

Monday, October 29th, 2018

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

The Speaker ruled on points of order raised on October 24th by the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Coady), the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster), the Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) and the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons), regarding comments made by the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry).

The Speaker ruled that there was a valid point of order and requested that the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) withdraw the word "entire" which was inaccurate.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) withdrew the expression.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) raised a point of privilege regarding comments made by the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize the success of the 30th Annual Mount Pearl City Days celebrations.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the volunteers, athletes and coaches who participated in this year's Killick Coast Games.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to welcome 41 new Canadians who were awarded their Certificates of Canadian Citizenship in Wabush on October 23rd.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate The Swinging Belles for winning The Telegram and Central Voice Fans' Choice Entertainer of the Year designation.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Human Resources Secretariat (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to inform the House that the correctional officers represented by NAPE had ratified their collective agreement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to inform the House that the Provincial Government had launched a virtual data room for offshore Newfoundland and Labrador.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act” (Bill No. 33).

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS stress among children is estimated to have increased 45% over the past 30 years;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 intentional self-harm was the 1st leading cause of death in Canadians aged 10-14 and 2nd leading cause of death in Canadians aged 15-19;

AND WHEREAS initiatives like #BellLetsTalk have shown that overcoming stigma around mental health is essential in ensuring people are comfortable seeking help;

AND WHEREAS this Government established Towards Recovery: A Vision for a Renewed Mental Health and Addictions System for Newfoundland and Labrador as part of The Way Forward, to modernize the approach to promoting mental wellness across all populations;

AND WHEREAS following the release of the Premier’s Task Force’s report “Now is the Time”, this Government developed an Education Action Plan which reflects the importance of student mental health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House will continue to increase social and emotional learning in our schools by focusing on mental health education and awareness.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, October 31st.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice 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 Tuesday, October 30th, 2018.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to address the problem of alder overgrowth in the Coast of Bays region expeditiously and immediately.

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 undertake immediate brush cutting on Route 10 for the safety of commuters and the prevention of moose vehicle accidents.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) replied to the Petition.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to legislate a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2021 with an annual adjustment thereafter to reflect provincial inflation.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be now read the second time.

During the debate the Official Opposition Leader (Mr. Crosbie) moved the following amendment:

"Clause I of the Bill is amended by deleting the figures "13%", "12%", "11%" and "10%" and substituting the figure "0%".

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) suspended the proceedings at 3:59 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

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The Speaker (Mr. Reid) resumed the Chair at 4:05 o'clock in the afternoon and declared the amendment not in order at Second Reading.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of Bill No. 9.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 9) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole 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 Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 9).

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 To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 9) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Arts Council Act" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 31).

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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.