

Thursday, May 24th, 2018

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the newly elected members of the Nunatsiavut Government.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Leo Blackmore.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the Torbay Lions Club for their valuable community service.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to commend all those who contributed to the success of the Vista Regional Heritage Fair and congratulate overall winner William Martin and Ambassador Award winner Hannah Bannister.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize the Vanier Elementary Grade 4 pupils for their efforts in support of improving the environment.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of Mrs. Jean Hanley to the success of the Vera Perlin Society and wish her a happy 90th birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to announce that for the next five years the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is providing \$40,000 in funding annually for a K-6 Mathematics Bursary Program.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on April 18, 2018.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Management Of Greenhouse Gas Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, May 28th, 2018 and Tuesday, May 29th, 2018.

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The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Establish The Innovation And Business Investment Corporation” (Bill No. 26).

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 encourage Eastern Health to provide a designated parking area for cancer patients with at least 25 spaces at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Clinic.

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

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 Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to attend immediately to the repair recommendations and confirm the replacement date of the Mutton Bay Bridge in accordance with the 2015 inspection report.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) 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 councilor at the hospital and a drug awareness program in the local schools.

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

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Protection Of Intimate Images” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Control And Sale Of Cannabis” (Bill No. 20);

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- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005” (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, “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);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Other Post-Employment Benefits Eligibility Modification Act” (Bill No. 25).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Court Security Act, 2010” (Bill No. 16) 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 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 House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Corporations Act” (Bill No. 18).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bragg 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. Bragg) 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 Corporations Act” (Bill No. 18) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be now read the third time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Corporations Act” (Bill No. 18) 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 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 Energy Corporation Act” (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act” (Bill No. 19) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 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 Energy Corporation Act” (Bill No. 19).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Finn 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. Finn) 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 Energy Corporation Act” (Bill No. 19) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 28th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.