

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

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

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 55).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Warr took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Warr) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 55 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2012 the sum of \$2,864,878,600.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2020 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 55) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:15 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to recognize Lions Robert Sheppard and Joe Thomas of the Bishop's Falls Lions Club and Lions Len Woolridge and Walter Lee of the Botwood Lions Clubs who were recognized for their many years of service to their communities.

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The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Alexa Tobin who was recently named Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association Junior Female Official of the Year for 2018.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Bronson Jacque who was the winner of a gold medal at the 2019 Canadian Powerlifting Union's bench press championships and earned the right to represent Canada at a Commonwealth games event in St. John's this year.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Finn) made a Statement to recognize the Stephenville Lions Club for 66 years of service to their community and Eric Lomond and Minette Shave for 55 and 66 years of service respectively.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to acknowledge the nominees and recipients of the Clarenville Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th Annual Business Awards of Excellence and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

By leave, the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Tom McGrath.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to congratulate the Memorial University Faculty of Medicine on their receiving the Rural Medical Education Award from the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House that Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism has been named one of the top advertising brands in Canada by Strategy's Creative Report Card.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) tabled a document regarding ATIPP requests received by GNL.

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

"WHEREAS subsection 6(3) of the *Independent Appointments Commission Act* provides that the Independent Appointments Commission shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS there are currently 5 members of the Independent Appointments Commission;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed members of the Independent Appointments Commission:

Earl Ludlow
Cathy Duke”

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 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 Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reduce litter and plastic pollution by introducing a ban on the supply of single-use supermarket-style shopping bags.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Letto) 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 Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds):

“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;

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.”

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The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

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.