

Thursday, March 24th, 2005

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

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate the participants and winners of awards in the St. Peter's Elementary School Heritage Fair: Stephanie Gallant, Laura Noseworthy, Vanessa Power, Nicholas Chretien and Ryan Works.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Bob Rideout who served in the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment during World War II for being awarded the Minister of Veterans' Affairs Commendation in January.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Miss Julie Young of Milltown whose poem "The Circus" was honoured at the 2004 Canadian National Poetry Contest.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate the Grand Bank Theatre Company and Festival Committee for engaging Ms. Bernie Stapleton as artistic director for the 2005 festival season.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize Nutrition Month.

After three repeated warnings to visitors in the Public Galleries, the Speaker suspended proceedings for seventeen minutes because of disorder in the Public Galleries.

Following Oral Questions, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) tabled certain colour photographs of crab.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to ask for a clarification of what constitutes a display in the House. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), pursuant to section 26(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the following pre-commitment:

- (a) Order in Council 2005-088 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$2,034,100 against its 2005-06 appropriations to facilitate the award of tender for the annual refit of the ^A MV Sir Robert Bond .

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) asked leave for the withdrawal of the Private Members' Motion standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote). The House agreed that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank be withdrawn.

Whereupon the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Private Members' Motion:

WHEREAS there is a need on the Burin Peninsula for improved health care services, in particular, a CT scanner;

AND WHEREAS current medical needs are not being met because of the lack of adequate facilities and medical equipment;

AND WHEREAS these needs were identified and brought forward to Government by medical professionals;

AND WHEREAS Government committed during the election to complete the health facility in Grand Bank and address the health care needs of residents of the Burin Peninsula;

AND WHEREAS Government had an opportunity in the budget with a projected cash surplus to address these needs, but chose not to fund any improvements to health care services on the Burin Peninsula;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on Government to place a CT scanner on the Burin Peninsula and recommit to construction of the health facility in Grand Bank in this fiscal year.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from residents of his District calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government to consider

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stopping raw materials from leaving the Province.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions and Bills No. 2 and 3 for the granting of Interim and Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

The Committee of the Whole on Supply began their consideration of a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3).

After some debate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) moved, seconded by the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) the following amendment:

That the Schedule to Bill No. 3 "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" be amended by including the following projects:

Health and Community Services

The Grand Falls-Windsor Cancer Clinic
The Grand Bank Health Care Facility
ACT Scanner diagnostic unit for the Burin Peninsula

Education

The Mealy Mountain Auditorium in Happy Valley-Goose Bay

and that the amounts in the Schedule be adjusted to cover the costs of the above expenditures and also that the total be reduced by \$14.1 million to a total of \$103,000,000.

After a brief recess to consider the proposed amendment, the Chair (Ms. Osborne) declared the amendment to Bill No. 3 in order.

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The Committee debated the amendment.

The Chair (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the amendment.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Grimes, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Foote, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Harris.

Against: Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. French, Ms. Burke, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Manning, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Denine, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jim Hodder, Ms. Goudie, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Ridgley.

The Chair declared the amendment defeated.

At 5:30 the Committee agreed to stop the clock.

The Chair put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

The Chair put the question on Clauses 1 and 2 of Bill No. 3.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. French, Ms. Burke, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Manning, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Denine, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jim Hodder, Ms. Goudie, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Ridgley.

Against: Mr. Grimes, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Foote, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Harris.

The Chair declared Clauses 1 and 2 carried.

The Chair put the question on the Schedule to Bill No. 3.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr.

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Taylor, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. French, Ms. Burke, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Manning, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Denine, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jim Hodder, Ms. Goudie, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Ridgley.

Against: Mr. Grimes, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Foote, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Harris.

The Chair declared the Schedule carried.

The Committee of the Whole on Supply then passed the Enacting Clause, Preamble and Title of the Bill entitled, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3) without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 2 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time and adopted:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of \$1,446,010,500."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) further reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 3 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first time:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$117,100,000" (Resolution of Bill No. 3).

The Speaker put the question on the first reading of the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. French, Ms. Burke, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Manning, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Denine, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jim Hodder, Ms. Goudie, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Ridgley.

Against: Mr. Grimes, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Foote, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the first reading of the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Resolution was read a second time.

The Speaker declared the second reading of the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

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The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C. the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Interim and Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 2);

A Bill, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 and For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose, it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.