

Monday, February 27th, 2017

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers and staff of the town of Harbour Main who were responsible for the success of the 2017 Crystal Carnival.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Kaitlyn Dalton who has won a competition with her speech "What Canada Means To Me".

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize outstanding volunteer Ms. Dianne Trenchard.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to pay tribute to the firefighters, first responders Lions Club members, volunteers and community groups that makes her district "South Coast Strong".

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. David Locke who has been named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals.

The Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (Mr. Bernard Davis) made a Statement to inform the House about the Human Shield – Protect Our Mosques event of February 3rd at the Masjid-an-Noor mosque.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Angus Bruneau.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate this year's recipients of the Safe and Caring Schools Special Projects Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Trimper) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act" (Bill No. 67);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 66).

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 To Amend The Health Professions Act" (Bill No. 69).

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS only 34 female MHAs have been elected in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1930;

AND WHEREAS as of June 2016, only 22.8 per cent of all national parliamentarians were women;

AND WHEREAS the recent Daughters of the Vote event saw significant interest among women across the province to become involved in political and leadership roles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to encourage increased participation of women in leadership and political roles".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday, March 1st.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate funds to upgrade Route 60.

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 request that the Federal Government reduce Marine Atlantic ferry rates.

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 not to impose a provincial sales tax on books.

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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 24-hour snow clearing services.

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.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 66);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act" (Bill No. 67).

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 the Address in Reply 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, Tuesday, February 28th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.