

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to thank the Avondale volunteer fire department for their service to the Conception Bay Centre region.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the town councils and staff of Torbay, Pouch Cove and Portugal Cove-St. Phillips and fire chiefs and firefighters on the acquisition of their new rescue vehicle and the Town of Torbay on the opening of the new municipal depot.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate the Harbour Breton Lions Club on their 51st Annual Charter Night celebrations and commend them for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Bev Moore-Davis and the Miles for Smiles Foundation for their dedication to bringing awareness to child abuse.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to recognize the work of the Codroy Valley Area Development Association along with other groups for their efforts in protecting and promoting the importance of the Grand Codroy Estuary.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House about the annual Songs, Stages and Seafood festival in Bay Roberts.

By leave the Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Jane Hutchings who was recently awarded the D&R Sobey Atlantic Scholarship and wish her well in her studies.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize May 14 to 20 as National Police Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House about the Seal Day on the Hill events which he attended this week.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution relating to the Advancing or

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Guaranteeing of certain loans made under the Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 12).

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 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 consider the establishment of an independent expert review of the North Spur of the Muskrat Falls project.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved that the Orders of the Day be read. The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved pursuant to provisional Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

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 Supply (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 without amendment the Estimates of the Contingency Reserve, the Legislature and the following subheads of the Executive Council Estimates: 1.1.01 to 2.4.01 inclusive and 2.6.01 to 2.7.02 inclusive.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply was received and adopted.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) informed the House that she had received a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“12 May, 2017

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

As Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2018, by way of Further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Raymond Whelan**
Administrator.”

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 6 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$7,327,757,400 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and had adopted a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommend that Bill No. 6 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that the following Resolution be read the first 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 \$4,624,059,200”.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that the Resolution be read the second time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that 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. 6) be now read the first time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that 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. 6) be now read the second time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that 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. 6) be now read the third time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 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, Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.