

Thursday, March 9th, 2017

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

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to commend and thank Tyrone Lush, Nicole Lush and Mike Perry for saving the life of a woman they found lying unresponsive in the snow.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Katarina Roxon who was named to the list of Canada's most Influential Women for 2016.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to pay tribute to the members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #48 for their leadership and support of Veterans and the community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to thank the Salvation Army Corps in Long Pond for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Helen Hood on her 102nd birthday.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the anniversary of the crash of Cougar Helicopter Flight 491 which occurred on March 12, 2009. The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to announce a \$17 million repayable loan to Canada Fluorspar Inc.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Province's social workers.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) tabled pursuant to section 5(2)(b) of the **Supply Act**, Order in Council 2017-086 which authorized the transfer of \$17 million from the Contingency Reserve to the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development, Strategic Enterprise Development, (Subhead 3.1.03.08 – Loans, Advances and Investments) to facilitate a \$17 million repayable loan contribution to Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc. to assist with reactivation of the St. Lawrence Fluorspar mines.

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 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 book tax immediately.

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.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to continue the extension to the Robert E. Howlett Highway.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 71).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.