

Thursday, April 22, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing volunteers in the district for Volunteer Week.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing author, Nellie Strowbridge, of Pasadena.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Junior Reid, owner and operator of Reid Music in Mount Pearl for their years in business.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing volunteers in the district for Volunteer Week.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing achievements of Inuit artists from Labrador at the INUA exhibition in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) recognizing April 22 as Earth Day.

The Members for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (G. Byrne) outlined funding for student employment programs.

The Members for Grand Falls - Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (L. Dempster) recognizing April 18 to 24 as National Volunteer Week.

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The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing and Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

The Speaker, pursuant to Section 105 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 and Section 82 of the Personal Health Information Act, tabled:

2019-20 Annual Report of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Speaker, pursuant to Section 43 of the Citizens' Representative Act, tabled:

2019-20 Annual Digest of the Office of the Citizens' Representative

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding electricity rates in Northern Labrador.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway-Ottenheimer) regarding road conditions in the district.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding roadside services on the Trans-Labrador Highway.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the Bull Arm fabrication site.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called Orders of the Day.

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

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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 House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill 10).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn), the following amendment:

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Subsections 11(1.) to (1.3) of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act are repealed.

Replace "...are repealed".

With "...are suspended until the completion of the Independent Members Compensation Review Committee has submitted its recommendations for the 50th General Assembly for incorporation into the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act.

The Chair (B. Warr) recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair (B. Warr) resumed the Chair of the Committee of the Whole and ruled the amendment not in order.

Point of Order

During the debate, the Minister of Health and Community Services (J. Haggie) raised a point of order related to unparliamentary language.

The Chair (B. Warr) took the matter under advertisement.

Debate continued and concluded on Bill 10.

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, had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bills were read a third time and passed:

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

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act, 2015" (Bill 5).

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On motion, it was ordered that Bill 9 and Bill 5 entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

It was moved and seconded that the House recess at 5:13 p.m.

The Speaker put the question, the House recessed accordingly.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

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 House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill 10).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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 had recommended Bill 10 entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" without amendment.

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 10 be read the third time now.

The Speaker put the question.

The House divided.

AYES	NAYS
A. Furey	
S. Crocker	
T. Osborne	
J. Haggie	
S. Coady	
L. Dempster	
G. Byrne	
D. Bragg	

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AYES	NAYS
E. Loveless	
B. Davis	
B. Warr	
P. Parsons	
A. Parsons	
J. Hogan	
S. Stoodley	
S. Reid	
K. L. Howell	
P. Pike	
L. Stoyles	
S. Gambin-Walsh	
D. Brazil	
B. Petten	
T. Wakeham	
J. Wall	
L. O'Driscoll	
C. Tibbs	
L. Evans	
H. Conway Ottenheimer	
L. Parrott	
C. Pardy	
P. Dinn	
P. Forsey	
J. Dwyer	
J. Dinn	
J. Brown	
E. Joyce	
P. Lane	
P. Trimper	

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

A bill, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity
And Administration Act" (Bill 10).

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 10 entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of a resolution and related Bill 3 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply 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 3 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 introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2022 the sum of \$1,371,724,400.

Pursuant to order and on motion, Bill 3 entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2022 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 3 entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

On motion the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.