

Monday, April 3, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

Point of Privilege

The Member for Mount Scio (S. Stoodley) raised a point of privilege respecting misleading statements made by the Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) during their comments at second reading of “An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act.” (Bill 22) on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) spoke to the point of privilege, apologized and withdrew their comments.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing White Hills Resort on their receipt of the Mackenzie Top Peak award.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Shannon Holloway of Bloomfield for their preservation of marine history in Bonavista Bay.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Betty Saunders of Norris Arm for their 60 years of community service.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing Alex and Jack Kennedy of Bay Bulls for their participation in the Canada Winter Games.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing the Wexford Estates Outer Cove Marines hockey club.

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Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) recognizing the amalgamation of the four former regional health authorities and the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information into Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services.

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

Pursuant to section 16 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (D. Bragg) tabled:

Fish Processing Licensing Board Activity Plan 2023-2025 and the non-compliance statement for delayed filing;

The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board Activity Plan 2023-2025 and the non-compliance statement for delayed filing;

The Appeal Board of the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board Activity Plan 2023-2025 and the non-compliance statement for delayed filing; and

Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador Activity Plan 2023-2025 and the non-compliance statement for delayed filing.

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The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) tabled correspondence with the Information and Privacy Commissioner regarding “An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act.” (Bill 22).

Notices of Motion

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 8(3)(b), at the conclusion of proceedings on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 that this House do adjourn to Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

The Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS our health care services are in crisis, and government is making more space for private profit in our publicly funded, publicly administered system as a quick fix;

AND WHEREAS US-style private health care draws workers and resources from our already strained public system, leading to a further erosion of service and patient well-being;

AND WHEREAS private deals for health services and infrastructure lack transparency, often come with significant strings and risks attached, and cost citizens more than a publicly provided and managed equivalent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to say no to any further privatization of our health care system, roll back current privatization, and invest in a publicly funded, publicly administered public health care system.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Third Party House Leader (J. Brown) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) will be the one presented on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

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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 Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding a replacement for Canning Bridge.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding providing a retention bonus to all eligible hospital support staff.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding the repair and increase of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing (NLHC) units in central Newfoundland.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding access to health care in Postville.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding maintenance and the implementation of an operational plan for Route 235.

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 in accordance with Standing Order 65, the Public Accounts Committee comprise the following members:

Member for Harbour Main

Member for Placentia - St. Mary's

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Member for Exploits
Member for Labrador West
Member for Mount Pearl North
Member for St. George's - Humber

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly