

Monday, November 20th, 2017

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize and thank the Witless Bay Line Volunteer Fire Department on their 40th anniversary.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Electoral District Scholarship winners Stacie Abbott, Lauren O'Driscoll and Brittany Pitt.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize the success of the 29th Annual Mount Pearl City Days Celebrations.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to recognize the success of Labrador West's 14th Annual Alvin Parrill Hockey Tournament.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate John Harris and his debating partner Hannah Breckinridge who placed second in a debate organized by the Roderick J. White Foundation for Science and Reason in Society.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to recognize Amber Costello who was presented with the Future Leader award at the 2017-18 Miss Achievement Newfoundland and Labrador Scholarship Program Gala.

By leave the Member for Gander (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Madison Barrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House about projects of the Workforce Innovation Centre at College of the North Atlantic's Corner Brook campus which have been selected to share in more than \$1.7 million in funding.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate Mothers Against Drunk Driving on the 30th anniversary of their Project Red Ribbon Campaign.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled additional information in response to a question asked by the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis) in May.

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The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government to amend the School Bus Transportation Policies to cover the transportation to and from school of pupils who reside within 1.6 kilometres of that school where those pupils are Primary or Elementary students and where those pupils are Secondary students whose safety may be jeopardized by the failure to provide them with school busing”.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, November 22nd.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) 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 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 conduct a forensic audit of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project immediately.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to urge the Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Relations Board to proceed immediately to a vote of inshore fish harvesters to decide which union will represent them.

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 Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to upgrade the road between Renews and St. Shotts to enhance and improve the flow of traffic.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25).

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 made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 21st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.