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

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate the Paradise Warriors Pee Wee B Hockey Team for their fundraising efforts to help a fellow Warrior offset travel costs to Toronto to enable him to undergo medical testing.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. John Antle who has been recognized as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals of 2018.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Joan Dicker on her illustrious career as an educator.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Cole Tallack on his academic accomplishments.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the Dorset Collegiate Huskies for winning the School Sports NL Varsity Table Tennis Provincial Championship.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize March as Fraud Prevention Month.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to inform the House that Government is seeking input from residents of the Province to help inform the drafting of new public health legislation.

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 ensure that no natural resource development agreements are approved unless Newfoundland and Labrador is the principal beneficiary.

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 make representation to the Federal Government to encourage them to change the policy on vessel length to ensure the safety of those fish harvesters.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015" (Bill No. 33) 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) that a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 34) be now read the third time.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

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

Against: Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 34) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) that the debate be adjourned.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was order that Bill No. 35 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 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 Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35).

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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Inquiries Act, 2006" (Bill No. 35) without amendment.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the third time on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.