

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

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

The Speaker ruled on the point of privilege raised by the Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) on October 29th, 2018 that there was no *prima facie* case of privilege.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Hedley Lake who celebrated his 100th birthday in August.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate and thank Kay Dolmont Coxworthy for her contribution to the community as a volunteer.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers of Bay Roberts on hosting the first Light the Lamp Event – a Street Hockey tournament.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to pay tribute to Peter Giovannini the recipient of a Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment 35-Year Long Service Award and thank him for his contribution to the community as Councilor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate those honoured at the 7th Annual Bright Business Luncheon Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Town of Conception Bay South.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to recognize the importance of Orange Shirt Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to highlight the positive work of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador in bringing together municipalities at the recent annual Conference, Trade Show and Annual General Meeting in Gander.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) tabled the following documents entitled:

- a) Appointments in the Fall 2015;
- b) Long Time PC Len Simms.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2018-132 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds up to \$892,200 per annum, excluding HST, for a term up to and including April 28, 2029 and increasing by the provincial Consumer Price Index each year until March 31, 2039, against its budgetary appropriations, to lease office space in Corner Brook from Marine Contractors Inc.;
- (b) Order in Council 2018-137 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds up to \$1,600,000 against budgetary appropriations in each of 2019-20 and 2020-21, for the provision of server and enterprise application software products;
- (c) Order in Council 2018-152 which authorized the Department of Service Newfoundland and Labrador to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$491,748 in 2019-20; \$491,748 in 2020-21, \$514,287 in 2021-22, \$516,336 in 2022-23; \$516,336 in 2023-24, \$540,008 in 2024-25; \$542,160 in 2025-26, \$542,160 in 2026-27 and \$45,180 in 2027-28 facilitate the nine-year contract extension;
- (d) Order in Council 2018-174 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$512,500 in 2019-20; \$612,500 annually in 2020-21 to 2023-24; and \$102,500 in 2024-25 (excluding HST), to enter into a lease agreement with G. M. Malls Ltd. Partnership for 29,785 square feet of office space in Gander for a five year term;
- (e) Order in Council 2018-175 which authorized the Department of Transportation and works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$113,000 in 2019-20; \$135,500 annually in 2020-21 to 2023-24; and \$22,600 in 2024-25 (excluding HST), to enter into a lease agreement with Colby 2000 Ltd. for 7,314 square feet of office space in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for a five year term;
- (f) Order in Council 2018-176 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$14,563,300 in 2019-20, \$15,000,200 in 2020-21, \$15,450,200 in 2021-22, \$15,913,700 in 2022-23, \$16,391,100 in 2023-24, \$16,882,800 in 2024-25, \$17,389,300 in 2025-26, \$17,911,000

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in 2026-27, \$18,448,300 in 2027-28, \$19,001,700 in 2028-29, \$19,571,800 in 2029-30, \$20,159,000 in 2030-31, \$20,763,700 in 2031-32, \$21,386,600 in 2032-33 and \$22,028,200 in 2033-34, to facilitate a contract award for ferry/freight services to the North Coast of Labrador to Labrador Marine Incorporated.

- (g) Order in Council 2018-177 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$11,950,752 in 2019-20, \$12,275,643 in 2020-21, \$12,643,912 in 2021-22, \$13,023,230 in 2022-23, \$13,450,677 in 2023-24, \$13,816,344 in 2024-25, \$14,230,835 in 2025-26, \$14,657,760 in 2026-27, \$15,138,856 in 2027-28, \$15,550,417 in 2028-29, \$16,016,930 in 2029-30, and \$15,729,064 in 2030-31, to facilitate a contract award for the Strait of Belle Isle Ferry Service to Labrador Marine Incorporated.

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 North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure adequate vision care for the children of our province and cover the costs of children's eye exams.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

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 allow children to avail of courtesy busing and enable parents to indicate a drop-off location in addition to the family home.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Hawkins) replied to the Petition.

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 third time and passed.

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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 notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 31) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 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 House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 31).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of 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 House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill No. 31) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Arts Council Act" (Bill No. 28) and on motion 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, Wednesday, October 31st at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.