

Thursday, May 31st, 2018

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers of the town of Petty Harbour Maddox Cove and thank them for their valuable service to the community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate the 2562 Queen Elizabeth Army Cadet Corps on the occasion of their Annual Ceremonial Review and extend best wishes to them for their continued success.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to acknowledge The Flat Bay Pow Wow which will be held from July 13th - 15th.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize the entrepreneurial achievements of Mr. Wilbert Weir and congratulate him on his election as Deputy Mayor of Little Bay Islands, just four days short of his 90th birthday.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Principal Kyran Dwyer and his team at St. Teresa's Elementary School for their active involvement in making a difference in their pupils' lives.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize World No Tobacco Day.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to thank Linda Ross for her outstanding contribution as President and CEO of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women and wish her well as she retires from the position.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Scott Simmons.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled pursuant to Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, the Report of Public Tender Act Exceptions for April, 2018.

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 Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) replied to the Petition.

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 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.

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.

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 The Control And Sale Of Cannabis” (Bill No. 20) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Control And Sale Of Cannabis” (Bill No. 20) 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.

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The Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Brazil) extended best wishes to Members and staff for the summer break.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings to await the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

At 5:06 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

“It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session”.

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, “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).

“May it please your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed a certain Bill, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent”.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill”.

The Speaker further addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent”.

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Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 2);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 6);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act, 1991" (Bill No. 13);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Children, Youth and Families" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Court Security Act, 2010" (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 17);
- 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);
- 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);
- 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);

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- 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).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills”.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Rogers), the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) and the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) extended best wishes for the summer break to all Members and to the staff of the House.

The Speaker then adjourned the House to Monday, November 5th, 2018, at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1)(b).

The House then adjourned *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.