

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bill was introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 No. 2" (Bill 56).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Insurance Companies Act" (Bill 47).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Insurance Companies Act" (Bill 47) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 47 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 the Insurance Companies Act" (Bill 47).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) moved an amendment to add an additional clause to the bill.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment was not in order.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 47.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chair (B. 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 the Insurance Companies Act” (Bill 47).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 47 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022” (Bill 48).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022” (Bill 48) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 48 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 the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022” (Bill 48).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. 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 the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022” (Bill 48).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 48 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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On motion, the House recessed at 12:23 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Rosie Keats of Stephenville and Dave Kane of Stephenville Crossing on their revitalization of the Garden of Hope at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Conception Bay South.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing Jenn Power-Martineau, Cindy Wells and Vickie Travers of Lark Harbour for raising almost \$20,000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Brooklyn Wolfrey of Rigolet on their achievements at the 2023 World Dwarf Games.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing photographer Dennis Flynn of Colliers.

The Member for Waterford Valley (T. Osborne), with leave, recognizing Mary Oakley of Shea Heights on their induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame.

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Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) regarding family care teams increasing access to primary health care.

The Members for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

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

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.

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding the need to enact legislation banning the use of temporary replacement workers during a strike or lockout.
The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding a six-month pause on approving industry projects on the Southwest Coast, pending assessments and consultations.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid):

WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians fully appreciate the need and importance of addressing climate change.

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is doing its part to address climate change by developing and deploying innovative clean technologies and renewable energy, developing green hydrogen and reducing the province's carbon footprint by improving the energy efficiency of homes, businesses and government buildings.

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has committed to achieving net-zero by 2050.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's decision to impose the Federal carbon tax and to enact the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada) fails to acknowledge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's efforts to meet emission targets and fails to consider the hardship that residents, families and businesses are experiencing with the high cost of living resulting, in part, from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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WHEREAS the Federal carbon tax and the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada) have a disproportionate impact on Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's decision to impose the Federal carbon tax and to enact the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada) does not consider this province's unique geography and economy.

WHEREAS the imposition of the Federal carbon tax and the enactment of the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada) further amplifies the dramatic increases in food prices, and costs for energy, transportation and other essential goods and services in this province.

WHEREAS the Premier has publicly expressed his belief that the carbon tax and the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada) be repealed and has stated this belief in a letter to the Prime Minister dated August 15, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the Government of Canada to immediately repeal the carbon tax and the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (Canada).

During the debate, the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) moved an amendment.

The Speaker (B. Warr) recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate resumed on the resolution.

During the debate, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) moved an amendment.

The Speaker (P. Trimper) recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate resumed and concluded on the resolution.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) put the question and declared the resolution carried.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 9(3), the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Thursday, October 19 at 1:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)