

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

The House met at 10 a.m.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled “Towns and Local Service Districts Act” (Bill 54).

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, 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.

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

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

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

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 16, 2023.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 60).

On motion, the House recessed at 12:04 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) recognizing the 2023 Mount Pearl Focus on Youth Award recipients.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (L. Stoyles) recognizing Marlene and Wade Hickey on the success of their business: Hot Frost.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing board and staff members who are successfully managing the Port of Argentia's activity and growth.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing recent Order of Newfoundland and Labrador recipient Andrus Voitek and wife Marie for their contributions to the study of natural history in the province.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Ann and Jim Hickey of Terrenceville, owners of A&J Mini Mart, on 60 years in business.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy), with leave, recognizing a ceremony of reconciliation and healing being held this evening at the Christ Anglican Church in Bonavista.

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## Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) regarding two upcoming climate change action plan consultations.

The Members for Exploits (P. Forsey) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) regarding the completed construction of Western Memorial Regional Hospital, Corner Brook.

The Members for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and Labrador West (J. Brown) 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

By leave, the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) tabled:

Glenn Payette – CBC news. \$50M cut to health care part of fiscal reality, says John Haggie. April 15, 2016. Online article.

Pursuant to section 106 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015*, the Speaker tabled the following report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner:

Special Report SR-2023-001 to the House of Assembly: Reduced Government Consultation with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner under ATIPPA, 2015 section 112. November 14, 2023.

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## **Notices of Motion**

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 March 4, 2024.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a resolution and related Bill 63 for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act Respecting Health Research Ethics” (Bill 64).

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (E. Loveless) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65).

## **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 Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding road conditions in the district.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding creating Practice Ready Assessment seats at Memorial University to facilitate provisional doctors' licenses.

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## **PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham):

**WHEREAS** targeted relief solutions are needed that lift people from crisis, keep their homes warm, ensure their families are fed and healthy;

**AND WHEREAS** many people in Newfoundland and Labrador are struggling to survive soaring food costs, skyrocketing housing costs, gas prices through the roof, and a carbon tax on top of all their other taxes and fees;

**AND WHEREAS** we have seniors sharing medication, or cutting their pills in half, because they can't afford the cost of the medicines they need. Many seniors are living below the poverty line, too poor to stay healthy;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Hon. House urge the government to:

- order a complete review of all taxes and fees, cutting or adjusting those that are hurting people;
- lead the charge to end the carbon tax for good;
- eliminate the sugar tax;
- continue the provincial gas tax relief;
- order a complete review of the Income Support Program and an evaluation of all programs and services intended to support vulnerable populations to ensure they deliver;
- index the seniors benefit programs to inflation; and
- deliver a new poverty reduction strategy.

The Speaker put the question.

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The House divided.

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>
T. Wakeham	J. Hogan
B. Petten	J. Haggie
L. Parrott	G. Byrne
P. Dinn	B. Davis
H. Conway Ottenheimer	T. Osborne
D. Brazil	P. Parsons
J. Dwyer	E. Loveless
C. Tibbs	K. L. Howell
L. O'Driscoll	A. Parsons
C. Pardy	S. Crocker
J. Wall	S. Stoodley
P. Forsey	J. Abbott
J. Brown	P. Pike
E. Joyce	B. Warr
P. Lane	P. Trimper
	S. Gambin-Walsh
	S. Reid
	L. Stoyles

The Speaker declared the resolution defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to continue considering a bill entitled "Towns and Local Service Districts Act" (Bill 54).

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:

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“Towns and Local Service Districts Act” (Bill 54).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 54 be read the third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill 61).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill 61) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 61 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 Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill 61).

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 Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill 61)

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 61 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 Repeal the Farm Products Corporation Act” (Bill 42).

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Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Repeal the Farm Products Corporation Act” (Bill 42) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 42 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

A bill, “Towns and Local Service Districts Act” (Bill 54).

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.

**Kim Hawley George, KC**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)