

Monday, December 2nd, 2013

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) ruled on the point of order raised on November 28th by the Leader of The Third Party (Ms. Michael). The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the City of Mount Pearl for receiving Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador's Torngat Award for Excellence in Governance.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate a team of twelve pupils from Heritage Collegiate for their recent success in an International Robotics Competition.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of the Girl Guides of Canada, Canada Cord.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Todd Perrin who has received a Southcott Award for his restoration of Mallard Cottage.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Ralph, Kevin and Keith Randell, crew of the White Star, for rescuing Tom Fillier and Graham Hancock who were stranded at sea.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate the pupils, parents and staff of Rennie's River Elementary School on the launch of their new playground.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to inform the House about progress being made under Government's 10-Year Child Care Strategy.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize this week as National Safe Driving Week.

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, December 3rd, 2013.

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

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to consider following the recommendation of their own consultant, Mr. John Noseworthy, and implement a rental rate structure for income support clients based on regional market rates.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, December 4th.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) answered Question No. 20 placed on the Order Paper of November 14th, 2013, by the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) respecting any analyses completed by or for the Provincial Government regarding the impact, in terms of costs, programming, and employment, on the Province of the Federal Government's planned implementation of the Canada Job Grant.

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.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact legislation and regulations immediately to protect workers in hazardous workplaces including late night shifts in convenience stores and gas stations.

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 allocate funds to pave the section of Route 430 between Plum Point and Eddies Cove East.

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.

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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 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 the appropriate agencies to provide cell phone coverage along the Trans Labrador Highway and to all communities in coastal Labrador.

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

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 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 that Great Brehat is in receipt of broadband internet services.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 21) 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 28) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 17) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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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.

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 Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 17) 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 continued on the Address in Reply 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, December 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.