

Monday, May 9th, 2016

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to recognize Dana Martin Kelly for her athletic accomplishments.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Zita Kavanagh-Taylor and the volunteers of the NL MS Avalon Chapter for the good work they do.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate Jeremy Lewis, recipient of the Young Citizens Award at the Heritage Fair at Roncalli Central High.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the grade 6 pupils of Holy Trinity Elementary School who participated in the class's recent Speak-Off.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Gary Bishop for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Frank Collier for 37 years of service to the St. Alban's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

*The Commemoration of the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel
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The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) read the following names:

<i>Maher, James John</i>	<i>Martin, Alexander</i>	<i>McDonald, Michael P.</i>
<i>Maher, Leo Joseph</i>	<i>Martin, Eric Shannon</i>	<i>McDonald, Walter G.</i>
<i>Maidment, Arthur E. W.</i>	<i>Martin, Henley Arthur</i>	<i>McGrath, Joseph</i>
<i>Maidment, Robert Lewis</i>	<i>Martin, James J.</i>	<i>McGrath, Ronald B.</i>
<i>Major, John Thomas</i>	<i>Martin, Richard B.</i>	<i>McGrath, Thomas White</i>
<i>Manning, Augustine J.</i>	<i>Martin, Stephen</i>	<i>McGrath, William</i>
<i>Mansfield, Michael</i>	<i>Martin, Stephen A.</i>	<i>McKay, Patrick John</i>
<i>Manuel, Alfred</i>	<i>Martin, Sylvester</i>	<i>McKenzie, William</i>
<i>Manuel, Samuel</i>	<i>Martin, William John</i>	<i>McKie, Scobie</i>
<i>Marks, Chesley</i>	<i>Martret, Joseph</i>	<i>McLaughlin, James</i>
<i>Marks, Levi</i>	<i>Masters, William</i>	<i>McManus, Clem</i>
<i>Marsh, Joseph</i>	<i>May, John</i>	<i>McNeil, Donald Fraser</i>
<i>Marsh, Walter</i>	<i>McCarthy, Charles</i>	
<i>Marsh, William L.</i>	<i>McDonald, Bernard</i>	

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The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Fire and Emergency Services (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to inform the House about a partnership among the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services, the Lions Club and the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, established to provide training to first responders to enable them to recognize and assist persons with autism in an emergency.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to welcome Mr. Fred Fox, brother of the late Terry Fox, to the Province.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) presented the Report of the Resource Committee.

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

“WHEREAS Wabush Mines pensioners have experienced a reduction in pension benefits of 25 percent for the non-unionized pension plan members and 21 percent for the unionized pension plan members;

AND WHEREAS those reductions have happened because of Cliffs Natural Resources entering bankruptcy protection under the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) and given relief in contributions to the Pension Plans resulting in a significant unfunded liability in the plans;

AND WHEREAS many pension plans across Canada are experiencing significant unfunded liabilities and could meet the same fate as the Wabush pension plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador supports the efforts of Federal Members of Parliament, led by the MP for Labrador, in seeking amendments to the CCAA to ensure pensioners are given priority on the secured creditors’ list during the bankruptcy protection process.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 11th.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) 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, May 10th, 2016.

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 the Deficit Reduction Levy is eliminated and any replacement measure is based on progressive taxation principles and that an independent review of the provincial tax system begins immediately.

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 reinstate funding for health care in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the Deficit Reduction Levy is eliminated and any replacement measure is based on progressive taxation principles and that an independent review of the provincial tax system begins immediately.

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 groundfish 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 clarify its position and plan so that St. Peter's Primary and other schools in Newfoundland and Labrador can properly accommodate students when full-day Kindergarten commences in September 2016.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 25) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster 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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hearing Aid Practitioners Act" (Bill No. 25) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read the third 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 Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Lane) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Parliamentary Assistant Act And The Parliamentary Secretaries Act" (Bill No. 3) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be read the third time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) 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.

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.

Debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Lane, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Parsley, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Warr, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

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Against: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.