

Thursday, March 12th, 2020

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Gerald Ellis on his retirement after 38 years with the Bishop Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Myles Murphy for his contribution to the deaf community as an advocate.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to congratulate the members of the Exploits Hurricanes Curling Team for their gold medal performance at the National Games in Thunder Bay.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to recognize Jean Crane for her contribution to her community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize and thank the volunteers of The Angel Fund for the valuable service they provide to those diagnosed with breast cancer.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize the eleventh anniversary of the crash of Cougar Flight 491.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to recognize National Engineering and Geoscience Month in the Province.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following motion:

“THAT, for the duration of the Winter/Spring 2020 sitting, during any time that the House is adjourned as provided for in Standing Orders 8 and 9, the government may advise the Speaker that it is in the public interest that the adjournment continue,

- a. to a specified date; or
- b. until further notice is given to the Speaker,

and the Speaker, following consultation with the opposition House Leaders and unaffiliated Members, shall cause the House to remain in adjournment accordingly.”

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) provided additional information relating to questions he had answered earlier regarding

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business continuity plans in the event of significant community-acquired or community-based illness.

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 take a more proactive approach to ensuring affordable and inclusive transportation is available for all individuals who experience accessibility challenges.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to expedite the process of restarting operations at the Bull Arm Fabrication Site.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O’Driscoll) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure the immediate cutting of brush on route 10 of the Southern Shore Highway for the safety of commuters and prevention of moose vehicle accidents.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) raised a point of order regarding comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) about the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) tabled correspondence from the Egg Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion of which the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) had given notice during Routine Proceedings regarding the extension of the adjournment.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider Certain Resolutions and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 26).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Lane took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Lane) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution as amended and the Bill consequent thereto as amended to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendments were read the first and second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution as amended was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$2,631,157,300.”

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “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, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 26) as amended was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 23rd 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.