

Monday, June 2nd, 2014

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

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the MacMorran Community Centre on 30 years of service to their community.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Brazil's Grade 3 class at St. Augustine's Elementary School on Bell Island which won the First Place Award in the student class category for the 2014 World Oceans Day art contest.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate all Level III pupils in the District of Port au Port.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate the graduates of the Riverwood and Pearson Academies.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to pay tribute to Shirley Montague as she retires from the position of artistic director of Trails, Tales and Tunes.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize Olive Penney, the only Registered Massage Therapist in the District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair for her accomplishments.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House about the Kami Iron Ore Project in Labrador West and provide detail on the effect of the project's benefits agreement.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Government's support for Encounters with Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) tabled pursuant to subsection 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, Order in Council 2014-127 which authorized the Department of Environment and Conservation to pre-commit funding of \$198,400 against its budgetary appropriation in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$198,400 against its budgetary appropriation in fiscal year 2016-17 to facilitate the award of a contract to Aivek-Stantec Limited Partnership for the provision of environmental consulting services associated with site remediation at the former United States of America military facility at Hopedale, Labrador.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March, 2014.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS our Province is unique in Canada in having its principal population base connected to its neighbours, not by land links, but by marine services;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is constitutionally obligated under the Terms of Union to maintain the Gulf ferry service;

AND WHEREAS following our Province’s entry into Confederation in 1949, the Federal Government enacted the *Trans-Canada Highway Act* to spearhead the completion of the TCH to give all members of the federation the benefit of a truly national highway to facilitate the flow of people and goods freely and fairly throughout the federation;

AND WHEREAS it is unacceptable to view the Gulf ferry service as anything less than an essential and integral component of the Trans-Canada Highway and the National Highway System;

AND WHEREAS the cost-recovery and scheduling policies of the federal Crown corporation Marine Atlantic have served to impede the flow of people and to undermine the free trade of goods to and from our Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government should be sensitive to the impacts of higher Marine Atlantic prices and fewer crossings on our province’s tourism industry and on the costs of living and doing business in our Province relative to the costs in other provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls on the Federal Government to direct and enable Marine Atlantic to reduce user prices and restore transit frequency on the Gulf ferry service.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, June 4th.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

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 enact legislation banning the use of Temporary Replacement Workers during a strike or lockout.

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 support the users of Route 480 in their request to have Route 480 resurfaced.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that a more adequate level of access to specialist primary care-based oral surgery and oral surgical procedures is provided in Newfoundland and Labrador and to review the level of financial assistance currently provided through the Medical Transportation Assistance Program to residents who must leave the province for oral surgery.

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 Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 32 that the Orders of the Day be read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 15);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 22).

On motion it was ordered that 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 Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill No. 20) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Dispensing Opticians Act, 2005” (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Dispensing Opticians Act, 2005” (Bill No. 19) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 13) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 13) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred

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and had directed him to report that they had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Dispensing Opticians Act, 2005" (Bill No. 19);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

In accordance with Standing Order 9 at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon the business of the House not being concluded the Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) left the Chair until 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) debate on the Budget motion was adjourned for further debate presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 3rd 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.