

Monday, June 7, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

By leave, the Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) made a statement to recognize the passing of George Murphy, Member for the district of St. John's East during the 47th General Assembly.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil) and the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) added their comments.

The Speaker led the House in a moment of silence in recognition of former Member Murphy.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing the passing of Henry Vokey of Trinity.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Don Gibbon Sr. of Stephenville for his contributions to his community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing Gerald Kelly of Conception Bay South for his contributions to his community.

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing the Grand Bank-Fortune Running Group for their community efforts.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing Ella Olive Smith of Stephenville Crossing on her 103rd birthday.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) recognizing the Province's Tourism Sector.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and Labrador Affairs (L. Dempster) congratulating Justice Stacy Ryan, first Inuk woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Members for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) and Labrador West (J. Brown) added their comments.

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

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) gave notice that they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a resolution and related Bill 21 respecting the imposition of taxes on carbon.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) gave notice that they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the government to implement an approach to collaborate with stakeholders so as to directly deal with improving access and removing barriers to mental health and addictions services in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Opposition House Leader (B. Petten), pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), announced that the resolution introduced by the Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) will be the one presented on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

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Answers to questions for which notice has been given

The Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding an independent investigation into the 2021 provincial general election.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding upgrades to the Witless Bay Line.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding access to COVID-19 testing in Bonavista.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Motion (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate, the Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) moved the following sub-amendment to the Budget Motion amendment (being a non-confidence motion):

THAT the amendment that was previously presented, the non-confidence motion, be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words: "and that this House also condemn the government for its failure to demand fair and proper treatment of Newfoundland and Labrador by the Government of Canada as required by the Constitution of Canada.

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

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Debate commenced on the sub-amendment to the Budget Motion (being a non-confidence motion) and, on motion, was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.