

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Chair of the Privileges and Elections Committee (B. Davis) as follows:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Privileges and Elections Committee tabled on April 5, 2022.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill 53).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill 53) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 53 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 Judicature Act” (Bill 53).

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 the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill 53).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 53 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on third reading of the following bill, and said bill was passed:

A bill, "An Act Respecting a Province-Wide 911 Service for the Reporting of Emergencies" (Bill 41).

On motion, the House recessed at 11:40 a.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing the late Grace Voisey of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing the work of the group West Coast Supports Ukraine.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing Megan Hibbs and their work with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on the Killick Coast.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) recognizing the late Maurice Budgell of King's Point.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the Cape Broyle Recreation Committee and the Town of Ferryland for their support of physical activity in the district.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) respecting Come Home Year Community Cleanup Project having exceeded expectations. The Members for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

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The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) respecting the public service graduate recruitment program.

The Members for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) 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 or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

By leave, the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) tabled:

An email dated March 28, 2022 respecting cataract surgeries provided at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital since January 2021.

Notices of Motion

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the Government of Canada's approval of the Bay du Nord project.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding the repair and increase of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing (NLHC) units in central Newfoundland. The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding upgrades to Route 60. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding the wait list for cataract surgery in Western Newfoundland.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding Newfoundland and Labrador Housing (NLHC) units in Nunatsiavut.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham):

WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are urging the government to provide some relief from escalating high prices, which are leaving many people in dire straits;

AND WHEREAS government decisions such as lowering certain tax rates or offering home heating rebates would provide relief that many people urgently need;

AND WHEREAS the Health Accord says the social determinants of health such as income for food, medicine and housing have an even greater impact on health outcomes than the health system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House urge the government to consider providing some much-needed relief from escalating high prices in the 2022 Budget.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution was carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(3), the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Thursday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.