

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

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

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Heidi Dunn.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Flatrock on their successful Come Home Year celebrations.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the Bay Roberts Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on their annual Nativity display.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Otto Fiander for his remarkable career in education and his contribution to his community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize the official opening of the new Conception Bay South Elementary School in Kelligrews.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to acknowledge the selection of Labrador by National Geographic Traveler magazine as a Best of the World destination.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House about the enhancement of the quality and capacity of snow clearing services for the 2018 winter season.

In accordance with section 51 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled the Report of the House of Assembly Management Commission for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Royal Newfoundland Regiment distinguished themselves in a number of key First World War battles, and fought valiantly as equal members of the British Empire alongside Canada, Australia and New Zealand;

AND WHEREAS the Trail of the Caribou memorials commemorate the brave actions of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in France and Belgium but there is not, as yet, such a memorial in Turkey;

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AND WHEREAS this House respects and honours the bravery and sacrifice of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who fought and died in conflict, and today recognizes in particular those brave members who served in Turkey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House requests that the Speaker, as a servant of this Honourable House and therefore a representative of the people of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, journey to Turkey to advance discussions towards a shared goal of establishing a memorial commemorating the significant contributions of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Gallipoli”.

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 commit to building a new school in Bay d’Espoir.

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 enforce policy regarding smoking outside health care facilities.

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 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 raise the cap in the Rent Supplement Programme.

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 24-hour snow clearing services.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act” (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act” (Bill No. 26) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be referred to a Committee of the Whole presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "Serious Incident Response Team Act" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be now read the second time.

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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 "Serious Incident Response Team Act" (Bill No. 24).

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 "Serious Incident Response Team Act" (Bill No. 24) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 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 "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19).

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Reid 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. Reid) 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 "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne):

"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".

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 6th, at 10:00 in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.