

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act, 2006" (Bill No. 34) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act, 2006" (Bill No. 34) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 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 Assessment Act, 2006" (Bill No. 34).

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 House (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 Assessment Act, 2006" (Bill No. 34) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:14 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to thank and congratulate Ms. Erin Gallant and Spirit Horse NL - Stable Life for changing the lives of so many.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to congratulate Labrador City which was selected as one of the top ten places that give you Goosebumps on the Expedia Travel Sensations blog.

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The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the members of the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for the valued service they provide.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to thank those who made the establishment of the Tommy Rickett's Memorial Peace Park possible.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to Shannie Duff who was recognized with the highest award granted by the City of St. John's: the Freedom of the City.

By leave, the Member for Cartwright – L'anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Roberts who had celebrated her 100th birthday.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) requested that the Member for Mount Scio (Mr. Kirby) apologize to the House in accordance with the Resolution adopted by the House of Assembly on November 6th, 2018.

The Member for Mount Scio (Mr. Kirby) complied with the request.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to acknowledge the participants in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to announce that Newfoundland and Labrador would host the 2020 East Coast Music Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Parsons) tabled a document entitled Assessment Criteria.

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 undertake an assessment of the supports in place for the deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children and in the interim undertake to ensure that all DHH children are provided with access to quality education equivalent to hearing classmates.

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

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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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten):

"BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure the safety of all children by removing the restrictive 1.6-kilometre busing policy where safety is a concern."

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) moved, seconded by the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne), the following amendment:

"By removing the restrictive 1.6 kilometre busing policy" and by inserting instead the following: "reviewing the additional courtesy stop within the 1.6 kilometre busing policy which was implemented this year to determine its effectiveness".

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) suspended the proceedings at 3:23 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:44 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate continued on the Resolution.

During the debate the Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) moved, seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto), the following amendment:

"That the Private Members motion be amended 'by adding the word 'considering' before the words 'removing the restrictive 1.6 kilometre busing policy' and by adding after the word 'policy' the words 'upon further examination of the effectiveness of the additional courtesy stop within the 1.6 kilometre busing policy that was implemented this year'."

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

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The Speaker (Mr. Reid) ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment and on the Resolution itself.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Warr, Mr. Davis, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Haley, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Parsley, Mr. King, Mr. Dean, Mr. Holloway.

Against: Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Michael, Mr. Lane.

The Speaker declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) put the question on the Resolution as amended and declared the Resolution as amended carried.

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.