

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018

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

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Anne Budgell upon the publication of her book on the Spanish Influenza in Labrador, 1918-1919 entitled "We All Expected to Die".

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Wilbur Sparkes.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Lauren Carter for having won the Anaconda Mining Volunteer Activity Award and the Wing N It George Street Community Pride Award.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Parsley) made a Statement to congratulate the Roncalli girls' rugby team, winners of six straight provincial championships on their success in the sport.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Lynelle Cantwell on being chosen the 2018 Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to thank the delegation from the Vietnam Skills for Employment Project for their recent visit to the Province and commend the College of the North Atlantic for raising the Province's profile internationally through their partnership with the Skills for Employment Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Letto) made a Statement to inform the House about the launch of the Text-9-1-1 system which enables 911 Call Takers to communicate quickly and clearly with persons who are deaf and others who might benefit from using wireless text messaging.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to announce the Start of the New Drug Treatment Court Pilot Project.

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.

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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 take steps to put in place a plan for a gradual transition to a universal, public child care and after-school care program.

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 Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) 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 implement a legislative requirement for Rent to Own agreements to be registered with the Provincial Government at the Registry of Deeds.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 41) was read the third time and passed.

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 following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Marriage Act" (Bill No. 46);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Supreme Court In The Province" (Bill No. 47).

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 35) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 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 Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 35).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons 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 (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act” (Bill No. 35) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the third time on tomorrow.

By leave, the proceedings were suspended at 5:32 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:02 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting A Pension Plan For Teachers” (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting A Pension Plan For Teachers” (Bill No. 45) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 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 Respecting A Pension Plan For Teachers” (Bill No. 45).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons 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 (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting A Pension Plan For Teachers” (Bill No. 45) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. George’s – Humber (Mr. Reid):

“BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly concur in the Interim Report of the Privileges and Elections Committee Respecting the Development of a Legislature-Specific Harassment-Free Workplace Policy.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 5th at 10:00 o’clock in the morning.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.