

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to pay tribute to the firefighters of the St. George's Volunteer Fire Department and brothers Brian, Jerome and Theo Bennett for their years of service as members of the Department.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to 5 centenarians in his district.

The Member for Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to congratulate Jennifer Rimmer, this year's recipient of the Cecilia Carroll Award for Independent Living for a person with a disability.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate the Gill Memorial Academy female volleyball team which won the School Sport NL A Division Championship.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) made a Statement to recognize Captain Lester Powell for his lengthy career in the airline industry.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the Lester family which was recognized for its contribution to NL Agriculture at the annual agriculture show.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the recent Call for Bids by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to note government's commitment to engaging youth in marine studies.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize St. Kevin's High School in Goulds for developing the first in a series of iBook textbooks focused on workplace health and safety.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge), pursuant to subsection 13(1) of the *Auditor General Act*, tabled the Report to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies December 2014.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

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**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge Government to immediately strike an all-party committee on mental health to conduct province wide public consultations, review the current state of provincial mental health services, receive expert testimony on best practices in mental health care delivery, and report its findings with the goal of improving mental health programmes and services to better serve the needs of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for St. John’s Centre (Ms. Rogers) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to stop development by the Edinburgh Group of cottage lots at Ocean Pond, investigate the fact that they extensively developed this property without permission and hold a meeting with the Ocean Pond group to outline government’s plans for the area and allow the existing residents to have input into decisions made in their cottage 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 to pave Route 434.

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 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 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 following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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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).

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 order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 38) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 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 Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 38) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read the third 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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read the second time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 41) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Missing Persons” (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Missing Persons” (Bill No. 36) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 16<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.