

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Victor Baker who celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Kinsmen Club of Botwood which has celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to congratulate Cain's Quest Snowmobile Race 2020 as they prepare to start the race in Labrador West on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to commend the Emmaus House Food Bank for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize International Women's Day which will be celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to acknowledge the receipt of the Muskrat Falls Inquiry Report.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to acknowledge the start of midwifery services in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of employees of the Department of Transportation and Works who worked tirelessly during and after the January storm.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) raised a point of order regarding comments attributed to her by the Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Coffin).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) raised a point of order regarding comments made by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) that appeared to suggest he was lying.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to

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impose binding arbitration in cases where strikes or lockouts are prolonged, where collective bargaining has failed or when it is in the public interest to do so and bring forward legislation to ban replacement workers.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to introduce legislation requiring all AEDs in the Province to be registered with an on-line registry linked to the 911 system.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Bragg) replied to the Petition.

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 reinstate the Adult Dental Programme to cover low-income individuals and families.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady):

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Select Committee on Democratic Reform to be established further to a Private Member’s Resolution passed in this House on December 4, 2019 will comprise of the following Members:

The Member for Carbonear - Trinity Bay de Verde  
The Member for Mount Scio  
The Member for Windsor Lake  
The Member for Topsail - Paradise  
The Member for St. John’s East - Quidi Vidi  
The Member for St John’s Centre  
The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands

**AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the committee shall establish its priorities within the scope of authority set for it in the resolution adopted by the House on December 4, 2019;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Select Committee on Democratic Reform may, in the completion of its work, travel from time to time within the Province;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Select Committee on Democratic Reform report its progress to this Honourable House before the end of the Winter-Spring Sitting of this House, 2021; and

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the resolution of any further matters relating to the mandate or operations of said committee be brought to this House for approval.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 24) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 24).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett 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 (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 24) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.