

Tuesday, November 12th, 2013

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

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) raised a point of privilege respecting comments made by the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island to the media.

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) suspended the proceedings at 1:33 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the point of privilege.

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) resumed the Chair at 1:58 o'clock in the afternoon and advised the House that he required additional time to consider the point of privilege.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) apologized for his comments.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Ken Broughton on his thirty-five years of service with the Brigus Volunteer Fire Department.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate Zoe Wilkins, the Newfoundland and Labrador recipient of the Lester B. Pearson Scholarship.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Minnie Vallis.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to honour Silver Cross mother Natasha Lucas.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize young persons who were honoured at the 2012 Mount Pearl Focus on Youth Awards.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Felix Maloney for his contribution to his community.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House about Honour 100, an initiative which commemorates the Centenary of the First World War.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works and Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement about the self-government Agreement-in-Principle signed by the Miawpukek First Nation, the

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Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in Conne River on November 8, 2013.

The Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Shea) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, November 14th, 2013.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House

(1) acknowledges the tremendous importance to Newfoundland and Labrador of the terms of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement-in-principle (CETA) between Canada and the European Union for which the Provincial Government successfully advocated; and

(2) supports the decision of the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a \$400 million fund to improve our fishing industry's global competitiveness to capitalize more fully on the phenomenal opportunities that CETA will generate for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.”

The Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Shea) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 13th.

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 joint action plan with the Federal Government to extract the remaining oil immediately from a sunken carrier on the northeast coast so that the damage to the ecosystem, fish resources and economy is mitigated before a catastrophic event occurs.

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 Bide Arm is in receipt of broadband internet coverage in the Province.

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

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 reduce the maximum speed limit on TCH Route 1 through the Pynn's Brook area from the present 100 km/hour to 60 km/hour.

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 revise the enhancement to the Early Learning and Child Care Supplement to include all Early Childhood Educators working in the Province.

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 Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide cell phone coverage for the North Labrador coast.

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 introduce a regulatory framework immediately under which hydraulic fracturing could proceed safely.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) apologized for comments made in the House on November 4th.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Shea) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 8).

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 8 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2014, the sum of \$62,517,800.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2014 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 8) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“4 November, 2013

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2014, by way of Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

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Sgd. **Frank F. Fagan**
Lieutenant-Governor.”

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Shea), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 9 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 13th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.