

Monday, May 16th, 2016

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

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Keiara and Karlee Paul for their fundraising efforts in support of the people of Fort McMurray.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate young people who were honoured at the Mount Pearl Focus on Youth Awards ceremony.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate the 2016 graduating class of Menihek High School.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late John Gibson.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate the 2016 graduating class of Roncalli Central High and wish them a safe graduation celebration.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Torbay Lions Club on a successful first year.

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) read the following names:

North, Robert	O'Connell, Felix	O'Neill, Patrick
Noseworthy, Edward	O'Driscoll, Albert	O'Neill, William
Noseworthy, Herman	O'Flynn, Michael Joseph	O'Reilly, William
Noseworthy, William	Ogden, John Joseph	Organ, John
Nurse, William	O'Keefe, Edward	O'Rourke, John
Oake, Henry	O'Keefe, Thomas Joseph	O'Rourke, John
O'Brien, Augustus	O'Keefe, William Joseph	Osborne, Reuben
O'Brien, Edward	Oldford, Hubert	Osbourne, James
O'Brien, James	O'Leary, James Joseph	Osmond, Cecil
O'Brien, James John	Ollerhead, William	Osmond, Douglas McNeil
O'Brien, Justin	Olsen, Joseph	Osmond, Gerald Augustus
O'Brien, Michael G.	O'Neill, Ambrose A.	Osmond, William
O'Brien, Patrick	O'Neill, John St. John	
O'Brien, William Vincent	O'Neill, Michael Joseph	

The House observed a minute of silence.

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House about the Women in Leadership Law Enforcement session being held in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department had entered into an agreement with Key Assets Newfoundland and Labrador to establish the Key Assets Family-Based Pilot Project.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urges the Government to ensure that the Deficit Reduction Levy is immediately eliminated and that any replacement measure be based on progressive taxation principles and further urges that an independent review of the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial income tax system begin promptly to make it fairer to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians”.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the above-noted Resolution would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, May 18th.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996” (Bill No. 29).

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 17th, 2016.

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 direct Eastern Health to reverse cuts to X-ray and laundry services at the Bonavista Peninsula Community Health Centre.

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.

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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 reconsider its decision to close the Bonavista Advanced Education and Skills Office.

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.

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 certain Health Care services in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to stop the introduction of the temporary deficit reduction levy immediately.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly” (Bill No. 27) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

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 Establish An Independent Appointments Commission And To Require A Merit-Based Process For Various Appointments” (Bill No. 1).

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.

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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 made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

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.

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 passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Establish An Independent Appointments Commission And To Require A Merit-Based Process For Various Appointments" (Bill No. 1) with amendments.

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

The amendments to Bill No. 1 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read the third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third 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 the Bill 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.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.