Monday, October 5th, 2020

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) made a Statement to recognize Jane Shiwak, a survivor of residential schools.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Murray Roberts of Botwood, recently given life membership to Hockey NL.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Mary Butler of Butlerville.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate Matthew Fleming on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize Cindy Wells of Irishtown for spearheading the annual Ronald McDonald Red Shoe Crew Walk in her home town.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Loveless) made a Statement to inform Members of National Forest Week and National Tree Day as celebrated at C.C. Loughlin Elementary School in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (Ms. Stoodley) made a Statement to inform Members October is Cyber Security Month.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) tabled a document entitled, "Report on the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue Fund: for the year ended March 31, 2020".

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) 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 bring to the House an amendment to the "House of Assembly Act" for deliberation during the current fall sitting to set a fixed date for the next general election in the third week of October 2021, notwithstanding Section 3.1 of the Act."

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Brazil) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, October 7th.

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The Member for Stephenville – Port au Port (Mr. Wakeham) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to maintain and repair the roadway through the community of Cold Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. Bragg) 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 support the ambulance service in the area of Bay Bulls to Bauline to meet the national standard for response times.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) 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, Tuesday, October 6th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly.