

Thursday, March 15th, 2018

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

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to acknowledge the great work of the staff of East Point Elementary School.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. John Crane who has been honoured as the NL Shriner of the year.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Mary Pickett who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to remember the victims of the Cougar Flight 491 Crash and their families.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Wayne Miller who was recently invested into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Workplace NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House about a change in its work-related mental stress policy.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about the Province's presence at the Boston Seafood show.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House that March 18th – 24th is Multiculturalism Week.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) presented the Report of the Standing Orders Committee dated March 15, 2018.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Standing Order 73 is amended by adding immediately after the word “Minister” wherever it appears the words “or his or her delegate”.
- (2) Standing Order 73 is amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 76(6) the following:

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- (7) For the purpose of this Standing Order, “delegate” means a Minister of the Crown who may introduce estimates on behalf of another Minister”.

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 support the ambulance owner who has been licensed to operate in the area from Bay Bulls to Bauline to ensure that residents of the area have access to ambulance services.

The Member for Conception Bay – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the late French immersion programme at Brookside Intermediate School.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act” (Bill No. 2) 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 order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act to Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No.1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 1) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 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 Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 1).

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.

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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 the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act" (Bill No.1) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.