

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady), the following motion:

"That pursuant to Standing Order 8(8) this House adjourn at 5:00 o'clock on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 until Monday, April 16, 2018."

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

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill, "Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 5).

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 on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to thank Visions Employment Plus for the valuable service they provide to their clients.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Gordon Parsons.

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The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Michael Jones.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate the pupils and staff of St. Paul's Jr. High on their Spring Fling.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Northeast Eagles for winning the Don Johnson Hockey League Atom B crown.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about changes made to expand hunting opportunities and benefits for the people of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House about initiatives undertaken by the Department to enhance highway safety over the winter season.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to recognize the College of the North Atlantic's leadership role in the Kenya Education for Employment Project.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled, in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, the Report of the *Public Tender Act Exceptions* for November and December, 2017 and January 2018.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) tabled a Report entitled *Guidelines for Gender Inclusive Analysis*.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 10).

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 counsellor at the hospital and a drug awareness programme in the local schools.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debated commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett):

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

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 8(3)(b).

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