

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker paid tribute to the former Manager of Broadcast Services, Catherine Simms and congratulated them on their retirement after 21 years' service to the House of Assembly.

The Speaker paid tribute to the former Members' Services Officer, Andrew Petten and congratulated them on their retirement after 37 years' service in the public service, the last 13 years of which were with the House of Assembly.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing the dedication of the LAV III monument in Conception Bay South.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing the efforts of volunteer groups in Central Newfoundland in response to this summer's forest fires.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) congratulating the Come Home Year committees of the District of Ferryland on their summer campaigns.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Keith Antle of Grand Falls-Windsor for his public service.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing members of the Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department for their service.

The Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (J. Abbott), with leave, recognizing Blanche Byrne of St. John's for her volunteer service.

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Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) recognizing October 11 as International Day of the Girl Child.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

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 (B. Warr) 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

Pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) tabled the following pre-commitments:

Order in Council OC2022-202 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to (a) pre-commit \$2,017,600 against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2023-24 to facilitate the award of a contract to Cahill Instrumentation & Technical Services (2011) Limited for the design, build and operation of biomass heating systems at the College of the North Atlantic campuses in Clarendville, Burin, Bonavista, Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor, and the Centre for Forestry and Agriculture at Wooddale; and (b) pre-commit \$185,657 in fiscal year 2023-24; \$742,626 in fiscal years 2024-25 through 2032-33; and \$556,969 in fiscal year 2033-34, excluding HST and adjusted annually by the average CPI (St. John's), against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate a ten-year operations service

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contract to Cahill Instrumentation & Technical Services (2011) Limited for biomass heating facilities; and

Order in Council OC2022-141 authorizing the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology to pre-commit funds in the amount \$200,000, against its budgetary appropriations in each fiscal year of 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27, to address provincial costs associated with the Atlantic Trade and Investment Growth Agreement.

Pursuant to subsection 18(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker advised the House of the current composition of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

Notices of Motion

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business;

AND THAT, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight.

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 Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding repairs to Routes 230 and 235.

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The Member for Ferryland (L. O’Driscoll) regarding upgrades to Witless Bay Line. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding rejecting Phase 1 of the World Energy GH2 project and completing an Environmental Impact Assessment for the entire project.

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding a review of the Zone 14 price freeze on summer petroleum products.

The Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) regarding reforming the justice system to better serve survivors of sexual assault.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) replied to the petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Humble Address be presented to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, expressing the heartfelt sympathy of this House on the death of Her Late Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and also conveying to His Majesty the happiness felt by the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador upon his accession to the Throne:

TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

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We, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative session convened, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty to express the profound sorrow felt by this House and by the loyal people of this province with Your Majesty and all the other members of the Royal Family, at the irreparable loss sustained by you and them in the death of our Late Beloved Sovereign Queen Elizabeth the Second.

We mourn keenly the death of our Revered Queen, whose deep sense of responsibility, whose devotion to the duties of Her High Office, and whose wise and sympathetic leadership we acknowledge with profound gratitude. We pray that Almighty God may abundantly comfort Your Majesty and the Royal Family in your grief.

With feelings different but very deep and sincere, we now hail Your Majesty's accession to the Throne. We express the fervent hope that Your Majesty's reign will continue for many peaceful and prosperous years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Address be engrossed and sent to the Governor General of Canada to be forwarded to His Majesty the King."

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

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

"Be it resolved by the House of Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS section 4 of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* provides that on resolution of the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint as a Child and Youth Advocate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Linda Clemens-Spurrell be appointed as the Child and Youth Advocate effective October 25, 2022"

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund" (Bill 5).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund" (Bill 5) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly