

Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Gerard Ryan and Ken Molloy who were honoured with service awards at the Trepassey Volunteer Fire Department annual dinner and thank all current and former members for their service to the community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 50 on their 48th Anniversary and recognize Mr. Gerry Kelly who was presented with a Lifetime Member Award.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Derrick Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Seldom Fire Department and thank all firefighters in the District of Fogo Island – Cape Freels for their contribution to their communities.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mary Gillingham.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Allan Cramm who was recognized recently as an honorary member in the organization of the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize November 18th – 26th as Restorative Justice Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Hawkins) made a Statement to recognize November 20th as National Child Day.

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 suspend immediately a crown land application for 46 hectares of land adjacent to the Old Witless Bay Line, until the residents of the region and concerned citizens have the ability to express concerns and have certain questions answered.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) 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.

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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.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act” (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Reporting Requirements Of Public Bodies” (Bill No. 38).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Protection And Promotion Of Public Health” (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Protection And Promotion Of Public Health” (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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By leave, the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate continued and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to establish an all-party Select Committee on Democratic Reform”.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Warr, Mr. Davis, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Haley, Mr. Letto, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Holloway, Mr. King, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Dean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Rogers.

Against: None.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 21st at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.