

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Jim Kennedy.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Bertha Parsons who had celebrated her 100th birthday on January 24th.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Chantelle Evans and Donna Dicker whose traditional garments or Atigis have been showcased by the Canada Goose Company in New York City.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate pupils, teachers and staff of Anthony Paddon Elementary School for hosting the successful Canada's Agriculture Day at the school.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to congratulate the Clarenville Farm and Market's Board of Directors on their being recognized with the 2019 CBDC Tourism Business Award of Excellence during the Annual Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Conference in Gander.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the success of the Sexual Violence Legal Support Service programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to recognize Stigma Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Resolution for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 55).

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 reinstate the moose and caribou jawbone collection programme in the Province.

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

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge

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Government to encourage companies that are awarded the contracts for the new Corner Brook hospital to hire local tradespeople and labourers.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) 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 instate legislation which would include provisions to ensure the safety, hygiene and all other required care for patients with cognitive debilitating conditions in long-term care homes.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Marriage Act” (Bill No. 46) 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.

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 Historic Resources Act” (Bill No. 49).

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

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directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act” (Bill No. 49) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act” (Bill No. 49) 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 Public Bodies Reporting Act” (Bill No. 50);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 51);

A Bill, “An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law” (Bill No. 54).

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

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

“THAT the amendment to Standing Order 92, which was adopted provisionally on February 27th, 2018 be adopted permanently with suborder 92(2) amended by the substitution of 60 seconds for 90 seconds speaking time.

AND THAT this change comes into force on the date of its approval.

The permanent Standing Order will read as follows:

- (1) Every Member offering a petition to the House shall confine himself or herself to the statement of the parties from whom it comes, the number of signatures attached to it and the material allegations it contains. In no case shall the Member occupy more than 3 minutes in so doing, unless by permission of the House upon question put.

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- (2) A Minister, in his or her discretion, may reply to a petition and the Minister's response shall occupy no more than 60 seconds in so doing.
- (3) A Minister's response under Standing Order 92(2) may be given on the day the petition is presented or the next sitting day only.
- (4) Where, in a session, multiple petitions of the same subject matter are presented, a Minister may respond to each petition in the manner contemplated under Standing Order 92 (3), but only one response to a petition with the same subject matter may be made on each sitting day."

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Student Financial Assistance" (Bill No. 52) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be now read the second time by leave.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Student Financial Assistance" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Student Financial Assistance" (Bill No. 52) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means to consider a certain Resolution and Bill "Relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 53).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

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 on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.