

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards Act, 2012" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards Act, 2012" (Bill No. 58) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Interpretation Act" (Bill No. 59) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:20 p.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Richard Hickey who has been named Harbour Breton's Citizen of the Year for 2018.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to extend congratulations to the organizers of and the students who participated in the Roncalli Elementary Annual Student Heritage Fair.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the 2019 Labrador Winter Games which are taking place this week.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize a dedicated group of men and women from four communities who have amalgamated and revived the Little Bay Area Regional Fire Department.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Muriel Mary Morris.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize March as National Nutrition Month.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to inform the House about the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada's AdventureSmart Trip Plan App.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) presented the Report of the Standing Orders Committee dated March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) tabled a document entitled “Crosbie Hydro Energy Action Plan, St. John’s, NL, March 11, 2019.”

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

**“THAT** Standing Order 63(2) be amended by deleting the words “new session” and inserting instead the words “General Assembly”;

**AND THAT** this amendment have effect from the beginning of the 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.”

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 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 Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) 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 Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie):

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

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) moved, seconded by the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne), the following amendment:

“That the amended Resolution would read “BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge government of Newfoundland and Labrador to release its electricity mitigation plan as soon as possible.”

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The Speaker (Mr. Trimper) suspended the proceedings at 3:26 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Warr) resumed the Chair at 3:34 o'clock in the afternoon and declared the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution and the Resolution itself.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Coady, Mr. Haggie, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Warr, Mr. Edmunds, Ms. Haley, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Finn, Mr. Holloway, Mr. King, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Reid, Mr. Joyce.

Against: Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Petten, Mr. Lester, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution as amended 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.