

Thursday, April 28th, 2005

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

The Official Opposition and NDP Opposition were absent from the House.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to pay tribute to foster parents.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate the athletes recently honoured at the Premier's Athletic Awards ceremony.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to commend the students, staff and student council of Cowan Heights Elementary School on the read-a-thon held at the school last week.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to inform the House and young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians about the Council of the Federation Youth Internship Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to recognize the National Day of Mourning for workers killed while on the job.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning), as Chair of the Government Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Finance,
Government Services,
Transportation, Works & Aboriginal Affairs, and
Public Service Commission.**

On motion, the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until later in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 14).

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Government Information For The Province" (Bill No. 16).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

After some debate, the Speaker put the question on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered and passed the Estimates of the **Executive Council, Consolidated Fund Services** and **Legislature** Heads of Expenditures without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the **Executive Council, Consolidated Fund Services** and **Legislature** without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole on Supply was received and adopted and on motion the Committee was ordered to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) 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, May 2nd, 2005.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Executive Council Act" (Bill No. 7);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, Teachers' Pension Act And Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No 9);

A Bill, "An Act To Establish A Financial Services Appeal Board" (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Investment Contracts Act" (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Service Charges Act" (Bill No. 10);

A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Literacy Development Council Act" (Bill No. 6):

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No 15);

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A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporations" (Bill No. 17).

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to advise the House that the Public Galleries would be open on Monday, May 2nd, 2005.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 2nd, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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