

Thursday, March 10th, 2016

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Seaport Skaters Club for the successful provincial skating championships they hosted in February.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to pay tribute to Yvonne Jones of Mary's Harbour who has waged a successful battle against Breast Cancer and to recognize the initiatives Ms. Jones has undertaken to raise awareness of breast cancer and assist those who need to travel for treatment.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Christopher Dugas of Kippens who won a silver medal in the 100-metre snowshoe race during the Special Olympics.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to recognize and thank Leon Slaney for his quick thinking and courageous actions in rescuing his friend from the frigid waters of an ice-covered pond.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to recognize the Clarendville Area Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding contribution to the business community.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Joan Stamp who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

The Honourable the Speaker announced that starting today the House would add a temporary Routine Proceeding entitled **Honour 100**, to commemorate the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, by reading the names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice during that War. The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), the Premier (Mr. Ball), the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis) and the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) each read aloud forty of the following names after which the House observed a minute of silence:

Abbott, Arthur John
Abbott, Eli
Abbott, Fred
Abbott, George
Abbott, Stanley
Adams, John Thomas
Adams, Otto Herbert
Adams, William
Alcock, Augustus
Alexander, Joseph

Barnes, William Edward
Barrett, Harold George
Barrett, James
Barrett, Leonard Josiah
Barron, Frank
Barron, James
Barrow, Daniel
Barter, Alexander
Bartlett, Bertha
Bartlett, Isaac

Blake, Zachariah
Blandford, George
Blundon, Allen
Blyde, Michael John
Bobbett, Matthew
Boland, Patrick J.
Bollard, George Edward
Boone, Joseph
Boone, Stephen M.
Boone, Stewart Malcolm

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| <i>Alexander, Walter Ernest</i> | <i>Bartlett, Joseph Patrick</i> | <i>Booth, John</i> |
| <i>Alfilsen, A.</i> | <i>Bartlett, Mac</i> | <i>Bourden, Harry Hooper</i> |
| <i>Anderson, Israel</i> | <i>Bartlett, Rupert W.</i> | <i>Boutcher, John W.</i> |
| <i>Anderson, James</i> | <i>Bartlett, William Washer</i> | <i>Bowden, Hugh Pierson</i> |
| <i>Andrews, Joseph</i> | <i>Barton, John</i> | <i>Bowe, Walter</i> |
| <i>Andrews, Walter</i> | <i>Bastow, Albert Chesley</i> | <i>Bower, E.C.</i> |
| <i>Antle, Gilbert</i> | <i>Bastow, Frederick Donald</i> | <i>Bowman, Charles</i> |
| <i>Armstrong, R. Gordon</i> | <i>Bastow, Gordon Clarence</i> | <i>Boyd, Alphonso</i> |
| <i>Arnold, Chesley Gladstone</i> | <i>Belbin, Herbert</i> | <i>Brace, Albert</i> |
| <i>Ash, Archibald</i> | <i>Belbin, Herbert John</i> | <i>Brace, William James</i> |
| <i>Aspell, John Joseph</i> | <i>Bellows, Stewart</i> | <i>Bradbury, Malcolm</i> |
| <i>Atkinson, Arthur</i> | <i>Bendell, James Alexander</i> | <i>Bradley, Wilfred</i> |
| <i>Atkinson, Michael</i> | <i>Benger, Rance</i> | <i>Bragg, George Philip</i> |
| <i>Attwood, George</i> | <i>Bennett, Charles</i> | <i>Brake, George Edward</i> |
| <i>Atwill, Duncan</i> | <i>Bennett, Chesley</i> | <i>Breen, John</i> |
| <i>Atwill, James</i> | <i>Bennett, Edward</i> | <i>Brent, David</i> |
| <i>Avery, Hezekiah</i> | <i>Bennett, Hector</i> | <i>Brenton, Albert</i> |
| <i>Ayles, Alexander</i> | <i>Bennett, James</i> | <i>Brenton, George</i> |
| <i>Ayre, Edward Alphonsus</i> | <i>Bennett, Leonard Joseph</i> | <i>Brest, John</i> |
| <i>Ayre, Eric S.</i> | <i>Bennett, Peter Francis</i> | <i>Briely, Duncan</i> |
| <i>Ayre, Gerald Walter</i> | <i>Bennett, William</i> | <i>Brinson, Lewis</i> |
| <i>Ayre, Wilfred Douglas</i> | <i>Bennett, William</i> | <i>Brinston, Alison</i> |
| <i>Babstock, William Thomas</i> | <i>Bennoit, Peter</i> | <i>Brinston, Angus</i> |
| <i>Badcock, Arthur</i> | <i>Benoit, Benjamin</i> | <i>Brinston, Augustus Perry</i> |
| <i>Baggs, Arthur</i> | <i>Benoit, James John</i> | <i>Brinston, George</i> |
| <i>Baker, Esau</i> | <i>Benoit, Joseph H.</i> | <i>Brinston, Leslie</i> |
| <i>Baker, George</i> | <i>Benoit, Peter</i> | <i>Brinton, Thomas</i> |
| <i>Baker, Nero</i> | <i>Benoit, Victor Joseph</i> | <i>Brocklehurst, George Augustus</i> |
| <i>Baldwin, Gilbert</i> | <i>Benoit, Walter</i> | <i>Broderick, Michael</i> |
| <i>Baldwin, Henry Herbert</i> | <i>Benson, William J.</i> | <i>Brown, Bertram</i> |
| <i>Baldwin, Uriah</i> | <i>Benson, Wilson</i> | <i>Brown, Edmond</i> |
| <i>Ball, Mathias</i> | <i>Berrigan, John Thomas</i> | <i>Brown, Edward John</i> |
| <i>Ballam, Arthur George</i> | <i>Beson, Patrick</i> | <i>Brown, Ernest</i> |
| <i>Balsom, Ralph Norman</i> | <i>Best, Frank Gordon</i> | <i>Brown, George</i> |
| <i>Bambury, Samuel</i> | <i>Bewhey, Edward</i> | <i>Brown, Henry</i> |
| <i>Barbour, George</i> | <i>Billard, Simeon</i> | <i>Brown, James G</i> |
| <i>Barbour, Horatio</i> | <i>Bishop, Archibald Walter</i> | <i>Brown, James Michael</i> |
| <i>Barbour, Lester D.</i> | <i>Bishop, Caleb Golding</i> | <i>Brown, John W.</i> |
| <i>Barbour, Wilfred Hedley</i> | <i>Bishop, George H.</i> | <i>Brown, Louis</i> |
| <i>Barnes, Enos</i> | <i>Bishop, Wilson</i> | <i>Brown, Orlando</i> |
| <i>Barnes, Herbert Bramwell</i> | <i>Blackall, Herbert William</i> | <i>Brown, Patrick Joseph</i> |
| <i>Barnes, John C.</i> | <i>Blackmore, Edgar</i> | <i>Brown, William</i> |
| <i>Barnes, Lawrence</i> | <i>Blagdon, Thomas</i> | |
| <i>Barnes, Maxwell</i> | <i>Blake, John</i> | |

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to commemorate the Cougar Flight 491 helicopter crash.

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The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize March as Pharmacist Awareness Month.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) tabled the Report of the Committee struck to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), pursuant to s.16 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, reported that he had consulted the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Third Party regarding the appointments and terms of reference which will apply to the Members' Compensation Review Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) tabled a copy of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Gross Spending Savings Summary and page 4 of the 2014-15 fall economic update.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 16(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* requires that an independent committee, called a Members' Compensation Review Committee, be appointed at least once during each General Assembly;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with subsection 16(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker has consulted with the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Third Party on the appointments to the said Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Government House Leader, Opposition House Leader and the Third Party have agreed with the introduction of this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS under subsection 16(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, a Members' Compensation Review Committee appointed under this resolution must report to the Speaker on its recommendations within 120 days of its appointment;

BE IT RESOLVED that Sandra Burke, Kathy LeGrow and Jeffrey Pardy are appointed to the Members' Compensation Review Committee, with the appointment to be effective on July 7, 2016;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with section 16 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* the Members' Compensation Review Committee shall inquire into and prepare a report respecting the salaries, allowances, severance payments and pensions to be paid to Members of the House of Assembly and in particular the Committee shall:

1. recommend the annual salary for Members of the House of Assembly;
2. review and make recommendations regarding the additional salary provisions for positions identified in subsection 12(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*;
3. recommend a formula or means for making annual salary adjustments for salary amounts referenced in clauses 2 and 3 above;
4. review and make recommendations regarding the current severance pay policy for Members of the House of Assembly;
5. review the current provisions for Members' pensions and provide recommendations for adjustments;
6. review and make recommendations regarding the Intra-Constituency Allowance for each District established in the Schedule to *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*. This review should take into account the provision of services by Members as a result of the increase in the size of some districts, as a result of Electoral Boundary reform in 2015.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members' Compensation Review Committee, as part of its inquiries, consult with appropriate persons who can assist the Committee with respect to its required duties and shall

7. consult with Members of the House of Assembly, review and make recommendations with respect to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, including but not limited to:
 - a) current accommodation provisions for Members and whether other alternatives are available from a cost-benefit perspective;
 - b) travel and living costs for training and orientation of Members following general elections and by-elections;
 - c) clarification of the parameters regarding usage of the constituency allowance; and
 - d) clarification of the parameters for the use of rental cars.

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8. consult with the House of Assembly Service regarding issues in administering the current regime as well as impacts, legislative and otherwise, of proposed recommendations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that research and administrative support to the Members' Compensation Review Committee will be provided by or arranged by the House of Assembly Service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members' Compensation Review Committee deliver its report to the Speaker on or before November 4, 2016;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly Service shall conclude the contractual arrangements required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.”

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to press the Province's Federal Members of Parliament and the Federal Government to reduce Marine Atlantic ferry rates.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to press the Government of Canada to schedule both preparatory consultations and inquiry sessions in communities in Newfoundland and Labrador in which grieving Aboriginal families live.

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 ensure that Holy Cross Junior High School remains open and arrange for the election of an English School Board.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to be vocal in calling on the Government of Canada to extend the recreational ground fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador to promote fairness, safety and tourism in our Province.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to set targets for improving the food security of Newfoundland and Labrador by promoting the growing in this Province of more of the food we consume.

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Interprovincial Subpoena Act" (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Professional Fish Harvesters Act" (Bill No. 6).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Establish An Independent Appointments Commission And To Require A Merit-Based Process For Various Appointments" (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, March 15th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.