

Monday, June 6th, 2016

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Ernie and Cathy Brown for having established a first class dinner theatre in their community.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate Kyle O'Dell, Colton McClean and Sarah Pike who have been awarded karate black belts.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to recognize and thank the Kiwanis Club of Bell Island for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in a bus accident in Saskatchewan in 1980.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Rodney Drover who has been selected as one of four teachers to represent Canada, the Canadian Teachers Association and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association in Sierra Leone this summer.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast for their contribution to their community.

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) read the following names:

Tucker, Denis	Vaughan, Francis J.	Walsh, Michael Francis
Tucker, John Charles	Vaughan, Joseph	Walsh, Patrick
Tucker, Joshua	Vaughan, Oscar A.	Walsh, Thomas
Tucker, Walter	Viscount, John Francis	Walters, Gilbert
Tuff, Frank Paine	Voisey, Leo Michael	Warford, Garland
Tuff, Jabez	Voisey, Richard Patrick	Warren, Albert J.
Tuff, James Roy	Vokey, Herbert	Warren, John Henry
Tulk, Ralph	Vokey, Philip	Waterfield, Joseph Ross
Tupp, Leonard John	Wade, Edgar	Watkins, Jonas
Turpin, John	Wagg, Albert F.	Watkins, Robert James
Twiner, Herbert	Wakely, Henry C.	Watts, James Pittman
Twyne, Abram James	Walsh, Douglas	Watts, Rupert King
Upward, Pearce	Walsh, James	
Vail, Hemnon		

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The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize June 5 – 11 as Canadian Environment Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize June 5th as National Cancer Survivors Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize June as Seniors Month in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980 in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador with a dream of creating awareness of cancer and raising \$1,000,000 to find a cure;

AND WHEREAS Terry Fox, at the age of 21 and having had a leg amputated due to bone cancer, endeavored to run across Canada, covering 5,373 kilometers over 143 days, the equivalent to a 42-kilometre marathon each day until he was forced to stop due to a recurrence of cancer;

AND WHEREAS after the first 25 days, and with growing encouragement from residents along the way, Terry Fox stopped in Channel-Port aux Basques where that town alone raised \$10,000;

AND WHEREAS the generous response from people in Port aux Basques fired his imagination and a new fundraising goal of one dollar for every Canadian was set;

AND WHEREAS in the past 36 years, more than \$650 million has been raised in Terry Fox’s name to support cancer research;

AND WHEREAS Terry Fox and his family continue to be an inspiration to school children and communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, and around the world;

AND WHEREAS Terry Fox’s courageous journey began in Newfoundland and Labrador and gave his dream a momentum that endures;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the decision to proclaim the second Sunday after Labour Day in each year throughout Newfoundland and Labrador as Terry Fox Day.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, June 8th.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) answered a question asked by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) regarding the equalization repayment made in February.

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, June 7th, 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 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 the decision to make cuts to teachers and to our educational system, which will have a negative effect on the students.

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 reverse the decision to close the Pouch Cove Library.

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 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 implementation of a full-day Kindergarten at Beachy Cove Elementary.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 6” (Bill No. 23) 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 order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2” (Bill No. 33) 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 the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 38);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 5” (Bill No. 17);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Income And Employment Support Act And The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 37).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005 And The Tobacco Control Act” (Bill No. 35).

During the debate the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) moved the following amendment:

“That the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 35 be amended by the deletion of all the words after the word “That” and the substitution of the following therefor: “Bill

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No. 35, "*An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2004 And The Tobacco Control Act*", be not now read a second time, but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter thereof referred to the Social Services Committee of the House for public consultation and review."

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) suspended the proceedings at 3:49 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) resumed the Chair at 4:07 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the motion defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2004 And The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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 Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2004 And The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 35).

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 Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2004 And The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 35) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 36) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 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 Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 36).

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 passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 36) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read the third 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 Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 14).

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 made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.