

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 1) 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 The Regulation Of Real Estate Trading In The Province" (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Regulation Of Real Estate Trading In The Province" (Bill No. 4) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Regulation Of Real Estate Trading In The Province" (Bill No. 4) be referred to the Government Services Committee for review.

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

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the contributions of volunteers in the District.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to congratulate the Assante Wealth Management CBR Junior Renegades who won the league championship.

The Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to congratulate the Leading Edge Credit Union for the work they do and their contribution to the communities they serve.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the Bonavista – Trinity Regional Chamber of Commerce on another successful year.

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The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to honour Christopher Sheppard, former Executive Director of the St. John's Native Friendship Centre, as he leaves the Province to take up a position in Saskatchewan.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House the about the Vegetable Transplant Program and its role in taken by Government enhancing food production and increasing food security in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House about action taken by Government to improve highway safety in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to invite nominations for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) informed the House that he had referenced CODNL rather than the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living during Oral Questions on April 9th 2019.

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 remove the provincial component of taxes for medical cannabis users.

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 Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to develop a childcare strategy that will provide affordable, accessible and quality childcare for Newfoundland and Labrador parents of different economic and social backgrounds.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie):

“WHEREAS the intent of the Atlantic Accord is that offshore development approvals should be completed within 270 days, and such approvals are currently taking in excess of 30 months;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to press the Government of Canada to affirm that the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, established under the Atlantic Accord, should be the Responsible Authority for conducting environmental assessments of offshore projects under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA), and that exploration wells should be removed from the CEAA project list”.

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie), the following amendment:

“That the Private Member’s Resolution currently before the House be amended by inserting the word “continue to” immediately after the words “urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to.”

The Speaker (Mr. Warr) suspended the proceedings at 3:28 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Warr) resumed the Chair at 3:42 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

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

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the motion carried.

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