

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 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 Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32).

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 Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:20 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to pay tribute to the St. John's Hindu Temple for their successful Diwali celebration.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to pay tribute to Doreen Tremblett for her service to her community as a volunteer.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Josh Dyke who recently won a gold medal at the British Junior wrestling championships.

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The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to pay tribute to members of Western NL Team Broken Earth who are on a nine-day mission to Haiti to provide much-needed medical care.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to applaud veterans Chelsey Bull and Don Windsor who have received Royal Canadian Legion Life Member Awards.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to update the House of Assembly on the recent Atlantic Growth Strategy trade mission to China.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House of Assembly about the cell service initiatives taking place in the Province.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Assembly as follows:

“WHEREAS section 7 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that the Law Clerk of the House of Assembly is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on nomination by the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Kimberly Hawley George, Q.C. be nominated for appointment as the Law Clerk of the House of Assembly.”

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 Monday, November 19th, 2018.

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 1.6 km policy for all Elementary Schools in the Province and in Junior and Senior High Schools where safety is a primary concern.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) 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

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support the approved licenced ambulance operator in the area from Bay Bulls to Bauline that they meet the national standard for response times.

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 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr):

“WHEREAS fourteen mineral commodities are produced or mined in the Province including iron, nickel, copper, cobalt and gold;

AND WHEREAS the mining industry in 2018 is expected to employ 4,800 people (excluding construction) throughout Newfoundland and Labrador with \$48 million in exploration expenditures and \$3 billion in mineral shipments are forecasted;

AND WHEREAS the growth and diversification of the mining industry will provide meaningful contribution to a more diverse workforce by doubling the current number of women employed and by providing meaningful opportunities to rural areas of our Province;

AND WHEREAS by 2030 the Provincial Government envisions five new mines, sustainable direct employment of more than 6,200 people in operations, and doubling our annual exploration expenditures to \$100 million;

AND WHEREAS to be successful the Government will focus on, being competitive, with clear and efficient regulatory processes; advancing targeted public geoscience, marketing and education; promoting effective Indigenous and community engagement; and pursuing innovation and emerging technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in its plan for growth in the mining industry of our Province.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

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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.