

Monday, November 25th, 2013

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

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Ron Ryan for his contribution to his community.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Todd Stark on his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Arthur McVicker.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. John Jeddore who has received the national Indspire Award for outstanding career achievement.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Everett and Brenda Butt for all they have done and continue to do for the Children's Wish Foundation.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to recognize the contribution to the community of the Transition House Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to inform the House about the progress being made on priority issues facing Aboriginal communities throughout Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's participation in Pancreatic Cancer Canada's Purple Lights Campaign.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) in accordance with paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled Order in Council 2013-331 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding up to the amount of \$1,392,900 against its 2014-15 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Brook Construction Inc. for the construction of a garage and office building at the Department of Transportation and Works Highway Depot at Roddickton, NL.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS autism spectrum disorder has been estimated to occur in as many as one in eighty-eight children;

AND WHEREAS individualized and intensive early interventions are important for improving outcomes for children with autism;

AND WHEREAS long wait lists are forcing many parents to wait up to two years before their children receive needed pediatric assessments and diagnostic services;

AND WHEREAS a co-ordinated, multi-agency approach among key government departments and agencies is needed to ensure that individuals with autism spectrum disorder are provided with services that will promote independent living;

AND WHEREAS a comprehensive province-wide strategy for autism spectrum disorder will reduce the lifetime costs of treating and providing services for persons with autism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to, in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community develop and implement a comprehensive province-wide strategy for autism spectrum disorder.”

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

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House supports the Government’s decision to provide the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors’ Benefit, a refundable tax credit for low-income seniors which, this year, is providing some 42,000 seniors in our Province with payments of up to \$971, the highest amount ever.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, November 27th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he 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 Tuesday, November 26th, 2013.

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

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

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to give serious consideration to making repairs to Route 450.

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 include the section of the road between Channel-Port aux Basques and Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

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 reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

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. Carol's is in receipt of broadband internet coverage in the Province.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to work with appropriate agencies to provide cell phone coverage along the Trans Labrador Highway and to all communities in coastal Labrador.

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 fully implement the recommendations of the ISSP/Pathways Commission in order to improve the delivery of special education programming for all pupils, parents, teachers and schools.

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 partner with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Act, 2010" (Bill No. 25) 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.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill No. 10) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 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.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 13) 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 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.