

Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

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

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the people of the District who helped their fellow citizens during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize the Masked Bandits, a group of ladies who make masks which they donate to residents who need them.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33 which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Sacred Heart World War I Memorial in Placentia's Town Square on June 3rd.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Ann Young for her contribution to her community as a volunteer.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Gary Thompson, a popular and successful Special Olympian.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to inform the House about efforts Government is making to help municipalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Coady) made a Statement to inform the House that Government has established a new regional assessment process that protects the environment and shortens timelines for exploration drilling programme approval.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, June 18th, 2020.

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 direct the Province's healthcare authorities to develop and make public, a plan that not only returns our healthcare 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.

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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 not to accept the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) proposal (A Home For Nature: Protected Areas Plan for the island of Newfoundland) and encourage Government to carry out proper consultation on any further plans and request that WERAC release all data, documentation, and all research used to select these proposed reserve and transitional areas.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) 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 take the necessary steps to repair and repave the roads in the District which are in need of such work.

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 course of action to assist small businesses that are unable to avail of current supports or are in need of other supports to ensure they survive the current pandemic and continue to contribute to the success our economy in the long term.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure internet services are upgraded in the northern Labrador indigenous communities of Nain, Natuashish, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville, and Rigolet.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (Mr. Davis) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons):

“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;

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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.”

On motion debate on the Resolution was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Animal Health And Protection Act” (Bill No. 39) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.