

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Daniel Kelly of Grand Falls-Windsor for their work as a volunteer, humanitarian and soldier.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) congratulating James Cook of Elliott's Cove for their 40 years of volunteer service.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing volunteers and community organizations for their incredible contributions to our communities.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Connections for Seniors for their work in enhancing the well-being and quality of life for seniors.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) acknowledging the Terrenceville Church Committee for their recent fundraising efforts.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador (E. Loveless) recognizing Mothers Against Drunk Driving and their Project Red Ribbon public awareness campaign.

The Members for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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### **Point of Order**

During the debate, the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49 regarding comments made by the Premier (A. Furey) during oral questions.

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

### **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.

### **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) regarding increased recruitment efforts to attract specialists at the Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital in Clarenville.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding increased recruitment efforts to attract specialists at the Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital in Clarenville.

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

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding increased recruitment efforts to attract specialists at the Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital in Clarenville.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding the need to ensure the development of provincial incentives and rebate programs to include northern residents of Torngat Mountains.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding the need to prioritize resources in dealing with factors that lead to violent crimes.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

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

## **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 the Provincial Health Authority Act and the Fatalities Investigations Act" (Bill 85);

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);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Public Safety Act" (Bill 95); and

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Family Violence Protection Act" (Bill 97).

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act No. 2" (Bill 103); and

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A bill, "An Act to Amend the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act No. 2" (Bill 104).

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 Labour Standards Act No. 2" (Bill 101).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act No. 2" (Bill 101) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 101 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 Labour Standards Act No. 2" (Bill 101).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

During the debate, the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) moved an amendment to clause 1.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

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

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) 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 Labour Standards Act No. 2" (Bill 101).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 101 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Assembly as follows:

**WHEREAS** section 85 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* provides that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall be filled by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Kerry Hatfield be appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner effective December 5, 2024.

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) moved an amendment.

The Speaker 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 put the question.

The House divided.

AYES	NAYS
J. Hogan	T. Wakeham
L. Dempster	B. Petten
J. Haggie	L. Parrott
F. Hutton	P. Dinn
B. Davis	J. Dwyer
J. Abbott	L. Paddock
G. Byrne	L. Evans
P. Parsons	L. O'Driscoll
E. Loveless	C. Pardy
K. Lynn Howell	P. Forsey
A. Parsons	C. Tibbs
S. Stoodley	J. McKenna

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P. Pike	J. Dinn
S. Reid	J. Brown
S. Gambin-Walsh	E. Joyce
P. Trimper	
J. Korab	

The Speaker declared the resolution carried.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 4 at 10 a.m.

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