

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

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

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Angie Parsons who has been named the 2014 Community Impact Award winner by the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate recipients of the Silver Level Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to commend Come Home Year committees for their contribution to their communities.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Gladys Osmond.

The Member for Trinity – Bay de Verde (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Kevin Banton who was presented with the “Pharmacist of the Year Award”.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to recognize Blake Welcher for his thoughtfulness in starting the “Let’s make Abigail a blanket” project for the benefit of a young girl with Cerebral Palsy.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of those working on coastal management area committees in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to provide an update on the progress made as part of the HotShots initiative.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for October 2014.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) tabled written submissions to the 1993 Electoral Boundaries Commission and nine audio tapes (9) of the proceedings and written submissions to the 2006 Electoral Boundaries Commission and audio tapes (40) of the proceedings.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to

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ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

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 work with St. John's and other municipalities to create a volunteer service or other low-cost solution to snow clearing problems faced by people with disabilities.

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. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

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 the appropriate agencies to provide adequate broadband service to communities along the Labrador Coast.

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 ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

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 ensure that the appointment of the electoral boundaries commission will not interfere with the legislative requirement to hold a provincial general election in 2015.

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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

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The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening and declared the motions carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

By leave, on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the following members were appointed to the Standing Orders Committee:

- (a) the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman);
- (b) the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King);
- (c) the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael);
- (d) the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne).

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Verge) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

By leave and on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) was appointed to the Standing Orders Committee. Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42).

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 42).

The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) suspended the proceedings at 12:09 a.m.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 12:51 a.m.

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Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act” (Bill No. 42).

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 Electoral Boundaries Act” (Bill No. 42) with amendments.

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

The amendments to Bill No. 42 having been read the first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read the third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act” (Bill No. 42) and on motion the Bill 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 the House adjourned *sine die*.

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