

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Northern Harvest Sea Farms Group for being the first salmon company to achieve Four-Star Best Aquaculture Practices status.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to commend the producers of and participants in the reality series, Cold Water Cowboys.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to recognize all those who volunteered to provide a Christmas meal at the Knights of Columbus Hall recently for families in need.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to recognize Erin Follett of Harbour Grace for her bravery and determination.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate bodybuilders from Deer Lake who competed at the 2014 Provincial bodybuilding Championships.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Mary Lee for her contribution to her community as a volunteer at the Brother Jim McSheffrey Community Garden.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to provide the House with an update on the Open Government Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House about the accomplishments being achieved through the Newfoundland and Labrador Green Fund.

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 implement the recommendations of the 2012 Minimum Wage Review Committee and legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage to reflect the loss of purchasing power since 2010, and an annual adjustment beginning in 2015 to reflect the Consumer Price Index.

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.

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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 hydro rates which are fair and consistent throughout the Province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to work with Nalcor to establish hydro rates which are fair and consistent throughout the Province.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate funding to include brush clearing for the Manuels Access 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.

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 third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it 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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 41) 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 Pensions Funding Act And The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act And The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 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 Modify Eligibility For Other Post-Employment

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Benefits” (Bill No. 40) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Modify Eligibility For Other Post-Employment Benefits” (Bill No. 40) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 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 the following Bills without amendment:

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).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 39 and 40 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.