

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“2 March 2018

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2019, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly”.

Sgd. **Frank F. Fagan**
Lieutenant Governor”

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 36 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of Supply 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.

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 Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Victoria Best.

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The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Luke Shannahan who is the junior high winner of the Heritage Places Poster Contest.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of Tourism Excellence Awards who come from the District of Bonavista.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate Noel Keough and Derek French who have been inducted into the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to recognize and thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank for their contribution to their community.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to acknowledge the success of the Labrador Justice Summit and announce that the Department would hold the next Summit in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to inform the House about Newfoundland and Labrador's presence at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada conference in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the Order in Council 2018-041 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$12,506,700 against its budgetary appropriations in 2018-19 and up to \$9,872,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2019-20, to facilitate professional services work through the Managed Services Provider contract with Flextrack Inc.

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 a new state of the art K-12 school for the students of Bay d'Espoir.

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 conduct a full and thorough risk assessment of the Bell Island Ferry.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) replied to the Petition.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds):

“WHEREAS gender-based violence remains a reality for many women and girls in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous women across the country experience a rate of violence three times higher than non-Indigenous women and are murdered at a rate six times higher;

AND WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men taking a stand against violence against women and children across Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign promotes the wearing of a small piece of moose hide signifying the wearer’s commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in their lives, and to work collaboratively with other men to end gender-based violence;

AND WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign movement has spread to over 350 communities across Canada and distributed over one million moose hide pins;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House encourages all Members of the House of Assembly to support the Moose Hide Campaign and work towards ending violence against all women and children in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

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