

Monday, December 12th, 2016

Be it known on this day at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Frank Fagan CM, ONL, MBA, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, at its present session, passed a certain Bill, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007” (Bill No. 48).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name I assent to this Bill”.

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Northern Arm on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate three Electoral District Scholarship winners from the District.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Ken Hines for achieving 50 years in business.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to raise the awareness of the general public of the dangers of impaired driving.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Tony Rose who has received the 2016 Muscular Dystrophy Canada's Fire Fighter of the Year award.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to inform the House that he had joined the Prime Minister and provincial and territorial counterparts in moving forward with the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to note that the Government will introduce amendments to the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act* to provide firefighters with presumptive cancer coverage.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

WHEREAS impaired driving continues to be the leading criminal cause of death in Canada;

AND WHEREAS according to a 2013 Statistics Canada study, since 2001 the largest increases in impaired driving in Canada have been in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS according to MADD Canada, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 16 to 25 year olds, and alcohol and/or drug impairment is a factor in 55% of those crashes;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consider taking further measures to curb impaired driving, such as:

- implementing mandatory interlock systems;
- impounding of vehicles at the warning stage;
- zero tolerance for blood alcohol content above 0% for drivers with less than three years of driving experience; and
- zero tolerance for impairment by illicit drugs for drivers with less than three years of driving experience.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (Mr. Browne) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, December 14th.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hawkins) tabled an answer to a question regarding traffic counts for the Province's 13 highest-priority routes.

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 reverse the decision regarding x-ray services at Placentia Health Centre and restore the provision of x-ray services to a twenty-four hours a day seven days a week service.

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 introduce legislation to provide for 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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take immediate action to provide residents of the Norman's Cove – Long Cove area with the necessary supports to help rebuild their local economy.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 59) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 59) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 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 Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 59).

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 Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 59) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Secure Withdrawal Management For Young Persons” (Bill No. 55);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 4” (Bill No. 60).

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 order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 56) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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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 continued on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 56) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Provide The Public With Transparency Regarding Public Sector Compensation" (Bill No. 61);

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

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Seniors' Advocate" (Bill No. 64).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 56).

During the debate the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) moved, seconded by the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil), the following amendment:

"that Bill 56, *An Act To Amend The Rooms Act* be not now read a third time but that it be read a third time six months hence."

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) suspended the proceedings at 5:38 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Ms. Dempster) resumed the Chair at 5:41 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment.

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The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Warr, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Parsley, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Rooms Act" (Bill No. 56). The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded 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 it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the 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) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be referred to a Committee of the Whole presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a 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) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order 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 second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 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 City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The

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City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 58) and a 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).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bragg 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. Bragg) 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 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 a 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) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 58 and 62 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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 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".

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The Speaker (Mr. Warr) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

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 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 Speaker (Mr. Warr) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 13th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.