

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to thank the Canadian Coast Guard crew which rescued the crew of the Northern Provider, and celebrate the return of the rescued sealers to their families.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to inform the House about the project being carried out by the Grade 4 and 5 pupils of Lumsden Academy who are installing nesting boxes on hydro poles to entice Woodpeckers away from wooden utility poles.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Capt. Walter Stratton.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate participants in and organizers of the 2017 Cory Kenway Classic Basketball Tournament.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of Mackenzie Dove, Miss Newfoundland and Labrador of 2017.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate all recipients of and nominees for the 2016 Conception Bay South Athletic Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize Friday, March 24th as Purple Day for epilepsy in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to announce that Budget 2017 would be delivered on Thursday, April 6th.

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

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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 to the Province’s Youth Organizations.

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 develop a strategy which capitalizes on opportunities for trade between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2” (Bill No. 65);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 69).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they 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 Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 3” (Bill No. 66).

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 (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 passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 3” (Bill No. 66) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 66 be now read the third 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 third time and passed.

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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 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.

Ms. Dempster 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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 71 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service, for the financial year ending March 31, 2018 the sum of \$2,703,698,200.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2018 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 71) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 71 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 27th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.