tuesday, November 20th, 2012

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

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Kimberly Ann Reid.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the 2012 inductees into the Torbay Sports Hall of Fame.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the success of the Music Programme of Woodland Elementary, Dildo.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Captain Sidney Hynes upon his induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Miranda Wiseman, Courtney Tizzard and Cristina Burke recipients of Electoral District Scholarships.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement about International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement about Government's health care investments in rural areas of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement about Government's financial contribution to the aquaculture industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43);

A Bill, "An Act To Revise And Amend The Law Respecting Pensions For The Members Of The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary,

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Correctional Officers And Certain Firefighters Of The St. John's Regional Fire Department" (Bill No. 44).

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act" (Bill No. 45).

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of Bellburns calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to assist in expanding broadband internet coverage to all areas of the Province.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the users of Route 480 in their request to obtain cellular phone coverage along Route 480.

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 Government to amend the *Human Rights Act* to include gender identity and gender expression in the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination.

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 ensure that the Eastern School District is provided with sufficient funding to keep Catalina Elementary School open.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of Bellburns calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector and offer High-Speed internet service in the community.

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 discontinue female-only and calf, of either sex, hunting and to return hunting season dates to the last week of November to reduce the number of licenses issued.

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

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise And Amend The Law Respecting Pensions For The Members Of The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Correctional Officers And Certain Firefighters Of The St. John's Regional Fire Department" (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend the Animal Health And Protection Act" (Bill No. 45);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 46).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 31) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it 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 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) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "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) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 41).

During the debate the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Jones) raised a point of order questioning the recognition of the Honourable the Minister to close debate when another Member wished to speak to the motion.

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The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) suspended the proceedings at 4:46 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the point of order.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:48 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled that there had been a valid point of order.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 41) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Various Acts Of The Province Respecting Annual Reports" (Bill No. 42) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 21st at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.