

Thursday, March 7th, 2013

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) ruled on a point of order raised by the Leader of the Third Party. The Speaker ruled that there was a valid point of order and asked the Member who had used unparliamentary language to apologize. The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) complied with the request.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of the Rural Development Associations of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize Frances Sweetland for her volunteerism.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Andrew Sheppard.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mary Anne Michel of Sheshatshiu.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to recognize the organizers, volunteers and chaperones who make possible the activities of the Bonavista North Polar Bears Special Olympics athletes.

The Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize St. Matthew Elementary Schools' After School Physical Activities Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to inform the House that Government will commence construction of a new Lift Bridge for Placentia in the spring.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine which has been awarded the Keith Award for having the most effective postgraduate rural family medicine programme in Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Lisa Moore, winner of this year's CBC Canada Reads award.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into

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a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a certain Resolution for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No.62).

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 470 in their request to obtain cellular phone coverage along Route 470.

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 East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose a moratorium on slickwater fracking until they develop regulations and ensure each project undergoes a conclusive environmental assessment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act” (Bill No. 58);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2” (Bill No. 59).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 45) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act" (Bill No. 45) 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, Monday, March 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.