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

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Rich Wheeler who has received the Michael Wright Community Leadership Award from the Huntington Society of Canada for his advocacy for those suffering from Huntington's disease.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate Salvation Army Captain Anthony LeDrew, the Salvation Army Church and volunteers on their opening of a Soup Kitchen in Clarenville.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Goulds Volunteer Fire Brigade on their 40 years of service.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to honour Campia Gymnastics on the grand opening of their new facility.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize councillors and former councillors who were honoured for their service at a dinner in King's Cove.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize all those who contributed to the success of the 28th Annual Mount Pearl City Days Celebrations.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to encourage all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to participate in the 2016 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Project Red Ribbon campaign.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to inform the House that the Purple Ribbon flag has been raised for the first time at the Confederation Building.

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 Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 52).

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has a diverse and thriving social enterprise sector, which is actively meeting social, cultural, economic and environmental needs throughout the Province;

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AND WHEREAS social enterprises can help communities control their own economic future, fill critical gaps in the economy, and provide space for a new generation of entrepreneurs to apply their skills;

AND WHEREAS social enterprise development is another innovation tool for advancing regional growth opportunities to benefit the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's initiative to implement a social enterprise action plan, including long-term strategic goals supported by an annual work plan, early in 2017."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 30th.

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 develop a plan to address the shortage of long-term care beds.

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 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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Federal Government to change the policy on vessel length and policy regulations linking quotas to vessel length.

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“WHEREAS section 85 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* provides that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be filled by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS section 85 further provides that the Speaker establish a selection committee for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS that selection committee was established and that committee submitted a roster of qualified candidates to the Speaker of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS section 89 provides that the Lieutenant-Governor may, on the recommendation of the House of Assembly Management Commission appoint an acting commissioner if the office becomes vacant;

AND WHEREAS the office was vacated and Mr. Donovan Molloy was on the recommendation of the selection committee appointed in an acting capacity on July 22, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Donovan Molloy be appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner.”

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 Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies” (Bill No. 46).

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 (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act" (Bill No. 48) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 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 Hydro Corporation Act" (Bill No. 48).

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 Hydro Corporation Act" (Bill No. 48) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read the third time on tomorrow.

The Speaker suspended proceedings for the dinner break at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

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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 Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 45) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 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 Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 45).

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 Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 45) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 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 Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province” (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province” (Bill No. 47) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 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

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“An Act Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province” (Bill No. 47).

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 Respecting The Relocation Of Certain Communities In The Province” (Bill No. 47) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 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 Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6” (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6” (Bill No. 49) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 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 Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6” (Bill No. 49).

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 Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 6” (Bill No. 49) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 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 Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies" (Bill No. 46).

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 Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies" (Bill No. 46) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.