

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018

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

The Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Crosbie) raised a point of privilege respecting the disclosure of the contents of certain reports of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards before their tabling in the House of Assembly.

The Speaker took the matter under advertisement.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate MusicNL Executive Director, Glenda Tulk, board members and volunteers responsible for the success of this year's MusicNL Week.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Gladys Dowden who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 25th.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Special Olympics and all those involved in making the Special Olympics a reality and a success every year.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize the athletic and personal success of Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League player, Michael Clarke.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to thank the voters of Windsor Lake and his family for their support during the recent by-election.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to denounce harassment in the workplace.

Pursuant to Section 18(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) advised the House of the current composition of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

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 May 16, 2018 and May 30, 2018.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) tabled the following reports of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards:

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- (a) The Joyce Report – August 24, 2018;
- (b) The Kirby Report – August 24, 2018;
- (c) The Kirby Report – October 3, 2018;
- (d) The Joyce Report – October 18, 2018;
- (e) The Joyce Report – October 19, 2018.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS some Members have concerns about the process the Commissioner for Legislative Standards followed in producing investigative reports of harassment complaints against Members;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker has informed Members of the House of Assembly Management Commission that the Commission does not have the authority to summon the Commissioner but the House does;

AND WHEREAS questions about the process must be dealt with before the House can properly deal with the reports the process has produced;

AND WHEREAS ensuring the integrity of the process is paramount in assuring the public that justice is done in matters of harassment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House summon the Commissioner for Legislative Standards prior to debate on any of the investigative reports in order to answer questions and provide clarity on the process so Members can have a full understanding of the process and have any questions answered before they deal with the reports’ findings and recommendations.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, October 24th.

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 ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is an ongoing concern.

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

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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 adopt a policy opposing the imposition of caps or thresholds on compensation in automobile insurance.

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 eliminate the 15% retail sales tax on insurance premiums.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 24th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.