

Monday, June 15th, 2015

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of and volunteers responsible for this year's Songs, Stages and Seafood Festival.

The Member for Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to congratulate the 2015 graduating classes of the schools in his District.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate the 2015 graduates of schools in his District.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate Christa Glover for being the first female pilot to be recognized as one of the "Top 20 Under 40" winners by Wings and Helicopters Magazine.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Raylene Mackey for having received a Caring Canadian award.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Herb Jacque who is the 2015 recipient of the Wayne Earle Community Service Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to inform the House about the cleanup of the Outer Ring Road.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the scholarship programme being offered by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and the Women in Resource Development Corporation to assist women pursuing trades and technology education.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

'WHEREAS seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador have the lowest median income amongst all Provinces;

AND WHEREAS seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador have remained at the very bottom in median after-tax income amongst Provinces since 2003 despite billions in oil revenue and a poverty reduction strategy;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Honourable House urge Government to commit to a poverty reduction strategy designed specifically to target seniors' poverty."

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, June 17th.

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 stop the privatization of long-term care immediately.

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 Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to recognize and act on the principle of equal pay for equal work for those who provide ambulance services in the Province.

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 erect traffic signage and traffic control devices and reduce the speed limit for eastbound traffic from Whitbourne and westbound traffic from the east end of Tilton and traffic exiting Route 73 off the Veterans' Memorial Highway from Harbour Grace.

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 upgrade a section of Route 438.

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 stop taxing home energy and reverse its decision to abolish the Residential Energy Rebate.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, 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.

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The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening and declared the motions carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, 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, June 16th.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, June 16th and declared the motions carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, 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, June 18th.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, June 18th and declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 7) 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 order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 13).

By leave the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Health And Community Services Act" (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Health And Community Services Act" (Bill No. 11) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 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 by leave to consider "An Act To Amend The Health And Community Services Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cross took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Cross) 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 Health And Community Services Act" (Bill No. 11) 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.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (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, June 16th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.