

Thursday, May 25, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) congratulating Jenny Mallard of Mount Pearl on their successful musical endeavors.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) congratulating John J. Gibbons Limited in St. Mary's on 50 years in business.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the upcoming Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation Radiothon.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing Humber Valley Seniors' Club of Pasadena on its recent 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing the community work of Salvation Army Majors Tony and Beverly Brushett.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Deputy Premier (S. Coady) recognizing the cultural significance of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retriever dog breeds. Newfoundland dog, Homeports Night Watchman (Night), and Labrador Retriever, Grand Champion American Canadian, Multiple Best in Specialty Show, Multiple Best in Show (Gr Ch, Am Can, MBISS, MBIS), Go Fetch Beaumont Hamel (Beau), and who recently returned from his second recognition as Best in Breed at Westminster, attended with their owners.

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

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### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

### **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**

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Repeal the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act” (Bill 44).

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Water Resources Act” (Bill 46).

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act Amend the Schools Act, 1997” (Bill 43).

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Repeal the Farm Products Corporation Act” (Bill 42).

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The Minister Responsible for Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Office (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015”  
(Bill 45).

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on October 16, 2023.

### **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 improvements to Frank Roberts Junior High in Foxtrap.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the ability of the Dr. William H. Newhook Community Health Centre to continually provide health services.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding electricity rates in Northern Labrador.

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 Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding enactment of legislation to allow senior couples to remain together at the highest level of care.

The Member for Exploits regarding the restoration of the 24-hour emergency service of the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre in Botwood.

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The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding financial support for Cochlear Implants for post-secondary youth.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called orders of the day.

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34); and

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 38).

On motion, the House recessed at 2:46 p.m. to await the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:04 p.m.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, His 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:

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A bill, "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 26)

The Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In His Majesty's Name, I thank His Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I assent to this bill."

The Speaker further addressed the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present session passed certain bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent."

The Clerk read the following bills:

A bill, "An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternative Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23);

A bill, "An Act to Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill 28);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Architects Act, 2008" (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);

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34);

A bill, "An Act to Authorize the Raising of Money by Way of Loan by the Province" (Bill 37);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 38);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act" (Bill 39);

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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).

The Lieutenant Governor then said, “In His Majesty’s Name, I assent to these bills.”

The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn), the Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil), the Leader of the Government in the House (A. Furey) and the Speaker (D. Bennett) extended best wishes to the Members and staff of the House for the summer break.

All present sang “The Ode to Labrador” and “The Ode to Newfoundland”.

On motion, the House adjourned to the call of the Chair.

**Sandra Barnes**

Clerk of the House of Assembly