

Monday, November 21st, 2016

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to honour Ken Williams for his contribution to hockey on the Southern Shore and in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Reginald White who has been named a Senior of Distinction.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate and thank Mr. Ronald James Anderson who has been awarded the Medal of Bravery for saving the lives of two snowmobilers who went through the ice near Nain Bay in 2015.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate Barb Howlett on her many accomplishments and thank her for her contribution to her community as a volunteer.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate Constable David Curtis Barrett who was recently awarded the Star of Courage by Governor General Johnson for the part he played in stopping an armed man who had stormed the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings on October 22nd, 2014.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Robert Sweeny, this year's winner of the Governor General's History Award for Scholarly Research.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Constable Stephanie Pelley, Constable Charley Torres and Constable Julie Cunningham who were honoured with awards for their service to the Province.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) tabled pursuant to section 5(2)(b) of the *Supply Act 2016* Order in Council 2016-263 which authorized the transfer of \$260,000 from the Contingency Reserve to the Department of Justice and Public Safety, Civil Division Allowances and Assistance.

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The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. Mitchelmore) tabled the answer to a question asked on November 15th relating to job creation in the Province and the Ocean Frontier Institute.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007” (Bill No. 48).

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (Mr. Paul Davis) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that any and all agreements respecting Churchill River hydro power shall be brought to the House of Assembly for public debate and Members’ vote prior to ratification.”

The Honourable the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Topsail - Paradise (Mr. Paul Davis) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, November 23rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Joyce) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province” (Bill No. 47).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6” (Bill No. 49).

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 Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to strike an all-party committee on school busing to make recommendations to Government for the improvement of the school busing system in the province.

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.

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The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to upgrade the Witless Bay Line to enhance and improve the flow of traffic to and from the Trans Canada Highway.

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 ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is a concern.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Create Safe Zones Around Facilities And Homes Of Doctors And Service Providers Providing Or Facilitation Abortion Services” (Bill No. 43) 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 45);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies” (Bill No. 46).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills 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 Highway Traffic Act No. 3” (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 3” (Bill No. 42) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 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 Highway Traffic Act No. 3" (Bill No. 42).

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 Highway Traffic Act No. 3" (Bill No. 42) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 44) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 22nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.