

Monday, May 8th, 2017

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

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the Bonavista Lions Club on their 50th Charter Night anniversary.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Lions Club on their 61st Charter Night anniversary.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate Monika Rumbolt who was chosen as a youth ambassador to participate in Canada C3.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Lucy Woodland on her 100th birthday.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate Chief Petty Officer Power of RCSCC 251 Southern Cross on his outstanding accomplishments.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for 43 years of service to the Towns of Torbay and Flatrock.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to reflect on the cautious optimism she experienced at the annual Offshore Technology Conference she attended in Houston.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize May 8-14 as the 20th anniversary of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize the Province's annual Innovation Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) tabled pursuant to subsection 4(5) of the **Supply Act, 2016** Order in Council 2017-117 which authorized the transfer of \$350,000 from the Contingency Reserve to the Department of Justice and Public Safety, Civil Division Allowances And Assistance, Main Object (Subhead 2.1.01.09) for the settlement of litigation file 2011 01G-4899.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has a spectacular range of biodiversity in need of protection;

AND WHEREAS just 4.6 per cent of our provincial land mass is currently protected, which is just half of the overall Canadian average;

AND WHEREAS a well-governed, scientifically-based system for designating protected areas has the potential to benefit our environment, our economy and our research endeavors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador designating more protected areas in our Province”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for St. George’s - Humber (Mr. Reid) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 10th.

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 increase mental health services and programmes in the Province’s K-12 school system.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) 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 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 reinstate funding to the Province’s youth organizations immediately.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion “That the Report of the Social Services Committee be concurred in” and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 9th 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.