

Monday, April 27th, 2015

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Pierre Claude Nolin, Speaker of the Senate of Canada and to offer condolences to the late Speaker's family on behalf of the House of Assembly.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to recognize the pupils and teachers involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme at Queen Elizabeth High School.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to recognize the outstanding contribution to the community of those who have made the Baie Verte Peninsula Used Clothing and Food Bank Inc. a reality.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize Zachary King who won the gold medal at the Skills Canada provincial welding competition.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate Malcolm and Monica Squires who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate Jim Greenland and Dan Maher who were named joint winners of the Mount Pearl Citizen of the Year Award.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate the Heritage Huskies boys' volleyball team winners of the 3A Provincial Volleyball Championship of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to inform the House about The Mental Health Matters conference which took place on April 19th.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate this year's Sport Newfoundland and Labrador award recipients and Hall of Fame inductees.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House that nominations for the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards were being received and that the deadline was May 1st.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for December 2014.

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

“WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador deserve to be served by the most progressive legislature in the Country;

AND WHEREAS greater effectiveness and efficiency can be achieved by the legislature in its service to the people of the Province;

AND WHEREAS modernizing procedures would allow for greater involvement of all MHAs in the legislative process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the reforms of the House championed by the Premier and outlined in the 2015 Speech from the Throne, which include “enhancing the roles of individual Members, reviewing the compensation of Members who hold special positions in the legislature, reviewing MHA pensions, reducing the number of seats and opening legislation to greater scrutiny.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, April 29th.

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 allocate resources to allow for permanent resurfacing of Route 510 from L’Anse au Clair to Red Bay.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reduce the speed limit on Veteran’s Memorial Highway in the area of Jamie’s Way to 70 km/hr.

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The Member for Humber East (Mr. Flynn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ask the Department of Education to provide free text books to all pupils of any school that follows the requirements of the *Schools Act, 1997*.

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill No. 2);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Work, Services And Transportation Act” (Bill No. 4).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy” (Bill No. 1).

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, April 28th, 2015.

Debate resumed on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy” (Bill No. 1) 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, April 28th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.