

Tuesday, December 16th, 2014

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to congratulate Joey Angnatok for winning the first National Inuit Recognition Award at the Arctic Change 2014 Conference in Ottawa.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Flynn) made a Statement to congratulate the organizing committee for the Forget-Me-Not Cenotaph Campaign in Corner Brook.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Emily Williams, Quinn Snook and Thomas Taylor who have been awarded scholarships for achieving the highest Department of Education scholarship score.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Springdale which has been awarded the Torngat Mountain Excellence in Governance award.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Hillier) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of the 2nd Annual Giv'er on the River 3 km fun run.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Hazel Newhook who will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 24th.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House that reserves for the Hibernia field have increased to an estimated 1,664 million barrels of oil.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to inform the House about the continued success of the Operation Tooth programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House about the achievements of Newfoundland and Labrador pupils in a broad range of subject areas.

The Member for St. Barbe and Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr. Bennett) tabled the 3rd Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the 47th General Assembly.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge) tabled the Citizens' Representative Annual Digest for the period April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014.

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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 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 finalize the Land Transfer Agreement with Parks Canada so as to allow for the establishment of the national park in the Mealy Mountains of Labrador to occur before the 2015 tourism season.

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.

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 reduce the speed limit on Veteran's Memorial Highway in the area of Jamie's Way to 70 km/hr.

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 preserve midwifery services at Curtis Memorial Hospital.

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

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.

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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 Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act" (Bill No. 38) 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.

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 (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 41) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 41) 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 order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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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 (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 Respecting Missing Persons" (Bill No. 36) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be now read the third time.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Missing Persons" (Bill No. 36) 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 order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The House recessed for a few minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At 5:14 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

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Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3” (Bill 26);
- A Bill, “An Act Respecting Chartered Professional Accountants And Public Accountants” (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill, “An Act To Regulate Child Care Services” (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act, 2008” (Bill No. 32);
- 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);
- A Bill, “An Act Respecting Missing Persons” (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act No. 2” (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Social Workers Act” (Bill No. 38);
- 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);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill 41).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills”.

His Honour then extended Christmas greetings to the Members of the House and left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael), the Leader of the Official Opposition Office (Mr. Ball), the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) and the

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Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge) extended Christmas wishes to the Members and staff of the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned to the call of the Chair."

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.