

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Status Of Women Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 4) 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 order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget motion.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Michael, Mr. Lane.

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Haley, Mr. Derek Bennett, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Mr. Dean, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Holloway.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued on the Budget motion and on motion was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House about the successful first Ronnie Cadigan Memorial Hockey Tournament and pay tribute to the late Ronnie Cadigan.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Marina Smith for her contribution to the community as a volunteer.

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The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to commend the school lunch programme board and staff for their contribution to the community and wish them luck with their radiothon tomorrow.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Adrian Power who was presented with the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award and Emma Jacob who was chosen as the 2017 Youth Volunteer.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to welcome students and teachers of Northern Lights Academy and B. L. Morrison School who are in St. John's to attend a Let's Talk Science event.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House that the amendments to the Buildings Accessibility Regulations came into force on April 23rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had announced the organizations which have been selected to participate in phase one of the multi-year funding.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled a report entitled *Report on Speaker's Visit to Turkey as Emissary of the People of Newfoundland and Labrador, April 25, 2018*.

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**, Order in Council 2018-068 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: up to \$68,000 in 2018-19; up to \$271,900 in the years 2019-20 to 2027-28; and up to \$203,925 in 2028-29, to lease office space and staff accommodations in Natuashish.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition (not certified) from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Adult Dental Program to cover low-income individuals and families to better ensure oral health, quality of life and dignity.

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 upgrade and perform immediate maintenance to the Witless Bay Line, Route 13.

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The Member for Conception Bay South – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allow children to avail of courtesy busing and to enable parents to indicate an additional drop off location in addition to their own.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr):

“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 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.