

Monday, December 8th, 2014

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Hedley Harnum and Onnie Balsom for their 40 years of service to the Bishop's Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Sparkes who has been awarded the Star of Courage by the Governor General of Canada.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to recognize the Leo Club of Conception Bay South for their contribution to their communities.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to recognize Royal Navy veteran Mr. Sidney R. Winsor for his contribution to his country and to congratulate him on his 93rd birthday.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to Todd Strickland who has received the St. John Ambulance Commendation in recognition of his exemplary leadership and commitment in providing advanced first aid training to volunteer ambulance services in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to recognize the contribution to their community of the Gospel Folk Seniors Choir.

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate The SubC Imaging team on their graduation from Memorial University's Genesis Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Government's commitment to athletics in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize the launch of the Project Red Ribbon campaign.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act And The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991” (Bill No. 39);

A Bill, “An Act To Modify Eligibility For Other Post-Employment Benefits” (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 38).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Provincial Government announced in the 2014 Budget and in greater detail on November 4, 2014 that it will invest in two venture capital funds: Venture Newfoundland and Labrador and Build Ventures;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Provincial Government’s decision to help further diversify our economy and further strengthen the business climate of our Province by investing in venture capital funds.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, December 10th.

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 The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate funds under the provincial roads program to pave a section of Route 430.

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 in partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to cease the use of chemicals covered under the pesticide ban and begin using safer methods of brush clearance.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide clean and safe drinking water to the Town of Freshwater.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take action to attract a permanent doctor or make other arrangements to improve health care service in the Heatherton to Highlands area.

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 commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

The Member of 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 strike an all-party committee on mental health.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Missing Persons" (Bill No. 36);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 3" (Bill No. 37).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 35) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 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. Cross 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 (Mr. Cross) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 35) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply 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, December 9th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.