

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

Be it known on this day at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Judy Foote, PC, ONL, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, at its present Session, passed a certain Bill, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, “An Act 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).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to this Bill”.

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

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to congratulate all those responsible for the tremendous success of the 37th Frosty Festival.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Rebecca Hickey for her contribution to her community and to wish her a happy 79th birthday.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate this year's Easter Seals NL Ambassador Cassandra McGrath.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Noreen Golfman for being named Woman of the Year by the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists for advancing gender equality in the arts.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize outstanding citizens of Spaniard's Bay, William Tetford and Bonita Hussey.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to inform the House about her participation as part of the Canadian delegation in the 63rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to recognize the opening of Beaver Brook Antimony Mine.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the Order in Council 2019-069 which authorized the Minister Responsible for the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$1,400,000 in 2019-20, against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate a one-year contract extension with Bell Canada for the provision of Wide Area Data Network and Internet Services for the term of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), pursuant to paragraph 273(3) of the *Elections Act, 1991* tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to release its electricity rate mitigation plan without delay.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 20th.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Interpretation Act” (Bill No. 59).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce, pursuant to Standing Order 65(1)(a),(b) and (c), the following Resolution:

“That the composition of the Resource Committee, the Government Services Committee and the Social Services Committee will be as follows:

The Government Services Committee will consist of the members for the following districts:

- The Member for Torngat Mountains;
- The Member for Conception Bay South;
- The Member for Exploits;
- The Member for Ferryland;
- The Member for St. George's – Humber;
- The Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi;
- The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port; and
- The Member for Terra Nova

The Resource Committee will consist of the members for the following districts:

- The Member for Exploits;
- The Member for Bonavista;
- The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune;
- The Member for Harbour Main;
- The Member for St. George’s – Humber;
- The Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi;
- The Member for Terra Nova; and
- The Member for Topsail - Paradise

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The Social Services Committee will consist of the members for the following districts:

- The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay;
- The Member for Cape St. Francis;
- The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island;
- The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels;
- The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave;
- The Member for St. George’s – Humber;
- The Member for St. John’s Centre;
- The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port; and
- The Member for Windsor Lake”

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) answered a question asked by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) respecting travel.

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 hold public consultations to discuss the findings of the May 2018 Risk Assessment for the Bell Island Ferry Service.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) 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 improve access to gender affirming surgery.

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

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 upgrade and perform immediate maintenance to the Witless Bay Line, Route 13.

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.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill No. 57);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards, Act, 2012" (Bill No. 58).

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

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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 51).

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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 51) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 51) 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 order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting A Pension Plan For Employees Of The Government Of The Province And Others" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 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 Employees Of The Government Of The Province And Others” (Bill No. 56) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting A Pension Plan For Employees Of The Government Of The Province And Others” (Bill No. 56).

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 Employees Of The Government Of The Province And Others” (Bill No. 56) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law” (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law” (Bill No. 54) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law” (Bill No. 54).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

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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 Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.