

Thursday, May 11, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) recognizing the 34th Annual Baie Verte Mining Conference hosted by the Baie Verte Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Jeff Blackwood's volunteer activities and accomplishments.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing Billie Wicks, Katie Spurrell, Principal Michael Spurrell and teacher Rodney Boutcher of Clarendville High for their presentation at the International Global Deep Learning Conference in California and their dedication to student wellness.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing the Town of Torbay celebrating 50 years of incorporation as a municipality.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) reminding the public that nominations are now open for the third annual Premier's Award for Teaching Innovation and the Minister of Education's Award for Compassion in Teaching.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to recommendation 33 of the Child and Youth Advocate's report: A Long Wait for Change: Independent Review of Child Protection Services to Inuit Children in Newfoundland and Labrador, 2019, the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) tabled:

Report on Child Welfare Services to Indigenous Children, Youth and Families 2020-21.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

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 Conception Bay South (B. Petten) regarding the need for accessible and affordable childcare.

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) replied to the petition.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the need for accessible and affordable childcare.

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) replied to the petition.

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The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding the need for easy, affordable access to dental care for low-income seniors until the federal dental program expands this fall.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the need for regulated child care facilities for health care professionals in the Bonavista area.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding ambulance services in the Trepassey to Cape Broyle area.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker (D. Bennett) called orders of the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to resume consideration of a resolution and a related bill entitled "The Loan Act, 2023" (Bill 37) relating to the raising of loans by the province.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled "The Loan Act, 2023" (Bill 37) be introduced to give effect to the same.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

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Be it resolved by the House of Assembly in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province a sum of money not exceeding \$1,500,000,000.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "The Loan Act, 2023" (Bill 37) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 23 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 Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (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 Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 23 be read the third time on tomorrow.

On motion, debate continued on the motion “That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (budget motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bills were read the third time and passed:

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Architects Act” (Bill 29); and

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

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); and

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act” (Bill 39); and

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Lands Act” (Bill 40); and

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act” (Bill 41).

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly