

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Kaetlyn Osmond for having won gold at the World Figure Skating Championships.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate the Clarenville Area Consumers Co-operative Society Limited for 50 years of dedication to their community.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate John and Carol Ann Devereaux on their CBDC Tourism Business Award of Excellence.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the English Harbour Arts Centre for having received a 2018 Manning Award for their work in preserving All Saint's Anglican Church.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate all those recognized at the Mount Pearl Athletic Awards ceremony.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the success of the 2018 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Public Procurement Agency (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House that the new Public Procurement Act was in effect.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize Purple Day for Epilepsy in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) tabled a document entitled *Advance 2030*.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) tabled a report entitled the *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador*.

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 meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on February 1, 2018.

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The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Status of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion: "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (Budget Speech).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Resolution for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 5).

The Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** sexual harassment is a common occurrence in the workplace throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** women of the Province and all people deserve to work in a safe environment, free from harassment and sexual harassment;

**AND WHEREAS** three pieces of legislation govern safety in the workplace in Newfoundland and Labrador – *Labour Relations Act*, *Labour Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador legislation currently does not reflect societal expectations of harassment free workplaces;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports the newly strengthened and modernized workplace harassment policy introduced by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and urges the Government to show

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continued leadership by making legislative changes to these or other pieces of legislation to ensure women and others are protected in all workplaces in Newfoundland and Labrador from harassment and sexual harassment”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 8(8) that he would on tomorrow move the following motion:

“That this House adjourn at 5:00 o’clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 until Monday, April 16, 2018.”

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 implement traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, electronic signage, to reduce speeds to ensure the safety of residents.

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

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 Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) replied to the Petition.

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 establish a suboxone – methadone treatment plan for Bell Island which would include a drug addictions councilor at the hospital and a drug awareness program in the local schools.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 1) 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.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994” (Bill No. 2) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 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 Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act” (Bill No. 2).

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.

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 a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act” (Bill No. 2) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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):

**“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 Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

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Be it known on this day at 6:00 o'clock in the evening the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Frank Fagan CM, ONL, MBA, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, at its present session, passed a certain Bill, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 1).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name I Assent to this Bill”.

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