

Tuesday, December 13th, 2016

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Shore Folk Arts Council for their many years of service.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Mark Peddle who helped co-host the Special Olympics Canada National Awards at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate Mitchell Brophy who was named Holyrood Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate six competitors from his District for their success at the Newfoundland and Labrador Amateur Bodybuilding championships in St. John's in November.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to celebrate the Mummings Festival which is taking place this week.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House about the Bill entitled "*An Act Respecting The Seniors' Advocate*" which will be given Second Reading in the House this afternoon.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agrifoods (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to recognize the Forestry Services Branch of the Department on the continued certification of its Environmental Management System to the ISO 14001:2004 standard.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) tabled the first Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the 48th General Assembly.

The Honourable the Deputy Speaker (Ms. Dempster), 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 November 23, 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 Thursday, December 15th, 2016.

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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 not to impose a provincial sales tax on books.

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 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 action to provide the residents of the Norman's Cove-Long Cove area with the necessary supports to help them rebuild the local economy.

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 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 funding for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs in the Province.

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

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);

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).

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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Seniors' Advocate" (Bill No. 64) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Seniors’ Advocate” (Bill No. 64) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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 consider a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Seniors’ Advocate” (Bill No. 64).

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 The Seniors’ Advocate” (Bill No. 64) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 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 Provide The Public With Transparency Regarding Public Sector Compensation” (Bill No. 61) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be now read the second time.

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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 To Provide The Public With Transparency Regarding Public Sector Compensation" (Bill No. 61).

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. Finn) 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 Provide The Public With Transparency Regarding Public Sector Compensation" (Bill No. 61) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 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 Lands Act" (Bill No. 63) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 63) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 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 Lands Act" (Bill No. 63).

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.

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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 To Amend The Lands Act” (Bill No. 63) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be read the third time on tomorrow.

By leave pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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

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

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Seniors’ Advocate” (Bill No. 64).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

The Leader of the Official Opposition Office (Mr. Davis), the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael), the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) and the Honourable the Deputy Speaker (Ms. Dempster) extended Christmas wishes to the Members and staff of the House of Assembly.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.