

Tuesday, December 9th, 2014

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

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Lion's Club and its community partners for hosting a successful Santa Claus Parade.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to inform the House about the display of the Elliston Root Cellar replica at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Helping Hand for over 20 years of dedicated service in their area.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to welcome 35 new Canadians to his District.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Rev. Miriam Bowlby and the congregation of Cochrane Street United Church on their plan to transform the church annex into 10 units for supportive living and an arts and community centre.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Gina Noordhof, Megan Coles and Earl Pilgrim on their literary accomplishments.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's review of the Protected Road Zoning regulations.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House about a job fair held for inmates at Her Majesty's Penitentiary.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to provide the House with an update on the implementation of the 2011 climate change and energy efficiency action plans.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) tabled a document entitled C & C – Payday Loans.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) tabled correspondence exchanged between the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada between April 23, 2013 and December 5, 2014 relating to the CETA regulations.

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 strike an all-party committee on mental health.

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 extend eligibility for the Intensive Applied Behavioural Analysis Program beyond Grade 3 in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community.

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 work with Nalcor to establish rates which are fair and consistent throughout the Province.

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 approve funding for the upgrading and paving of Point Road.

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 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 certain sections of Route 432/433.

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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission" (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 35).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 38) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bill 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 Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 37) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply.

The Speaker (Mr. Cross) ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) on December 3rd respecting certain words used by the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster). The Speaker ruled that the words spoken by the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair were unparliamentary and asked the Member to withdraw the unparliamentary words.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair a second time to withdraw the words.

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Again the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair refused whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair 'Ms. Lisa Dempster'.

In accordance with Standing Order 21 the Speaker ordered the Member to withdraw for the remainder of the sitting day.

Debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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 Highway Traffic Act No. 2" (Bill No. 37) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 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, Wednesday, December 10th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.