

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

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

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate five Electoral District Scholarship winners in the District of Bonavista.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Lion's Club and its community partners for hosting another successful Santa Clause Parade in the City of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of the 6th Annual Christmas Gala held in Labrador City.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Gerry Porter.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate Zachary Dean on his outstanding athletic achievements.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Bauline on the grand opening of the new Town Hall and Community Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to inform the House that the coastline of Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve has been inscribed as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Joyce) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act And The City of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act" (Bill No. 62);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 63).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Provide The Public With Transparency Regarding Public Sector Compensation" (Bill No. 61).

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, December 12th, 2016.

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 Tuesday, December 13th, 2016.

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 North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce Workers Compensation Legislation containing a presumptive cancer and cardiac clause for firefighters, both career and volunteer.

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 implement no fees for those participating in the recreational fishery in 2016.

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 reverse the decision to make cuts to teacher allocations and to the educational system.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act No. 2” (Bill No. 53) 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 Municipal Elections Act” (Bill No. 57);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John’s Act” (Bill No. 58);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 59).

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 Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 56) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 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 Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 56).

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

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had directed her to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 4" (Bill No. 60) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

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.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to continue their consideration of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 56).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr 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 that they had had passed a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 56) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 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 Regulatory Accountability And Reporting" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Regulatory Accountability And Reporting" (Bill No. 54) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 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 Respecting Regulatory Accountability And Reporting" (Bill No. 54).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr 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 that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Regulatory Accountability And Reporting" (Bill No. 54) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read the third time on tomorrow.

By leave pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend the Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 57) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 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 Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 57).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Kent 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. Kent) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had

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directed him to report that they had had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Municipal Elections Act” (Bill No. 57) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.