

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Mr. Loveless) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Lydia Hardy who has been awarded the Loran Scholarship.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to recognize the St. Shott's Recreation Committee.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to thank Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Terry Stead for his outstanding service to his country.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Sidney Matthews who was a Korean War Veteran.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to recognize Terri-Lynn Barry for her contributions to her community as a valued leader.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to inform the House that Government and the Transition House Association of Newfoundland and Labrador are partnering on a dedicated, province-wide domestic violence phone line that will "go live" next week.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Human Resource Secretariat (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize Public Service Week 2020 which has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked all public service workers for their dedicated and hard work.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2020-082 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations \$48,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$8,000 in 2022-23 to enter into a lease agreement with the Rigolet Inuit Community Government for 830 square feet of office space in Rigolet;
- (b) Order in Council 2020-042 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations \$12,582.72 in 2020-21, \$17,109.72 in each of fiscal years 2021-22 through 2023-24, and \$21,309.72 in 2024-25 to facilitate the award

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of a contract to Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd. for the lease of two mail machines at St. John's;

- (c) Order in Council 2020-043 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations \$168,880 annually for fiscal years 2020-21 to 2022-23 and \$121,377.68 for fiscal year 2023-24 to renew a lease agreement with A & A Realty Company Limited for 7,855 square feet of space in Grand Falls-Windsor;
- (d) Order in Council 2020-044 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations \$56,670.24 annually for fiscal years 2020-21 to 2024-25 to enter into a lease agreement with 10048 NFLD Ltd. for 3,055 square feet of warehouse space in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

**AND WHEREAS** the tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety on June 6, 2019;

**AND WHEREAS** the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal Report was tabled in this Honourable House on June 25, 2019 as required by section 28.2 of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the House of Assembly is required to approve, vary or reject the report;

**AND WHEREAS** Government has decided to ask this Honourable House to accept all of the recommendations of the tribunal as contained in its report of June 4, 2019:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the 2018 Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Tribunal be implemented effective April 1, 2017.”

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The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the Government to table and bring to debate and concluding votes the 2020/21 budget prior to any general election.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Brazil) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 direct the province’s health care authorities to develop and make public, a plan that not only returns our health care system to normal operations, but also deals with the significant backlog in appointments, surgeries and other procedures.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

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 eliminate the 1.6 km policy for all Elementary Schools in the Province and for Junior and Senior High Schools where safety is a primary concern.

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to immediately take the necessary steps of conducting and maintaining brush cutting operations on the Conception Bay Highway, specifically Conception Harbour and Roaches Line Route 70 to ensure motorists’ safety and to improve the sightlines for the driving public who use these roadways each day.

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

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The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition).

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to restore the 24-hour emergency service to the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre immediately.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) 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 order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be now read the second time.

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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 Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 25).

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 Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 25) without amendment.

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

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) that the House do now adjourn.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question on the motion to adjourn and declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16<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.