

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

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

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate inductees into the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate Sandra Milmore who was chosen Mount Pearl's 2017 Citizen of the Year.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to congratulate Canadian Coast Guard members, William Skinner and Peter Parsons, who among those awarded the Exemplary Service Medals by the Lieutenant Governor.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Mary Flynn who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House of Assembly that he had announced \$567,000 in funding to support the Welcoming Communities – WelcomeNL Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize award winners who were honoured at Sport Newfoundland and Labrador's 11th Annual Stars and Legends Gala.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Arthur Gill.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS restorative Justice processes are rapidly being adopted within Canada as well as internationally as a way of responding to crime and victimization;

AND WHEREAS in 2009, the United Nations recommended to adopt Basic Principles on the Use of Restorative Justice Programmes in Criminal Matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to explore the benefits of adopting restorative justice practices in the Province, in consultation with outside organizations and Aboriginal groups.”

The Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr.

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Warr) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 25th.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take steps to put in place a plan for a gradual transition to a universal, public child care and after-school care program.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Kirby) 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 counsellor at the hospital and a drug awareness programme in the local schools.

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 ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is an ongoing concern.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable 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 Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Reid took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Deputy Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Reid) 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 Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 25th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.