

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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

The Member for Humber – Gros Morne (Premier Furey) duly elected in a by-election on October 6, 2020, was formally introduced to the House of Assembly and took his seat.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) made a Statement to recognize the Eastport Peninsula Agricultural Committee.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Dwyer) made a Statement to recognize the 2020 Burin Peninsula Healthcare Foundation Annual Radiothon.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize Angus and Uriel Kielly of Gaskiers on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Justin Fancy on the release on his debut album, *Sure Beats A Good Time*.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) made a Statement to recognize Nathan Sullivan of Grand Falls – Windsor for his quick action saving his father, Ron Sullivan, during a recent woodcutting accident.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to recognize the announcement of the members of the Economic Recovery Team.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to recognize the newest member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, support dog Stella.

The Honourable the Minister of Immigration, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to recognize Workplace NL on gaining worldwide recognition and accolades.

After Question Period, the Speaker (Mr. Reid) reminded Members of the provisions of Standing Order 44 and that comments during debate must be directed to the Chair.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on July 30, 2020, September 9, 2020 and September 29, 2020.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, tabled the 2019-20 Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Citizens' Representative.

The Honourable the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (Ms. Stoodley) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Condominium Act, 2009, The Co-Operatives Act And The Corporations Act" (Bill No. 51).

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Other Post-Employment Benefits Eligibility Modification Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Auditor General Act" (Bill No. 50).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Mr. Tibbs) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to keep the laboratory services in Grand Falls – Windsor therefore limiting the fallout that would occur if this decision moves forward.

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

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) presented a Petition (not certified) from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to implement an affordable dental program for our seniors.

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

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker):

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**“THAT** Motions 6, 7, 8 and 9 now appearing on the Order Paper be deleted;

**AND THAT** notice on the related Bills be deemed to have been properly given;

**AND THAT** in replacing those motions, the motions before the House therefore be as follows:

- (i) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Carbon Products. (Bill No. 43)
- (ii) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Tobacco. (Bill No. 45)
- (iii) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a Resolution Relating to the Raising of Loans by the Province. (Bill No. 47)
- (iv) The Honourable the Minister of Finance To Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider a Resolution Respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Vapour Products. (Bill No. 48).”

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Furey, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Haggie, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Davis, Ms. Coady, Mr. Loveless, Ms. Stoodley, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Warr, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Trimper, Ms. Haley, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Wakeham, Mr. Lester, Ms. Evans, Mr. Petten, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Pardy, Mr. Paul Dinn, Ms. Conway Ottenheimer, Mr. Tibbs, Ms. Coffin, Mr. James Dinn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lane.

Against: None.

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The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion to concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.