

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“WHEREAS in accordance with section 39 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Commissioner for Legislative Standards has recommended to this Honourable House that the Member for Terra Nova be reprimanded for violating Principles 2 and 11 of the Members' Code of Conduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly concurs with the findings and recommendations of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards and asks that the Member for Terra Nova stand in his place in this House and apologize to this Assembly for his failure and violation as cited by the report of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards”.

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

Mr. Holloway stood in his place and apologized.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill No. 20) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole 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 Speaker ruled on the point of order raised by the Member for Mount Scio (Mr. Kirby) concerning petitions.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate the Abundant Life Pentecostal Tabernacle for 50 years of faithful service in the community.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the service of Indigenous soldiers.

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The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Danny McCann.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize and honour Mr. Herb Pike for his service in the Royal Air Force, 102 Bomber Squadron in the Second World War.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate Melissa Smith who won a silver medal in the Recurved Bow Novice Category at the 2017 Invictus Games.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to honour Captain William Jackman for his acts of bravery and heroism on October 9, 1867.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to inform the House about the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development which took place in Paris from November 1 – 4.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Government's new Business Innovation Agenda which was launched today.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about changes made to the Wildlife Act.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) tabled a list of all approved RDC contracted projects by fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act And The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Status Of The Artist Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 23).

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael):

“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 Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bernard Davis, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Haley, Ms. Cathy

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Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Mr. Dean, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Holloway.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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.