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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate Alf Parsons for his athletic accomplishments and contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Kellie Walsh on her investiture into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the valuable work and ongoing commitment to their community of the Fogo Island Cooperative Society.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to acknowledge the residents of Logy Bay - Middle Cove - Outer Cove for their thoughtful and compassionate spirit in offering an act of kindness to a fellow resident.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize Noubahar Hasnain who was chosen to be a federal delegate for Daughters of the Vote.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to inform the House about Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to proclaim March as Children's Wish Month in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Resolution for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No.71).

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Federal Government has introduced pay equity legislation in the public sector;

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AND WHEREAS pay equity has been proven to not be universally achieved by collective bargaining alone;

AND WHEREAS lack of pay equity disproportionately affects women and women in Newfoundland and Labrador earn on average 66% of the wages of their male counterparts;

AND WHEREAS Government needs to give leadership on this issue of fairness to women:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to start the process to enact pay equity legislation in the Province".

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, March 8th.

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 introduce financial education into the Provincial curriculum.

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.

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 previous teacher allocation and delay the implementation of a full-day Kindergarten at Beachy Cove Elementary the right to a quality education.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 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 To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68).

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 Highway Traffic Act No. 5" (Bill No. 68) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 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 Health Professions Act" (Bill No. 69) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.