

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

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.

Ms. Dempster 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 made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

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 Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Harbour Grace on the success of the 2017 Winter Carnival.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Electoral District Scholarship winners Ashley Loveless, Carey Stoodley and Julie Young.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize Mackenzie Glynn and Katie Follett who were members of the curling team which won the 2017 Newfoundland and Labrador Under-18 Women's Curling Championship.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to recognize the work being done by the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture and partners in hosting "Rooting for Health" events to increase knowledge about the health food produced in the Province.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to pay tribute to and congratulate Captain Caleb Kean on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize Dr. Todd Young and his staff on their contribution to health care through the Main Street Medical Clinic's addictive programmes.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Gambin Walsh) made a Statement to recognize March as National Nutrition Month and March 15<sup>th</sup> as Dietitians Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize March as Pharmacist Awareness Month.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to announce that the Premier will join him in attending Seafood Expo North America 2017 in Boston.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting An Independent Court Of Appeal In The Province" (Bill No. 72).

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 Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce legislation which will include a presumptive clause with respect to PTSD for people employed in certain frontline emergency response professions including firefighters and police officers not already covered under federal legislation.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador City (Mr. Letto):

**"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;

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**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 Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

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.