

Wednesday, May 30th, 2018

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005" (Bill No. 22) and on motion the Bill 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 the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

- 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);
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Innovation And Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 26).

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 notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Management Of Greenhouse Gas Act" (Bill No. 27) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

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 Respecting The Control And Sale Of Cannabis" (Bill No. 20).

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.

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The 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 made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

By leave, on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) 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 Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to congratulate Ecole Sainte Anne graduates Oneisha Felix, Sydney Benoit and Harrison Vallis who were awarded significant scholarships.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl CLB on 62 years of supporting youth in their community.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Lisa Browne, Chief Executive Office of Stella's Circle, whom Atlantic Business Magazine has recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs for two years in a row.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate and thank Louise and Bernie Mercer for their contribution to their community through their food drives to honour their late children's birthday.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the courage of Sarah Clarke who, although she lives with significant health challenges, has great courage and maintains a positive attitude.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to recognize May 27th – June 2nd as Provincial Early Childhood Educators' Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize May 30th as Provincial Francophonie Day.

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.

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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 Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) requested and was granted leave to substitute the Resolution standing in his name for the Resolution of which notice had been given on May 28th, 2018.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to establish an all-party Select Committee on Democratic Reform.”

During the debate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Brazil), seconded by the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten), moved the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by the deleting of the words: ‘urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to’.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

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

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.