

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement about the Daughters of the Vote gathering in Ottawa which she had attended in Ottawa as Newfoundland and Labrador's representative on the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize the contribution to the community of the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame and to congratulate inductees Ralph Chapman and Jennifer Folkes.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate chair Evelyn Ryan and members of the organizing committee for initiating the Wabush – Labrador City joint winter carnival.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Eng Fong Gin.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to recognize the Marysvale-Georgetown Small Harbour Committee for their hard work and dedication to bettering their community.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Paula Burke, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator at North Pond Manor for the work she does to improve the lives of the facility's residents.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Team Gushue on their win at the 2017 Brier curling championship.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement respecting the weekend power outages occasioned by unprecedented high winds.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to acknowledge the successful opening night of "Come From Away" at Broadway's Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS Crown lands make up 89 percent of the land mass of the Province and this land is a significant economic and social resource for Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS Government has recently announced increased access to Crown lands available for agricultural production;

AND WHEREAS the announcement to increase access to Crown lands delivers on a commitment in *The Way Forward* to increase food self-sufficiency and supports government’s goal to foster economic growth throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS increasing access to Crown lands benefits residents, municipalities and businesses throughout our Province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House recognizes the importance of increasing access to Crown lands in increasing agricultural production and commends the Provincial Government for doubling the amount of land available to farmers and agricultural producers”.

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 the Federal Government not to implement a cost or fees for those participating in the recreational ground fishery in 2017.

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 Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to open a line of communication with the Federal Government and begin to advocate on behalf of the residents and businesses of the Province regarding Marine Atlantic ferry rates not stopping until results are realized.

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 increase mental health services and programs in our Province’s K-12 school system.

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

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Government to use All-Party Town Hall Events to enable people to express their concerns to all parties.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 69) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 69) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 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 Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 69).

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 To Amend The Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 69) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 be read the third time on tomorrow

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

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 Respecting Patient Safety And Quality Assurance In The Province" (Bill No. 70) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 70 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Patient Safety And Quality Assurance In The Province" (Bill No. 70) 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.

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 Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 71).

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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 15th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.