

Thursday, October 25th, 2018

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

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Alton United Church in Port Blandford.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Kinsmen Club of Witless Bay on their 13th anniversary and commend them for the fundraising they have done for groups and organizations in the area.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize McAuley Bellows who is one of four recipients of the 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Award of Distinction.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to recognize Gordon Hawco for his contributions to his community as a volunteer.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize the presence of mind and bravery of Harry Cuff, who saved the life of five-year-old Rosalind Cuff in 1958.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to inform the House about the importance of getting a flu shot.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to inform the House that he had participated in the third Minister's Roundtable on Immigration and commend the members for their dedication to the prosperity and growth of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Lands Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's support of the agriculture industry in the Province.

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 Amend The Arts Council Act" (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 29).

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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 Private Investigation And Security Services Act” (Bill No. 30).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 31).

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act” (Bill No. 32).

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reduce litter and plastic pollution by introducing a ban on the supply of single-use supermarket-style shopping bags.

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, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to disclose all the potential options for power rate mitigation and develop and make public a plan to deal with power rate increases.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) 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 eliminate the 15% retail sales tax on insurance premiums.

The Member for Mount Scio (Mr. Kirby) raised a point of privilege.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 2:16 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the point of privilege.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:09 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled that there was a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege.

On motion of the Member for Mount Scio (Mr. Kirby), seconded by the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce), debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Speaker has ruled that the release of reports produced recently by the Commissioner for Legislative Standards constitute a *prima facie* case of privilege;

AND WHEREAS the Member for Terra Nova released two of the reports produced by the Commissioner for Legislative Standards to the CBC in August prior to those being tabled in the House;

BE IT RESOLVED this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections for an appropriate action as per the motion adopted by the House on October 24.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution regarding the striking of an all-party committee on democratic reform.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

Against: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Warr, Mr. Bernard Davis, Ms. Haley, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Finn, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Mr. Dean, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Holloway.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

On motion of the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, October 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.