

Monday, November 4th, 2013

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

The Speaker informed the House that the newly-elected Member for the District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) had taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office as required by law whereupon the Leader of the Opposition (interim), (Mr. Joyce) officially introduced the Member before the Speaker. Ms. Dempster then took her seat in the House.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Susan Shiner who has received a Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Barb Genge for being inducted into the Canadian Tourism Hall of Fame.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Ruby Hann who has won the Alice Noseworthy Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012-13.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize veterans of the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, Newfoundland Foresters, Merchant Mariners and Peace Keepers who served to preserve our freedom.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to commend and thank Maureen Blanchard for her contribution to her community as a volunteer.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Phillip Whitten for his decisive action in helping four persons escape from a burning house.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to announce that Government will not be accepting applications for petroleum exploration using hydraulic fracturing.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had chosen a proposal put forward by Luben Boykov and Frederick Hann for a monument to victims of the March 12, 2009 Cougar 491 and the March 13, 1985 Universal helicopter crash.

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The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to thank outgoing municipal councillors and congratulate councillors elected in the September 24 Municipal Elections.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) presented the Report of the Select Committee struck to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) in accordance with paragraph 28(4)(e) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled Order in Council 2013-194 which authorized the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board to issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund funding in the amount of \$147,200 to enable the Legislature to meet the financial requirements related to a By-Election in the District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair.

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

“WHEREAS one of the key points of the Muskrat Falls development was the ability to use 40 percent of the power for industrial development in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the Premier and other government members repeatedly said that 40 percent of Muskrat Falls power would be used for industrial development in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the new arrangements between Nalcor and Emera of Nova Scotia mean that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has now committed excess power to Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS this power will be sold to residents of Nova Scotia at rates well below what Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will be forced to pay;

AND WHEREAS residents of Nova Scotia have benefited from a full Utility and Review Board hearing on Muskrat Falls and will be the primary beneficiaries of our resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House calls upon the Government to send the Muskrat Falls project back to our Public Utilities Board for a full public review for the protection of our ratepayers.”

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 6th.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill No. 12).

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 on Supply to consider a Resolution for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 9).

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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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 14);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act" (Bill No. 15);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 16);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 17);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act" (Bill No. 19).

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The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2” (Bill No. 13).

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 new home-care model to cover family caregivers.

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 470-10 in their request to have Route 470-10 resurfaced.

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 assist providers to ensure St. Anthony Bight is in receipt of broadband internet services in the Province.

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 extend eligibility for the Intensive Applied Behavioural Analysis Program beyond Grade 3 in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community.

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.

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 produce a comprehensive plan with the federal government to extract immediately the remaining oil in a sunken ship on the province’s northeast coast so that damage to our ecosystem, fish resources and economy is mitigated.

Pursuant to notice 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. 5);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 6).

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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 on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne 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, Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.