

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate all those involved in ***ETCETERA 32*** on the tremendous success of this year's production.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of service and dedication to the residents of area communities.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Kim Keating for having won the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Kenneth Michael Dunphy.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize the Georgestown Neighbourhood Association for their contribution to their community.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to update the Department's plans to increase highway safety for motorists and crews who work in the highway construction zones.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House that the Provincial Historic Sites network had opened to the public.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) tabled a document relating to Subsection 8(7) of the *Residential Tenancies Act* regarding peaceful enjoyment.

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 ensure safety on the roads by imposing a one-day driving suspension for first time offenders for using handheld electronic devices while driving, a one week driving suspension for a second time offense and an additional week for every offence thereafter.

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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 allocate funds to upgrade Route 60.

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

The Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Corporations Act" (Bill No. 18);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act" (Bill No. 19).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 15).

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 Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 15) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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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 Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 10) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 10).

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 Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 10) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read the third time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) informed the House that he had received a Message from Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“22 May, 2018

**The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board**

As Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2019, by way of further Supply, and in accordance with the

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provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Judy M. Foote**  
Lieutenant Governor.”

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 3 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$7,817,543,600 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and had adopted a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommend that Bill No. 3 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), that the following Resolution be read the first time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2019 the sum of \$5,010,911,400.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), that the Resolution be read the second time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), that the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2019 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 3) be now read the first time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), that the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2019 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 3) be now read the second time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne), that the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2019 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 3) be now read the third time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a Resolution Relating to the Raising of Loans by the Province (Bill No. 17).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 17 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province a sum of money not exceeding \$1,450,000,000.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province” (Bill No. 17) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

By leave, the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** while national unemployment has reached a record low, Newfoundland and Labrador’s unemployment rate of 14.8% in 2017 was twice the national average;

**AND WHEREAS** the R8 unemployment rate is growing closer to 20% taking into account those who have given up looking for work or are underemployed;

**AND WHEREAS** it is crucial for all of us to work together to address the growing unemployment crisis;

**AND WHEREAS** we have seen the success of previous all-party committees on Northern shrimp and mental health and addictions;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge Government to create an all-party Select Committee on jobs to address the growing unemployment crisis in Newfoundland and Labrador”.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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