

Monday, October 19th, 2020

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

The Speaker welcomed Alexander, infant son of the Honourable the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (Ms. Stoodley), to the Chamber.

The Speaker ruled on a point of order respecting Standing Order 44 raised by the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) on October 7th, 2020.

The Speaker ruled on a point of privilege raised on October 8th, 2020 by the Honourable the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (Ms. Demspter) respecting remarks made on October 7th by the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten).

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottehneimer) made a Statement to recognize residents, employees and management of personal care homes in the District of Harbour Main during the world health pandemic.

The Member for Windsor Lake (Mr. Crosbie) made a Statement to congratulate indigenous Elder Emma Reelis, recipient of Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors of Distinction Award.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. James Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Chris Shortall and the Tessier Park Neighbourhood Association volunteers on their initiative to plant a fruit tree forest in Tessier Park, St. John's.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Paul Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Judy Sparkes of Paradise Centennial Lions Club, recipient of Lion of the Year in 2019-2020 in recognition of her outstanding service and loyalty within the community.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) made a Statement to recognize Chief Alex Coady of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department upon his retirement.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Innovation Week and the success of the Newfoundland and Labrador technology sector.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to recognize the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills entitled:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan Act, 2020" (Bill No. 47);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act, No. 4" (Bill No. 48).

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS, Health Canada has concerns about vaping as it can increase exposure to harmful chemicals and lead to nicotine addiction, with youth being especially susceptible to its negative effects, that include altered brain development, memory and concentration;

AND WHEREAS, the Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (2017) reported that 54 per cent of all students thought it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get an e-cigarette with nicotine if they wanted one;

AND WHEREAS, a 2019 British Medical Journal survey of youth in Canada, England and the United States found that from 2017 to 2018, the prevalence of vaping for teens aged 16 to 19 jumped from 8.4 per cent to 14.6 per cent, representing a 74 per cent increase year-over-year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House refer the following reference question to the Social Services Committee for immediate action and report back with recommendations by March 31, 2021: 'What can be done to reduce the prevalence of youth vaping in Newfoundland and Labrador?'

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, October 21st.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the induction of Harry Hibbs into Canada's Walk of Fame.

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

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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 20th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.