

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair as Speaker for the proceedings.

The Speaker introduced Page:

Anna Rowe of St. John's who is studying political science at Memorial University.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Melinda Sharpe of Bishop's Falls for heroic actions during a recent fire in Deer Lake.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing volunteers of Goulds Lions Club.

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna) congratulating Lily Butler of Musgrave Harbour who was crowned Junior Miss Newfoundland & Labrador 2024.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing the late Joe Roberts of Badger.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) celebrating the humanitarianism of Chris and Karen Ricketts of Plate Cove West.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (S. Stoodley) regarding an update on the Working Opportunities Program, a new skills-development initiative.

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The Members for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) 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 Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) tabled:

Correspondence dated September 17, 2024 to the Minister of Health and Community Services;

Response dated September 23, 2024 from the Minister of Health and Community Services;

Correspondence dated October 4, 2024 to officials of Labrador-Grenfell Health; and

Response dated October 4, 2024 from the Chief Executive Officer of NL Health Services.

Notices of Motion

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS inflation has caused the price of goods and services to increase rapidly over the past three years;

WHEREAS wages have not kept up with rising costs;

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WHEREAS this situation forces many people to make heart-wrenching choices between necessities such as food, heating, or medication; and

WHEREAS a lack of these basic goods negatively impacts the social determinants of health and therefore costs the government more money in the long term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this honourable House supports the removal of the provincial portion of HST from home heating products.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Third Party House Leader (J. Brown) announced the resolution introduced by the Member will be the one presented on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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

THAT in accordance with Standing Order 65, the Public Accounts Committee shall comprise:

Member for Exploits (P. Forsey);
Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles);
Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall);
Member for Labrador West (J. Brown);
Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper); and
Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh).

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 in Marystown.

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The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the need for the Government of Canada to change regulations respecting the recreational food fishery in the province to allow persons to donate catch to food banks.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding access to adequate inclusive educational supports.

The Minister of Education (K.L. Howell) replied to the petition.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding the need for road infrastructure upgrades in the community of St. Shotts.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding access to adequate inclusive educational supports.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding the need for legislative amendments to prohibit holding fees charged by landlords.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act" (Bill 82);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Medical Act, 2011 No. 2" (Bill 83);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Registered Nurses Act, 2008" (Bill 84);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Provincial Health Authority Act and the Fatalities Investigations Act" (Bill 85);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act" (Bill 86);

A bill, "An Act Respecting Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and Nurse Practitioners" (Bill 87);

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- A bill, “An Act to Repeal the Municipal Financing Corporation Act” (Bill 88);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 5” (Bill 89);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Family Relief Act” (Bill 91);
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Engineers and Geoscientists Act, 2008” (Bill 92); and
- A bill, “An Act to Amend the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 and the City of St. John’s Municipal Taxation Act” (Bill 93).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bills 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 Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 65 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 Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chair (P. Trimper) 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 Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 65 be read the third time tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 6 at 10 a.m.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)