

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 10);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 15).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Court Security Act, 2010" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Court Security Act, 2010" (Bill No. 16) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House 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 Court Security Act, 2010" (Bill No. 16).

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 Court Security Act, 2010" (Bill No. 16) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 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 Corporations Act” (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Corporations Act” (Bill No. 18) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, on motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the sitting was suspended at 12:05 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. David Coates who was named Volunteer of the Year 2018 at the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador 11th Annual Stars and Legends Gala.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to inform the House that the Codroy Valley Folk Festival would take place from July 27th - 29th this year.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Thaddeus Dreher who will celebrate his 100th birthday in August.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Constable Paula Strowbridge who was recently honoured as Newfoundland and Labrador's 2018 RCMP Police Officer of the year.

The Member for St. John's Centre – (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Mary Sexton for the success of her film Maudie, which won twenty international awards including Best Motion Picture, at the Canadian Film Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to congratulate the Enactus Grand Falls-Windsor Team for their success at the Enactus Canada Regional Exhibition in Halifax.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to acknowledge the success of events held in Newfoundland and Labrador and Ottawa to mark National Seal Products day on May 22nd.

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**, the following pre-commitments:

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- (a) Order in Council 2018-095 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds up to \$7,102,300 against 2019-20 budgetary appropriations, to facilitate the award of a contract to Johnson's Construction for the paving of approximately 83 kilometres of the Trans Labrador Highway between Charlottetown Junction and Cartwright Junction;
- (b) Order in Council 2018-094 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds up to \$81,000 in 2019-20 and 2020-21 to facilitate an agreement with Vertical Software International Inc. for the licensing of their MATRIX product.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Other Post-Employment Benefits Eligibility Modification Act" (Bill No. 25);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Control And Sale Of Cannabis" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Human Resource Secretariat (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Restraint Of Salary And Extinguishment Of Severance Pay For Non-Represented Public Sector Employees And Statutory Officers Of The Province" (Bill No. 24).

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 Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 23).

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.

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

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 take action to provide for smaller class sizes and adequate space per pupil to allow for a quality learning environment in schools such as St. Francis of Assisi.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) corrected an error he had made in the title when giving notice of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill 21).

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers):

"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."

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Rogers, Ms. Michael, Mr. Lane.

Against: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Haley, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Derek Bennett,

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Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hutchings, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

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.