

Thursday, March 13th, 2014

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Sara Sexton upon her induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to thank and commend those who were responsible for helping rescue and relocate the residents of Maplewood Apartments when fire broke out in the complex.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Richard Ernest Taor and to extend condolences to his family.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Ms. Loretta Saunders.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate Brandon Thorne who has been awarded the Ronald K. Kennedy scholarship.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Sheila Mercer, who was chosen Citizen of the Year for the Town of Harbour Breton, and all award nominees.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize Kaetlyn Osmond for her outstanding performance at the Sochi Winter Olympic Games.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the participating athletes, the Town of Clarendville and the host committee on the success of the 2014 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize the outstanding achievements of retired Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Chief of Police Robert P. Johnston and to welcome the recently-appointed Chief, William Janes.

In accordance with Standing Order 65(1) the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House approve changes to the membership of the Public Accounts Committee as follows:

the replacement of the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island by the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune

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and the replacement of the Member for The Straits – White Bay North by the Member for St. John's East.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS section 7 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Assembly is to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on a nomination of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Wayne L. Harnum be nominated for appointment as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Assembly”.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate funding to the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to notify the C-NLOPB of its position on night flights, urging them to reject requests from offshore operators for a return to night flights on the Province's offshore, while encouraging them to develop a safer alternative for workers.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to include the section of road between Channel-Port aux Basques and Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to improve the Medical Transportation Programme so that all expenses are covered and reimbursed in a more timely manner.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) informed the House that she had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

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As Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2015, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **J. Derek Green**
Administrator”.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Verge took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Verge) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 18th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.