

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to commend Sydney Sparkes for her efforts in raising funds in support of the fight against cancer.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Johannes Lampe who was acclaimed President of Nunatsiavut on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to commend Agnes Pike of West St. Modeste for her four decades of community service and leadership in Labrador.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Hilda Pardy who recently celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Bay Bulls to Bauline Athletic Association on the vital role they play in the Bay Bulls to Bauline region.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the young people honoured at Mount Pearl's Focus on Youth Awards.

*The Commemoration of the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel  
Honor 100*

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) read the following names:

Murphy, Laurence	Neil, Ralph	Nicholls, Levi Mason
Murphy, Lawrence	Nelson, Charles Joseph	Nichols, Campbell Whithycombe
Murphy, Martin	Neville, Gregory	Nichols, George Duncan
Murphy, Thomas	Neville, Richard J.	Noftall, Edward George
Murphy, Walter Leonard	Neville, William John	Noftall, John
Murphy, William John	Newell, Clement Leslie	Noftell, Patrick Alexander
Murray, Archibald	Newell, Kenneth S.	Noonan, Henry Colton
Murray, James	Newell, Victor Perrin	Noonan, Robert Anthony
Murray, Samuel	Newhook, E.	Norman, Walter H.
Murrin, William Henry	Newhook, George Frederick	Norman, William H.
Mutford, Albert John	Newman, Archibald Mark	Normore, Levi
Mutford, Hiram G.	Newman, James	Norris, Stephen Casimir
Myer, Albert John	Newton, James	
Myrick, John	Nicholle, Edward H.	

The House observed a minute of silence.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to welcome a delegation of European Union Ambassadors to Canada to Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate St. James Regional High School on their receiving this year's Inclusive Education Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House that 30 officers and one civilian member of the RCMP in Newfoundland and Labrador have been deployed to Fort McMurray to assist in the rebuilding of the community in the aftermath of the forest fire.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) tabled the Report of the Auditor General entitled 2016 Update on Recommendations from the 2012 Annual Report.

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 Pensions Funding Act And The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 28).

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 Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 27).

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 Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Joyce) answered a question asked by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) for which notice had been given regarding amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act*.

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 Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the previous teacher allocation and delay the

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implementation of a full-day Kindergarten at Beachy Cove Elementary the right to a quality education.

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 reverse fee increases introduced through Budget 2016.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse the decision to close the Provincial Court in Harbour Grace.

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 keep libraries open and work on a long term plan to strengthen the library system.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 12) 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 notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons):

**"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

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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;

**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:

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

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 Supply (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 without amendment the Estimates of the Contingency Reserve, the Consolidated Fund Services, the Legislature and the following subheads of the Executive Council Estimates: 1.1.01, 2.1.01 to 2.2.03 inclusive, 2.2.05 to 2.4.01 inclusive, 2.5.01 and 2.5.02 and 2.6.01 to 2.6.04 inclusive.

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On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply was received and adopted.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.