

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the Candlelighters Association of Newfoundland and Labrador and to welcome to the House five-year old Nathan Walsh who is living with Down Syndrome and has battled cancer. The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board, the Opposition House Leader and the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi joined the Speaker in welcoming Nathan.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate and thank all involved with the Wabana Boys' and Girls' Club on the club's sixty years of service to the community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, Sacred Heart Family Aid, and the Salvation Army, for their efforts in the fifth Annual Food Drive for Local Food Banks.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Dean & Stevie Stairs of Citadel House who have won the MusicNL Industry Professional of the Year and Outstanding Business Award.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Herbie's Olde Craft Shoppe in Petty Harbour.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize Nunatsiavut Day and 11 years of self-government for the Inuit in Labrador.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize Tyler Mugford who was selected to participate in the Youth Ambassadors of Canada programme.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Labrador Inuit as they celebrate Nunatsiavut Day.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize Saturday, December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House that tourism numbers have increased this season.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on August 24, 2016.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) pursuant to Section 23 of the *Citizens' Representative Act*, tabled the Citizens' Representative Annual Digest for 2015-16.

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 Respecting Regulatory Accountability And Reporting" (Bill No. 54).

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. Mitchelmore) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons" (Bill No. 55).

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice and moved the following motion:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Public Accounts Committee of the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is authorized to consider and report upon evidence heard by the Public Accounts Committee at hearings conducted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and related documentation".

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

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 introduce financial education into the provincial curriculum.

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.

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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 reverse its decision to cancel the new school planned for the Witless Bay/Mobile school system and construct the proposed school.

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 Bell Island Boys' and Girls' Club funding.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009 No. 2" (Bill No. 50) 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 Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act No. 2" (Bill No. 53) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 52) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 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 Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 52).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred

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and had directed her to report that they had passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act” (Bill No. 52) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 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 Emergency 911 Act, The Emergency Services Act And The Fire Protection Act” (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Emergency 911 Act, The Emergency Services Act And The Fire Protection Act” (Bill No. 51) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 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 Emergency 911 Act, The Emergency Services Act And The Fire Protection Act” (Bill No. 51).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Emergency 911 Act, The Emergency Services Act And The Fire Protection Act” (Bill No. 51) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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