

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:30 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Muriel Anderson who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to pay tribute to Henry Gaudon for his contribution to his community and his country.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Jenna Dimmer who is the 2017 recipient of the Provincial Youth Ventures of the Year Award.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate the Prince Arthur Loyal Orange Lodge No. 57 on their 121st anniversary.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Bay Bulls Come Home Year Committee on the success of the Come Home Year celebrations.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Patrick O'Flaherty.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to congratulate Richard Oram, Newfoundland and Labrador's 2017 inductee into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to acknowledge all candidates who put their names forward for the municipal elections in September and congratulate those who were elected.

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 Thursday, October 19th, 2017.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice and by leave moved that the following comprise the Standing Orders Committee:

the Member for Burgeo – La Poile – (Mr. Andrew Parsons)
the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island – (Mr. Brazil)
the Member for St. George's – Humber – (Mr. Reid)
the Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi – (Ms. Michael)
the Member for St. John's West – (Ms. Coady)

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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 cancel the planned extension to Mobile Central High and construct a Middle School for the area.

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 legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage and an annual adjustment to the minimum wage beginning in 2016 to reflect the Consumer Price Index.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce legislation which will include a presumptive clause with respect to PTSD for people employed in certain frontline emergency response professions including firefighters and police officers not already covered under federal legislation.

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis):

“WHEREAS increasing immigration is key to the prosperity of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is facing significant demographic challenges in that the Province has Canada's most rapidly-aging population and lowest

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birthrate, and is projected by 2025 to experience a 10 per cent decline in its working-age population resulting in 35,000 fewer people in the provincial labour market;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in its goal to increase immigration so that Newfoundland and Labrador will welcome approximately 1,700 immigrants annually by 2022”.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and 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.