

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68) 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 the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act" (Bill No. 67) 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 order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No.3" (Bill No. 66) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 66 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 66) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 66 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:10 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate pupils of Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School who were the Provincial Champions at the Lego League Robotics Competition.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Gerry Stead and Alana Langdon who received the Canadian Red Cross Lifesaving Award for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a young soccer player who had been severely injured on the Topsail Soccer Field.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to offer thanks to Mr. Beaton Yates for his contributions to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Randy Earle.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Ashley Dicker who is the recipient of the 2017 Cruise Vision Award.

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The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Maude Kendall who has been honoured for her fifty years of service as a Red Cross volunteer.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late James McGrath.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize March as Fraud Prevention Month in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 Respecting Patient Safety And Quality Assurance In The Province” (Bill No. 70).

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to cancel the tax on books immediately.

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 funding for youth organizations in the province.

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster):

**“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”.

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During the debate the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by immediately making changes to the operations of the government by bringing to this Honourable House proposed amendments to the *Independent Appointments Commission Act* which provide for a gender balance for appointment recommendations and by applying a workable, Gender-based Analysis Tool to the process of applying the *Public Procurement Act* when it is proclaimed, and preparing the annual budget of the province.”

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:48 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:19 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled that the amendment was not in order.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Coady, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Warr, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King, Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.