

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate the Local Service District of Francois for winning the Cruise Vision Award presented by Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador at the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Gala this year.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize Eric Hart who has been instrumental in helping set up the Inclusive Squash Program in Conception Bay South.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Freda Gillis.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Megan Gail Coles on the release of her recent book "Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club".

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize Abby Clarke on her successful hockey career.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to announce the introduction of an Adult Diversion Programme in the criminal justice system in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's support of farm safety through the Mitigating Agricultural Risks Programme.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), pursuant to Subsection 18(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, informed the House that the MHA for the District of Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) had been appointed to the Management Commission effective March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the United Nations has declared 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages;

**AND WHEREAS** the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has estimated that 40% of the languages spoken around the world are in danger of disappearing;

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**AND WHEREAS** there are more than 70 Indigenous languages across 12 language groups currently spoken in Canada and it is believed that 75% of these languages are identified as endangered;

**AND WHEREAS** indigenous languages are a fundamental and valued element of our culture and society and are essential in improving our indigenous identity;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador officially recognize 2019 as the Year of Indigenous Languages.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that 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 Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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 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 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 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 make safe affordable housing for those who are most in need a priority and increase the current rental subsidy of \$800 per month.

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The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to revise the policy on personal care home access.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Establishment Of The Oil And Gas Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador” (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Establishment Of The Oil And Gas Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador” (Bill No. 42) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 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 The Establishment Of The Oil And Gas Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador” (Bill No. 42).

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 Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.