

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

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

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize and thank the Pouch Cove Volunteer Fire Department for their years of service to their community.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize John Drover who has overcome many challenges and wish him a happy 36th birthday.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of Electoral District and Centenary for Responsible Government Scholarships in her District.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Conception Bay South 2017 Bright Business Achievement Awards recipients.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate Josh Fiander on his participation in Encounters With Canada Program.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate April White who was named 2017 Emerging Artist of the Year by Visual Artists of Newfoundland and Labrador and was the recipient of the Cox & Palmer Pivotal Point Grant.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize The Status of the Artist Act which will be debated in the House today.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of foster families to the well-being of children and youth in the Province.

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 South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to take immediate action to provide medical transportation to those who need it.

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 Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to attend immediately to the repair recommendations and confirm the replacement date of the Mutton Bay Bridge in accordance with the 2015 inspection report.

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 develop a plan to address the shortage of long-term care beds.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "Status Of The Artist Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "Status Of The Artist Act" (Bill No. 22) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 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 "Status Of The Artist Act" (Bill No. 22).

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.

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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 "Status Of The Artist Act" (Bill No. 22) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 22nd at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.