

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to thank the Brigus Volunteer Fire Department for their service to the District of Harbour Main and congratulate members who have received long service awards.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mary Power.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Augustus Menchions.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to pay tribute to John and Frances Kealey recipients of the NAIA Aquaculturist of the Year award.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to pay tribute to Lodge Bay, Labrador for continuing to organize a Remembrance Day Ceremony to honour those serving in uniformed services.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate award winners who were honoured at the fifth Annual Bright Business Achievement Awards Ceremony and to recognize nominees for and sponsors of the awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to highlight the importance of breastfeeding in the early months of an infant's life.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's Opioid Action Plan.

During Oral Questions the Speaker suspended the proceedings at 1:58 o'clock in the afternoon owing to a disturbance in the public galleries.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:02 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Joyce) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009 No. 2" (Bill No. 50).

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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 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 legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage and an annual adjustment to the minimum wage, beginning in 2016, to reflect the Consumer Price Index.

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 take immediate action to develop markets for groundfish in the Province and with our trading partners.

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 reverse the decision to cut teacher allocations and funding for education.

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.

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

A Bill,            "An Act Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province" (Bill No. 47);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007" (Bill No. 48);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6" (Bill No. 49).

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 Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 3" (Bill No. 42) and on motion the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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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.

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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 44).

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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 44) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 44) 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 debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies" (Bill No. 46) 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, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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