

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh from the District.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the Newfoundland Cider Company on their recent launch.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate those responsible for the success of the Frosty Festival.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to commend all those who made the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Frosty Festival a success.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to recognize 78 athletes honoured for their accomplishments.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to celebrate the success of the Province's tourism industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of Olympians Kaetlyn Osmond and Liam Hickey.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) tabled a media release dated July 31, 2015 regarding affordable housing projects supported by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 34).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35).

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 ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km bussing policy where safety is an ongoing concern.

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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 increase the presence of law enforcement in the Conception Bay South area.

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 legislate a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2021, with an annual adjustment thereafter to reflect provincial inflation.

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 perform brush cutting on the Witless Bay Line, Route 13 immediately for driver's safety and to provide clear visibility for the driving public in recognition of the high volume of vehicles travelling this daily.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 30) 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 Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (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 the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 29) without amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 29) 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 debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

**“That** the following Standing Orders are amended to come into force on the date of their approval:

**1. Standing Order 24(3)(b) is amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 24(3)(b)(iii) the following:**

(iv) Government Orders.

**2. Standing Order 25 is amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 25(2) the following:**

(3) A Member may make a statement about any subject of interest or concern to him or her.

(4) The subject matter of a Member's Statement may be an anniversary, historic event, some particular accomplishment, the death of a notable person, matters of local, provincial, national or international significance of a non-contentious nature.

(5) Statements by Members shall not be used to comment on aspects of provincial governmental policy or to reflect on a decision or direction of the House.

(6) Statements shall not pose a question but rather express the opinion of the Member.

(7) Statements are not debatable, do not lead to the introduction of a motion and are not responded to by any other Member.

**AND FURTHER:**

**That the following Standing Order be amended on a provisional basis for the Spring sitting of the House:**

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**3. Standing Order 92 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 92(1), and by adding immediately after that the following:**

(2) A Minister, in his or her discretion, may reply to a petition and the Minister shall occupy no more than 90 seconds in so doing.

(3) A Minister's response under Standing Order 92 (2) may be given on the day the petition is presented or the next sitting day only.

(4) Where, in a session, multiple petitions of the same subject matter are presented, a Minister may respond to each petition in the manner contemplated under Standing Order 92 (3), but only one response to a petition with the same subject matter may be made on each sitting day."

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015 (Bill No. 33) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be now read a second time by leave.

By leave and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "Act To Amend The Order Of Newfoundland and Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Centre For Health Information" (Bill No. 32) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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