

Thursday, May 19, 2022

INTRASESSIONAL PROCEEDING

At 12 p.m., the Honourable the Speaker (D. Bennett) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly appeared before the Honourable Judy Foote P.C., O.N.L., Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

“It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of supply granted in the present session.”

The Clerk read the following bill:

A bill, “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, 2023 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 49).

The Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I assent to this bill.”

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) congratulating the Goose-Happy Valley Kinettes Club on celebrating 50 years of service to the community.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing Kaitlyn Grandy and Stephanie Evans, lead students on the Raven KASTER miniboat project.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) congratulating Jimmy Bonnell and Rachel Hawco on their participation in the 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Parliament.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing the late Jim Lyall, for his service in the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Chris Gardiner on receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science at Memorial University's Spring 2022 convocation.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (L. Dempster) congratulating Dr. Patty Way of Labrador on receiving an honorary doctorate of laws from Memorial University at the Spring 2022 convocation.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil) and the Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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During oral questions, the Speaker ruled a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition (D. Brazil) was not in order as it did not fall within the purview of the administrative competence of the Executive branch.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

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, May 30.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

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

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the rising cost of fuel and the need for a fuel rebate for truckers in the province.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding upgrades to Routes 350, 351A and 352.

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

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the province's seal population.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

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

WHEREAS section 4 of the *Seniors Advocate Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Seniors' Advocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Susan Walsh be appointed as the Seniors' Advocate.

During the debate, the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) moved an amendment.

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

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

Debate resumed and concluded on the amendment and the resolution itself.

The Speaker put the question and declared the amendment carried.

The resolution then read:

WHEREAS section 4 of the *Seniors Advocate Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Seniors' Advocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Susan Walsh be appointed as the Seniors' Advocate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said appointment be effective June 15, 2022.

The Speaker put the question on the resolution as amended and declared the motion carried.

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

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A bill, "An Act to Amend the Forestry Act" (Bill 61).

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act" (Bill 62).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act" (Bill 62) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 62 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 Child and Youth Advocate Act" (Bill 62).

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 Child and Youth Advocate Act" (Bill 62).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 62 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.