

Thursday, December 8th, 2016

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize three Salvation Army Corps which have celebrated milestones in the past year.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to congratulate Braeden Mouland, winner of a poster challenge with the theme *True North Strong and Green*, Keira Hancott, runner-up and all participants in the contest.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate Melba Rabinowitz who will be inducted into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to commend Marystown's Sacred Heart Academy for being named one of the grand prize winners in this year's Aviva Community Fund competition.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Bernard Davis) made a Statement to recognize a group of seven pupils and two teachers from St. Paul's Junior High School who represented the school at "We Day Atlantic" in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Paul Davis) made a Statement to recognize Rich Wheeler who has received the Michael Wright Community Leadership National award from the Huntington Society of Canada.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett), by leave, made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Berta Butler on her 100th birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate PAL Airlines for receiving three awards at the St. John's Board of Trade 2016 Business Excellence Awards ceremony.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House about the Christmas Lights Across Canada illumination ceremony which will take place this evening.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to commend The Members of the House for passing Bill 53, "*An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act*" unanimously.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for May, June and July, 2016.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 4(2) of the *Elections Act, 1991* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoint the Chief Electoral Officer;

AND WHEREAS subsection 34(1) of the *House of Assembly Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoint a Commissioner for Legislative Standards;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5.1(2) of the *Elections Act, 1991* and subsection 34(3) of the *House of Assembly Act* provide that the same person may hold the office of the Chief Electoral Officer and the office of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Bruce Chaulk be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner for Legislative Standards”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS section 4 of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Child and Youth Advocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Jackie Lake-Kavanagh be appointed as the Child and Youth Advocate”.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) tabled the answer to access requests for diabetic test strips and long-term care waitlists.

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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to instruct the English School District to reverse the decision regarding busing and start times of Holy Trinity Elementary, Cape St. Francis Elementary and Holy Trinity High School immediately.

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 Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Federal Government not to implement fees for those participating in the recreational fishery in 2017.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Regulatory Accountability And Reporting” (Bill No. 54);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Municipal Elections Act” (Bill No. 57).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they 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 City Of St. John's Act And The City Of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act” (Bill No. 62) was 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 Respecting Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons” (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons” (Bill No. 55) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 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 Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons" (Bill No. 55).

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 Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons" (Bill No. 55) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 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 Highway Traffic Act No. 4" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be now read the second time.

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

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.

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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 Highway Traffic Act No. 4" (Bill No. 60) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read the third time on tomorrow

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "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) and on motion debate adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 12th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.