

Tuesday March 14, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing John and Wayne Rowsell of Leading Tickles on their years of volunteer fire department service.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing Shirley Barnable of Ferryland for their volunteer service.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing athletes from the Exploits Hurricanes for their accomplishments during the 2023 Special Olympics Winter Games.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing the Holyrood Heritage Society Museum, Art Gallery and Gift Shop for their heritage promotion work.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing Ryder Walters of Lark Harbour in their battle with cancer.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) recognizing Newfoundland and Labrador's continued support of the people of Ukraine.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil) and Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Point of Order

The Member for Corner Brook (G. Byrne) raised a point of order under Standing Order 49 regarding unparliamentary language used by the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten).

The House leaders and other Members spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to paragraph 28(4)(e) of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) tabled:

Order in Council 2022-296 authorizing the preparation of a special warrant to defray expenses of the Cost of Living Relief Program for the fiscal year 2022-23.

Consistent with the recommendation of the Office of the Auditor General to report on the performance of the Junior Exploration Assistance Program to the House of Assembly, the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) tabled

Junior Exploration Assistance Performance Measures Evaluations for the years 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Notices of Motion

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce bills entitled:

“An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33); and

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“An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act” (Bill 34).

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 ability of the Dr. William H. Newhook Community Health Centre to continue to provide health services.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the addition of safer blood thinners to the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program.

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

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding access to long-term care in the same facility for senior couples.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding cancelling the sugar-sweetened beverage tax.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) replied to the petition and tabled:

“Consumption of sugar tax from soft drinks fall within a year of UK sugar tax”, British Medical Journal, October 3, 2021..

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) 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, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill 27)

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Architects Act" (Bill 29)

A bill, "An Act Respecting the Regulation of Mortgage Brokerages and Mortgage Brokers in the Province" (Bill 30)

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Patient Safety Act" (Bill 31); and

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill 32).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2024 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 21) for the granting of interim supply to His 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.

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The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 15, at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly