

Thursday, May 4, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Member for Gander (J. Haggie) spoke to the point of order raised by the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) on May 2, 2023 and withdrew their comment.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker introduced Page:

Blessing Opoku of Ghana who is completing their Master's degree in political science at Memorial University.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing Leo Papail of Lord's Cove for their achievements in long-distance running.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing Carl Turner of Eastport on their receipt of the Royal Canadian Legion Life Membership Award.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the Goulds Lions Club on their 47th anniversary.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing Corey Matthews and Melissa Smith of Conception Bay South on their selection to attend the Da Vinci Engineering Enrichment Program at the University of Toronto.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing all volunteers who serve town councils and local service districts throughout the district.

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Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) recognizing May 5 as the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People.

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.

During Oral Questions, the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) tabled:

What We Heard: Amendments to Adverse Possession Provisions in the Lands Act Section 36.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Chair of the Social Services Committee (S. Gambin-Walsh) presented a report entitled:

Consideration of Estimates 2023 (Concurrence).

Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

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

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.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding ensuring accessible childcare is available.

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

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the removal of abandoned and dilapidated structures from potential tourism sites.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

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

THAT for the purpose of reviewing the Estimates of the Executive Council in Committee of the Whole House, debate shall proceed in the same manner as adopted by Committees of the House reviewing estimates; that is, in ten minute question and answer periods.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the estimates of the Legislature and Executive Council.

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.

The Chair (B. Warr) 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, Monday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly