

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No.35);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 34).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second 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 Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31).

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 Order of Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31).

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 Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 31) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Centre For Health Information" (Bill No. 32) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:30 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Falah Maroun who was recently invested into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador and to recognize his contributions to the Province.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate all those who participated in and supported this year's Crystal Dip in the town of Holyrood.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Christopher Coady on his athletic and academic accomplishments.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Eric Dawe of Bay Roberts.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to commend Mr. Sheldon George for his exceptional career in aquaculture and his recognition as NAIA's Aquaculturist of the Year for 2017.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize today as Pink Shirt Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to welcome the new Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. Don Roche.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on November 8, 2017 and December 6, 2017.

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 reinstate immediately much needed supports to those who need it and develop a plan to further address the growing needs of people requiring home care support.

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 eliminate the 1.6 km policy for all Elementary Schools in the Province and for Junior and Senior High Schools where safety is a primary concern.

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The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten):

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls on the Government of Canada to fully and fairly credit to our Province all green initiatives, such as the Muskrat Falls, Upper Churchill and Bay d’Espoir hydro developments, in relieving Newfoundland and Labrador of any obligation to pay carbon tax.”

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Joyce) moved the following amendment:

“That all the words after the word “initiatives” be deleted and the following substituted: “as it develops the federal carbon pricing system”.

The Speaker (Mr. Trimper) suspended the proceedings at 3:26 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Trimper) resumed the Chair at 3:42 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment and the Resolution itself.

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

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.