

Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Kennedy) raised a point of order respecting comments by the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) delivered a ruling on the subject of unanimous consent.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to congratulate the Forget Me Not Committee for their efforts in bringing about enhancements to Remembrance Square in Corner Brook.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate seven-year old Christopher Higgins on his artistic and writing skills and his fund raising efforts for the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Terry Casey who has received the Distinguished School Administrator of the Year Award for 2011-2012.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the Meadows Volunteer Firefighters, Firettes and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients on their contribution and dedicated service to their Town.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Hannah Jardine on her recent success in basketball.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to commend Karen Moores for her work in raising awareness of Pancreatic Cancer in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to announce the start of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's third annual Purple Ribbon Campaign to increase awareness and education on violence against women.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2011 Annual Report of the Public Accountants Licensing Board;
- (b) the 2011 Annual Activity Report of the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board; and

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- (c) the 2011-12 Annual Report of the Chartered Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on January 25, April 25 and July 4, 2012.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has the mandate through the Electrical Power Control Act Board to ensure that the Province shall have the most efficient production, transmission and distribution of power at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service;

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed development of Muskrat Falls will have profound effects on the rates paid by electricity users of the Province for decades to come;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to compel Nalcor to submit the proposed Muskrat Falls development to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a complete and unrestricted review.”

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** free and open access to Government information is essential to the function of the democratic process;

**AND WHEREAS** publicly-held and publicly-funded information should be released to the public unless there is a clear and sufficient reason to keep the matter confidential;

**AND WHEREAS** this Government has amended the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPPA) through Bill No. 29 which has created new and expansive categories of secret information;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House urges Government to repeal Bill No. 29.”

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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 review and revise the manner in which it awards JCP projects to a more equitable manner.

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 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 commit to bridge funding in its 2013 budget to help preserve RED Boards in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to review the living allowance part of Income Support that is used to pay rent.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend Various Acts Of The Province Respecting Annual Reports" (Bill No. 42) 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.

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 directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 46) 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 now.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 46) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be passed 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 Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be now read the second time.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 27<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.