

Thursday, March 19th, 2015

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Dylan Bradbury for his courage and determination.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate and recognize The Labrador City Winter Carnival Committee on the success of this year's winter carnival.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Gavin Tucker for winning the MMA Featherweight title in an Extreme Cage Combat tournament.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Darcy Taylor who has been selected as a Canadian Loran Scholar for 2015.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Botwood Collegiate Warriors Girls' Softball team for winning the 4A Regional Softball Championships.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate the City of St. John's, the Bannerman Park Foundation and the volunteers and donors who have contributed to the revitalizing of Bannerman Park.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to provide an update on the province's Cancer Control Policy Framework.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to inform the House about the status of the *Foster a Future* campaign launched by Government in 2012.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to inform the House about the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs' review of the *Lands Act* and associated service delivery model.

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 provide all necessary resources in Budget 2015 and beyond to have the Portugal Cove – St. Philips intermediate school constructed, commissioned and operational for students in September 2016.

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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 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 Humber East (Mr. Flynn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ask the Department of Education to provide free text books to all pupils who attend any school that follows the requirements of the *Schools Act, 1997*.

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 St. George's and surrounding 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 implement a review of the ABA programme giving consideration to alternate programming options, and to extend Autism programming beyond Grade 3.

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 Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to increase moose vehicle accident mitigation measures, including moose fencing, brush cutting and increasing quotas, and to provide financial assistance to those most seriously injured as a result of said collisions.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 44 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 23rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.