

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Bobbi Pike for her artistic accomplishments.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize Mr. John Kendell who has helped raise \$50,000 through Cycling for Cancer to assist local cancer patients.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize the contribution to their communities of volunteers.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to recognize teachers Rob Matthews, winner of the Barnes Award and Katherine Rowsell, winner of the Bancraft Award.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Megan Gail Coles winner of the 2015 ReLit Award for Short Fiction.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the Baie Verte Emerald, winner of the Under-18 Girls' Provincial Volleyball Championship.

*The Commemoration of the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel  
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The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) read the following names:

<i>O'Toole, Francis</i>	<i>Parsons, Charles Albert</i>	<i>Peach, Josiah Wesley</i>
<i>Outerbridge, Norman A.</i>	<i>Parsons, Charles H.</i>	<i>Peach, William H.</i>
<i>Owen, Richard</i>	<i>Parsons, Harry</i>	<i>Pearce, Hector</i>
<i>Oxford, Walter</i>	<i>Parsons, Pierce</i>	<i>Pearce, Samuel R.</i>
<i>Palfrey, Patrick</i>	<i>Parsons, William</i>	<i>Pearcey, Jacob</i>
<i>Pardy, George Richard</i>	<i>Parsons, William Thomas</i>	<i>Peckford, Edward</i>
<i>Park, Augustus Percival</i>	<i>Patey, William W.</i>	<i>Peddle, Alec</i>
<i>Parmiter, Cecil</i>	<i>Paul, Reginald J.</i>	<i>Peddle, Eli</i>
<i>Parmiter, Norman</i>	<i>Paul, Stephen J.</i>	<i>Peddle, Richard</i>
<i>Parrell, John Richard</i>	<i>Payne, Frank</i>	<i>Pelley, Clarence</i>
<i>Parrell, Patrick</i>	<i>Payne, Naaman</i>	<i>Pender, Cornelius</i>
<i>Parson, John</i>	<i>Payne, Stephen</i>	<i>Pennell, Charles</i>
<i>Parsons, Aubrey L.</i>	<i>Peach, Archibald W.</i>	
<i>Parsons, Bertram C.</i>	<i>Peach, Henry W.</i>	

The House observed a minute of silence.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to inform the House about the recent meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to inform the House about the Government's support for mineral prospectors in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to acknowledge the work of the Brother T. I. Murphy Centre.

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 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 Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to explore all options, including partnerships, in creating new long-term care beds in this Province.

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

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 office of Advanced Education and Skills on Bell Island.

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996" (Bill No. 29) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second 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 Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 27) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 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 Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 27).

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 (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 Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 27) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

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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 Social Services Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Osborne) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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