

Monday, November 6th, 2017

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

The Premier (Mr. Ball) by leave made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Miss Isla Short.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Laura Gale on her 102nd birthday.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate everybody who took part in the Canada 150 project “Tree to Our Nature”.

The Member for Placentia West Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Kaetlyn Osmond who won the gold medal at the most recent Skate Canada International Competition.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to thank Bob Dawson, Enid Pendergast and Lyndsay Hynes for their efforts in helping those affected by the Froude Avenue fire.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Dennis Gill who has been appointed to serve his 3rd term on the provincial advisory council for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize Team Verafin for the support they have shown Thrive's Blue Door Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovations (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Joel Thomas Hynes who has been chosen as the 2017 Governor General's Literary Award winner in the English fiction category.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to provide an update on the province's mineral exploration and mining industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend the Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill No. 20).

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS the Province’s serious financial situation has caused Government to predict a decline in program expenses of 0.85% per annum or \$376 million over the next 6 years, which could result in tens of millions of dollars cut from health care each year;

AND WHEREAS people are worried their health care system won’t be there for them when they need it;

AND WHEREAS this level of cost reduction should not proceed without a comprehensive health sector review, and a plan that will avoid arbitrary, harmful cuts in services;

AND WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) has called for an independent, expert review of the Province’s health care facilities and services based on wide consultation in the health sector;

AND WHEREAS the NLMA says the review should be tasked with telling Government how to reconfigure the health care system to be smarter, less costly, high quality and focused on patient care and prevention;

AND WHEREAS the people of the Province expect the House of Assembly to work together on this issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Government undertake an independent, external review of health care, to be conducted by an eminent expert recognized in the field of health care delivery, with the goal of maintaining quality health care into the future.”

The Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the above-noted Resolution would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, November 8th.

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 undertake an immediate, complete and thorough assessment of the supports in place for DHH children.

By leave the Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) spoke to the Petition.

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

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urge Government to increase mental health services and programs in our 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 ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is a concern.

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 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 conduct an assessment to identify all risks and liabilities associated with the policy mandating the exiting of vehicles on the Bell Island ferry.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 19) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second 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 Securities Act” (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Securities Act” (Bill No. 15) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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 Securities Act” (Bill No. 15).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Reid) 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 Securities Act" (Bill No. 15) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 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 Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 18) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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 Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 18).

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 Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 18) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 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 Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 16) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

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 Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 16).

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 Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 16) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 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 Labour Relations Act No. 2” (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act No. 2” (Bill No. 17) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 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, Tuesday, November 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.