

Thursday, December 10th, 2020

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

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to recognize nominees and recipients of the Best of Mount Pearl Awards 2020.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to recognize Rachel Moss of Portugal Cove – St. Phillips for her volunteer work in many capacities.

The Member for St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize Port au Choix's oldest resident, Ms. Yvonne Ploughman (nee Gould) who celebrated her 100th Birthday on December 8th, 2020.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to recognize Clarence and Anne Molloy of Portugal Cove South, owners of Molloy's Transportation and Courier Service, which was in business for 52 years when they retired March 31st, 2020.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to recognize Jevon Marsh of Bonavista on being selected as a 2021 Rhodes Scholar.

The Honourable the Minister of Immigration, Skills and Labour (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to recognize Avalon Employment Incorporated on earning the United Nations International 2021 Zero Project Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to congratulate Niki Legge, the Department's Director of Mental Health and Addictions, on receiving the International eMental Health Innovation Leadership Award from the eMental Health International Collaborative.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Jevon Marsh of Bonavista who was recently named to the Rhodes Scholars-elect class of 2021.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Coady) tabled a report respecting COVID-19-Related Contingency as of December 2, 2020.

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 House of Assembly Service.

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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 Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill No. 54).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) gave note that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007” (Bill No. 55)

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 Conflict of Interest Act, 1995” (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“THAT, notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House:

AND THAT Bill 54, *An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1991* shall be deemed to have been read a first time;

AND THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 84 in particular, if it is the pleasure of this House, Bill 54 may be read a second time, referred to Committee of the Whole and read a third time on the same sitting day;

AND THAT notice shall be deemed to have been given and moved under Standing Order 11(1) that this House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, December 10, 2020”.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to outright reject the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council (WERAC) proposal presently put forth for their consideration.

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 consider basing the eligibility criteria for the Newfoundland and Labrador Essential Worker Support Program on regular hours worked and regular monthly income received.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Parrott) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to

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cease cutting permits and have public consultation prior to any further cutting in South West River Valley.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Trimper) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to immediately implement changes to the Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP) that would reduce financial hardship for those who need to travel for medical services.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Adult Dental Programme to cover low-income individuals and families.

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 to resume operations at the Bull Arm Fabrication Site.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to remove the restrictive and punitive regulations regarding Breast Augmentation for Transgender Women and allow medical decisions regarding Transgender health care to be decided by the patient and their Doctor or medical team.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to ensure the Launchway in Quidi Vidi Village remain open to public use with a minimum width of 10 meters access to the water, free of charge, in perpetuity, regardless of who holds the deed to the land.

Pursuant to notice the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) requested leave to move the following Resolution:

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AND THAT notice shall be deemed to have been given and moved under Standing Order 11(1) that this House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, December 10, 2020”.

Leave to move the Resolution was not granted.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn to the call of the Chair.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.