

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Deborah Bourden and Wilma Hartman for winning the Accommodator of the Year Award at the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Conference.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to congratulate Noah Hunt who has been selected as honorary Chair of the Gander Gutsy Walk for Crohn's and Colitis for 2016.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate the "Trail of the Caribou Project Team" and Retired Major Michael Pretty for ensuring all graves of Newfoundland and Labrador World War I dead are identified and marked.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize the heroism of James Seaward who with no regard for his own life rescued a woman who was in a vehicle submerged in a lake in four feet of water.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize the designation of Lt. Col (Padre) Thomas Nangle as a National Historic Person by the Federal Government.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate and thank Sgt. Judy Sparkes on her 35 years of service in the Canadian Forces.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games athletes, coaches, organizers, volunteers and supporters.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to inform the House that in Budget 2016-17 Government will not make any changes to the core grant funding it provides to community groups.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to provide the House an update regarding early tendering for road work.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) presented the Report of the Striking Committee and by leave moved that, pursuant to the recommendation of that Committee, the Standing Committees of the House comprise the following Members:

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Government Services Committee:

the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds),
the Member for Bonavista (Mr. King),
the Member for Burin - Grand Bank (Ms. Haley),
the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings),
the Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley),
the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent),
the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (Mr. Finn),
the Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael);

Social Services Committee:

the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster),
the Member for Burin - Grand Bank (Ms. Haley),
the Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry),
the Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley),
the Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane),
the Member for St. George's - Humber (Mr. Reid),
the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers),
the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis);

Resource Committee:

the Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (Mr. Warr),
the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Kevin Parsons),
the Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (Mr. Brazil),
the Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean),
the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr Bragg),
the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons),
the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael),
the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (Mr. Finn);

Public Accounts Committee:

the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil),
the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr),
the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten),
the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg),
the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons),
the Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid),
the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers);

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Privileges and Elections Committee:

the Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid),
the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings),
the Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons),
the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael),
the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn);

Standing Orders Committee:

the Member for Burgeo - LaPoile (Mr. Andrew Parsons),
the Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid),
the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent),
the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael),
the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Coady);

Miscellaneous and Private Bills Committee:

the Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid),
the Member for Bonavista (Mr. King),
the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael),
the Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley),
the Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent).

The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Interprovincial Subpoena Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend the Professional Fish Harvesters Act" (Bill No. 6).

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis):

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government of Canada to recognize the impact of the steep fall in oil revenues on our Province and that it consider financial support to our Province in order to prevent deep cuts in services to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government of Canada to modernize Federal - Provincial Arrangements, including the Equalization Program and the Fiscal Stabilization Program to more fairly and promptly reflect our Province’s needs and to more fairly account for natural resource revenues.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.