

Wednesday, November 15th, 2017

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "Serious Incident Response Team Act" (Bill No. 24) 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 the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25) 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 Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Mark Brown of Windsor Lake who was recognized by United Way with the establishment of "The Mark Brown Community Builder Award".

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Terry Penney on the release of his 8th CD and wish him success in his future endeavours.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to wish Mrs. Leah Ackerman a happy 100th birthday.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Joan (Craig) Whelan.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Justice Vikas Khaladkar on his appointment to the Bench.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to recognize the outstanding contributions to the community of Eastport by Mayor Genevieve Squire.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House about the opening of the new Sir Robert Bond Bridge.

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The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis) raised a point of order regarding language used by the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Osborne). The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) tabled two letters from the Department of Natural Resources respecting the New Generic Offshore Oil Royalty Regime.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) gave an answer to a question regarding the amount of money that was paid to Wood Mackenzie since January 2016.

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.

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 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 reinstate the adult dental programme.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr):

“WHEREAS safety for all students is an important priority;

AND WHEREAS speeding in school zones is still a prevalent issue in the Province;

AND WHEREAS according to the World Health Organization, setting and enforcing speed limits are two of the most effective measures in reducing road traffic injuries;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in setting a maximum speed limit of 30 kms/hour in school zones”.

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) withdrew the comments which were the subject of a point of order earlier in the day.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

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.