

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) took his seat.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the Grade 4 class at Centreville Academy for their fundraising efforts in support of the Gathering Place.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to recognize the organizers of and participants in the Mount Pearl Lions Club Christmas Parade.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the Lewisporte Collegiate Scholarship Committee for their recent successful fundraiser gala dinner.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of the Labradorian of Distinction Award and MP Yvonne Jones who established the award.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Val Slaney.

By leave the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Margo Cranford, Newfoundland TOPS Queen for 2016, who represented the Province at the 2017 International Recognition Days event in Little Rock, Arkansas in July.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to invite the public to participate in the 31st annual Christmas Lights Across Canada Ceremony this evening.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to welcome three immigrants who came to the Province through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to announce the start of pre-budget consultations for Budget 2018.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for August and September, 2017.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled the Citizens' Representative Annual Digest for the period April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) answered a question asked by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) regarding invoices for work done by Ernst Young for the Muskrat Falls Oversight Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) answered a question asked by the Members for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) on December 5th.

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 ensure the Route 100 through Dunville is prepared for the projected increase in traffic in the near future.

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 introduce legislation to require that all AEDs in the Province be registered with an on-line registry.

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 not impose a provincial sales tax on books.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting An Independent Court Of Appeal In The Province" (Bill No. 3) was read the third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bernard Davis, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Haley, Mr. Derek Bennett, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Mr. Dean, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Mr. Lane.

Against: Ms. Michael

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act And The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 21);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 23);

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 27).

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

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 Child And Youth Advocate Act" (Bill No. 26).

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“WHEREAS section 4 of the *Auditor General Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint an Auditor General;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Julia Mullaley be appointed as the Auditor General”.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“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;

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "Independent Appointments Commission Act" (Bill No. 28) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 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 "Independent Appointments Commission Act" (Bill No. 28).

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 "Independent Appointments Commission Act" (Bill No. 28) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be now read the third time.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "Independent Appointments Commission Act" (Bill No. 28) 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.

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 Child And Youth Advocate Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

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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 “An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act” (Bill No. 26) as amended.

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendment was read the first and second time.

On motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act” (Bill No. 26) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis), the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) and the Premier (Mr. Ball) extended Christmas greetings to Members and staff of the House of Assembly.

At 5:00 o’clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting An Independent Court Of Appeal In The Province” (Bill No. 3);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Securities Act” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 16);

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- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act No. 2” (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act” (Bill No. 18);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act No. 3” (Bill No. 19);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act And The Portability Of Pensions Act” (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, “Status Of The Artist Act” (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act” (bill No. 23);
- A Bill, “Serious Incident Response Team Act” (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, “Prescription Monitoring Act” (Bill No. 25);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act” (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2” (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Independent Appointments Commission Act” (Bill No. 28).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills”. His Honour then extended Christmas greetings to the Members of the House and left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) extended Christmas greetings to Members and staff of the House of Assembly.

The House then adjourned *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.