

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to thank the Presentation Sisters for their donation of St. Patrick's Convent to the City of St. John's for conversion into 22 affordable housing units.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Jerome Byrne for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for Lewisporte - Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate volunteers honoured at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in Summerford.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the organizers of Calen's Run, especially Tom Collins and Russell Stockley, for their volunteer efforts.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate and thank Major (ret.) Marjorie Coakwell for organizing the 75th anniversary commemoration of the U-boat attacks on Bell Island in 1941.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Russ Murphy who is the recipient of a Seniors of Distinction Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Paradise for achieving Silver certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for its Double Ice Complex.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to congratulate Memorial University's Enactus Team for winning the 2016 Enactus World Cup.

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 To Amend The Emergency 911 Act, The Emergency Services Act And The Fire Protection Services Act" (Bill No. 51).

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 Monday, November 28th, 2016.

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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 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 reverse fee increases introduced through Budget 2016 immediately.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Topsail - Paradise (Mr. Paul Davis):

“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.”

During the debate, the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady), seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) moved the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by deleting the words “any and all Agreements respecting Churchill River Hydro power” and by substituting the words “all future agreements respecting Churchill River Hydro Power developments and renegotiation of the Upper Churchill Power contract”.

The Speaker (Mr. Warr) suspended the proceedings at 3:26 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Warr) resumed the Chair at 3:29 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

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

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended and declared the amended Resolution carried.

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The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.