

Thursday, May 5th, 2005

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to recognize twenty-two World War II Veterans present in the Speaker's Galleries including four members of the Corps of Commissionaires presently serving in the House of Assembly.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement respecting the Year of the Veteran. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi also spoke to recognize the Year of the Veteran.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Jim Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate students of the Stephenville High Enterprise Team for their success at the National Young Entrepreneur Competition and Conference which was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Francis High School Crusaders who won first place at the Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association's Provincial Midget Basketball Championships.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Samantha Ralph, Ms. Renee White and Ms. Sasha Wilkins who are recipients of the Premier's Athletic Awards.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Chris Piercey of Fortune who was awarded the "Gar Pynn Scholarship" by the Faculty of Business Administration at Memorial University.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Gurpreet Sohi who won the Lions Provincial speak-off.

During Oral Questions, owing to grave disorder in the Public Galleries, the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) after a warning ordered the Public Galleries cleared at 2:12 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 2:54 o'clock in the afternoon.

During the Tabling of Documents, owing to grave disorder the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ordered the Public Galleries cleared for the remainder of the day at 3:09 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The House resumed sitting at 3:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) rose on a point of order to allege that the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) had addressed the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi by his first name in contravention of the rules.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), tabled, pursuant to section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2005-159 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$674,885, \$674,885 and \$138,675 against its 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of a three year contract for the Rencontre East-Pools Cove/Bay L'Argent Ferry Service;
- (b) Order in Council 2005-158 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$4,050,000, \$4,050,000 and \$1,012,500 for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 budgetary appropriations to award a three year contract for government's local and long distance telephone services;
- (c) Order in Council 2005-160 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$648,240, \$648,240 and \$133,200 against its 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 budgetary appropriations to enable the Department to award a three year contract for the LaPoile/Grand Bruit-Rose Blanche Ferry Service.

The Member for Trinity- Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to increase highway maintenance especially during the winter and upgrade the highway from New Chelsea to Old Perlican.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to pay down the debt of the new Health Board for Labrador and the Northern Peninsula.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) informed the House that the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

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The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

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As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2006, by way of further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor.”

On motion of the Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 4 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered 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. 4).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

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it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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 9th, 2005

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 9th, 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.