

Wednesday, June 12<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 continued on the following motion "That this House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(1)(b) the sitting was suspended at 12:17 a.m. The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to recognize the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MacMorran Community Centre which will take place in July.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to thank teachers in the Province for all they do for their pupils.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Charles Moore who celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) made a Statement to congratulate the Placentia West Development Association on their Ruby Anniversary, their 40<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Victoria Pretty for placing first at the local, regional and district speakout and participating in the Multiple District N speakout in Nova Scotia last month.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to acknowledge the Filipino Community on Philippines Independence Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate Roncalli Elementary School for receiving this year's Inclusive Education Award.

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Mr. Loveless) presented the Report of the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) debate was deferred for further debate on tomorrow.

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 Premier (Mr. Ball) replied to the Petition.

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.

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

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Standing Orders Committee be directed to undertake a scan of Question Period rules and procedures in various jurisdictions and bring forward for consideration during the fall sitting of 2019 a recommendation to amend the Standing Orders of the House respecting Oral Questions to require Ministers to answer questions in a manner which is brief and to the point and relevant and responsive to the question.”

During the debate the Member for St. John’s Centre (Mr. Dinn) moved the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by deleting the words “to require ministers to” and by substituting instead a common and the following words and commas: “which would include, but which would not be limited to, a requirement that ministers”.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 3:26 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:35 o’clock in the afternoon and declared the amendment in order.

Debate continued on the amendment and the Resolution itself.

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During the debate the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) moved the following amendment:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Standing Orders Committee be directed as follows: to undertake a scan of Question Period rules and procedures in various jurisdictions; to do a comprehensive review of the Standing Orders with respect to Oral Questions; and to bring forward the results of this review for the fall sitting of the House of Assembly.”

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:40 o'clock and announced that by leave, an agreement had been reached to substitute the amendment moved by the Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) for the original Resolution.

Debate commenced and concluded on the Resolution.

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.