

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 5) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:12 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to thank the Singing Legionnaires for 50 years of generous service.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Todd Clance for realizing his dream of attending the Brier and to thank the people of La Scie for supporting Todd in making his dream a reality.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Roland and Helen Card who have been installed as Potentate and First Lady of the Mazol Shriners for 2017.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to congratulate Juan Gill who was presented with the Sports NL Regional Recognition Award for his dedication to the Pearson Academy sports programme.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to thank the group of Bell Island residents who rescued five porpoises stranded in the ice off Bell Island.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to recognize Dr. Willie Arsenault for his service to his community and wish him well upon his retirement.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House that the Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement and the Enhanced Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors' Benefit would be issued on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had distributed \$6.5 million in annual funding to family resource centres in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to announce that ten new municipal partners have joined BizPal in the last fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) tabled pursuant to section 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, Order in Council 2017-126 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$478,800 annually, against its 2018-19 and 2019-20 budgetary appropriations, to facilitate the Atlantic Canada Agreement on Tourism.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on February 27, 2017.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 8).

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn):

**"WHEREAS** most gas stations and fast food restaurants/drive-throughs across the Province have no recycling bins available for travelling motorists;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador has the lowest recycling rate in Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House recognizes the importance of increasing recycling in the Province, and urges the Government to

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consider legislation requiring recycling containers be present at fast food restaurants/ drive throughs and gas stations”.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Warr, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Parsley, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

Against: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

The Speaker 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.