

Wednesday, June 17th, 2020

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers and employees of L'Association Régionale de la Côte Ouest on 25 years of success.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Jade Roberts on her athletic accomplishments and her acceptance into Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to acknowledge the contribution made by blood donors and encourage those who have not donated to consider donating as the need is great.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Arthur Huxter.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to thank Black Lives Matter NL and recognize the work they do to end anti-Black racism.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Vegetable Transplant Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to inform the House about enhancements made to the Provincial Student Loans Program for the 2020-21 academic year.

By leave, the Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) tabled a letter she had written to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding the expansion of PIPEDA to include protections for the use of individuals' personal information by public and private sector organizations as it relates to artificial intelligence systems.

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 school boards to develop and make public, a plan to address the upcoming school year in light of the impact of COVID-19.

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

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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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham):

“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 Speaker put the question and declared the motion 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.