

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the passing of Kenny Williams of Bay Bulls.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Levi Nochasak of Nain, Nunatsiavut for his contributions to his culture.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing the Leading Tickles Volunteer Fire Department on its 46th Anniversary.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing the opening of Argentia Gold Corporation.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing an aspiring curler, Mackenzie Mitchell of Irishtown-Summerside.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) recognizing April as Information Management Month.

The Members for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General (J. Hogan) recognizing the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and its 150 year commitment to the province.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

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Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Chair of the Select Committee on Address In Reply (P. Pike) presented a report entitled:

Report of the Select Committee Appointed to Draft an Address In Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Tabling of Documents

The Speaker pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on:

February 24, 2020;
October 16, 2020; and
December 7, 2020.

Notices of Motion

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice that they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice that they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT the Striking Committee shall comprise the following Members:

the Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verte (S. Crocker);
the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Claire (L. Dempster);

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the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten);
the Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer); and
the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn).

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

There were no answers to questions for which notice was given.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding increasing minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour by the end of 2021.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) regarding a comprehensive review of and to plan to mitigate school bullying.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding future materials on voting be translated into Indigenous languages.

The Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and Labrador Affairs (L. Dempster) replied to the petition.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding repairs and upkeep to the Robert E. Howlett Memorial Highway.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding repairs and upkeep to Route 520.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding repairs and upkeep to the road through the community of Cold Brook.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called Orders of the Day.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) moved pursuant to notice that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

A bill, “An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007” (Bill 9);

A bill, “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill 10); and

A bill, “An Act To Amend The Children, Youth And Families Act” (Bill 11).

On motion, it was ordered that the above-noted bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (S. Crocker):

WHEREAS section 4 of the Auditor General Act provides that the Auditor General is to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Denise Hanrahan be appointed as the Auditor General effective April 22, 2021.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015” (Bill 5).

Pursuant to order and on motion, the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015” (Bill 5) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015” (Bill 5).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

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On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and recommended Bill 5 entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015” without amendment.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 5 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and related Bill 4 Relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Chair (B. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report that the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that the related bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

THAT it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957,” Bill 4 was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion, it was ordered that Bill 4 entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

On motion the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.