

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Gary AuCoin who was presented with the Canadian H and R Block 2017 Franchise of the Year Award.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of Newfoundland and Labrador's first Light The Night walk in support of the battle against blood cancers.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Effie Jewer who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to acknowledge the 150 persons who have been recognized as Labradorians of Distinction.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Radhika Verma who has been named Miss Achievement Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize all those who volunteer their time to help the less fortunate during the Christmas season.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to recognize the Purple Ribbon campaign to increase awareness of and responsiveness to violence against women.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to inform the House about the Province's three-year municipal infrastructure programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) gave an answer to a question for which notice had been given regarding the operation of the Holyrood gas turbine.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) tabled a document entitled Pan Canadian Trends in the Prescribing of Opioids, 2012 to 2016.

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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 Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** on August 22, 2017, Government announced its decision to reinstate the original point of sale rebate on purchases of qualifying printed books made after December 31, 2017:

**AND WHEREAS** the Harmonized Sales Tax is levied by the Government of Canada, pursuant to the federal *Excise Tax Act* and the collection of Harmonized Sales Tax is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador entered into a federal-provincial agreement called the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement which allows the Province to introduce federally administered tax exemptions with certain conditions;

**AND WHEREAS** a condition of that agreement is that a change in provincial tax policy must be brought to the House of Assembly for a vote ratifying that decision;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the point of sale rebate on the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax on purchases of qualifying printed books made after December 31, 2017 be reinstated in the same manner and form that had been employed prior to January 1, 2017”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to provisional Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to provisional Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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.

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The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce legislation which will include a presumptive clause with respect to PTSD for people employed in certain frontline emergency response professions including firefighters and police officers not already covered under federal legislation.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to implement traffic calming measures to reduce speeds to ensure the safety of residents of Indian Meal Line and Bauline Line.

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 to conduct a forensic audit of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project immediately.

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 reinstate the adult dental programme.

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 passed a Bill entitled "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25) with amendments.

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

The amendment to Bill No. 25 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "Prescription Monitoring Act" (Bill No. 25) was read the third time and passed.

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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 notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 27) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill would be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 23) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.