

Thursday, October 19th, 2017

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to recognize the role of first responders in the District in rescuing the crew of a hot air balloon which was participating in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

The Member for St. John's, Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to thank Angela Crockwell and the Blue Door team for their contribution to the community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to celebrate the re-opening of the Avondale Railway Museum on September 14th.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to celebrate the opening of the new Juniper Ridge School in Torbay.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the organizing Team of the Ride for the Boys fundraiser.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House that he had joined the federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour to announce the development of a new \$10 million shared IT system which will simplify apprenticeship administration.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department had distributed to Junior High Schools five graphic novels entitled "Tales from Shadow River" written by award winning author David Alexander Robertson.

Pursuant to section 105 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015*, and section 82 of the *Personal Health Information Act*, the Speaker tabled the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

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 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 conduct a forensic audit of the Muskrat Falls Project immediately.

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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 the adult dental programme.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991” (Bill No. 14).

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.

By leave the proceedings were suspended at 5:28 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991” (Bill No. 14).

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 Elections Act, 1991” (Bill No. 14).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr 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 (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 a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991” (Bill No. 14) with amendments.

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendments were read the first and second time.

On motion and by leave the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991” (Bill No. 14) was read the third time and passed.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

On motion the House adjourned at 8:48 p.m. *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.