

Monday, March 30th, 2015

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

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Bridie Maher who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Harold Druken.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Memorial United Church in Bonavista.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate the volunteers and participants who contributed to the success of the 40th Great Labrador Loppet.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Jessica Summers winner of two silver medals in snowshoeing at the Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Winter Games.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Jeremy Cross.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador's annual skilled Career Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association which received the Gold Seal Association Award at the 97th annual conference and Mr. Kevin McEvoy of Guildfords Inc. who received the Canadian Construction Association Trade Contractors Award of Recognition.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to announce that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will begin to fly the Labrador flag officially at the two gateways at the Labrador and Quebec borders.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Collins) tabled the Strategic Plan of the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services for the period 2014-2017.

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The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) tabled the Wilderness and Ecological Reserves Advisory Council Activity Plan for the period 2014-2017.

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 direct the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to find a more suitable alternative to the proposal which would see pupils from Holy Family School to the former School for the Deaf.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to cease the use of chemicals covered under the pesticide ban and begin using safer methods of brush clearance.

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 cell phone coverage along the Trans Labrador Highway and to all communities in coastal Labrador.

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 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 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 reduce the speed limit for the highway in the South Branch-Coal Brook 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 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.

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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*.

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 passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.