Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Be it known on this day at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Frank Fagan CM, ONL, MBA, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, "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).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I assent to this Bill".

Sandra Barnes,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Paul's Junior High hockey team which won the 14th annual Frank Roberts Junior High Hockey Tournament.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate 35 young persons who were presented with Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Frank Roberts Junior High in Foxtrap.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to commend the Bishop's Falls Lions Club on their 50th anniversary, and five decades of exemplary community service.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Amber Murphy, Michael Gilbert, William Forsey and Bethany Power on their academic achievements.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the Ponderosa Players on their exceptional performance at the Provincial Drama Festival.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to inform the House that Government has recruited a Midwifery Consultant.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Inductees Mr. Paul Antle, Ms. Gloria Parsons and Mr. John Patten.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) tabled in accordance with subsections 273(3) and 299(3) of the *Elections Act, 1991* the Supplementary Schedule of Contributions from the Annual Report on Election Finances January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to provisional Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, May 29th, 2017.

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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 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 to not to impose a provincial sales tax on books.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to make the necessary repairs to the Goulds Bypass.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is a concern.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be now read the second time.

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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 Natural Products Marketing Act" (Bill No. 10).

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 (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 Natural Products Marketing Act" (Bill No. 10) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 7) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.