

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition on April 21<sup>st</sup> concerning security arrangements in and around the Confederation Building Complex. The Speaker ruled that the Leader of the Opposition had not established a *prima facie* case.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of order raised by the Leader of the Opposition on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order but a difference of opinion between two Honourable Members.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition on May 4<sup>th</sup> with regard to a decision of the Deputy Speaker on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Speaker ruled that the Leader of the Opposition had not established a *prima facie* case.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to congratulate the Froude Avenue Community Centre on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Boyd Cohen of Grand Falls-Windsor on his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Business Hall of Fame.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Victoria Thistle, Ms. Kendrick Au and Ms. Julie Woolridge who were recipients of the Premier's Athletic Awards.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Khyla Murphy, Mr. Ryan Slaney and Ms. Alaina Slaney who were awarded millennium bursaries from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize Mr. George Hutchings of Conception Bay South for his outstanding contribution to the community.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to note the citizens of Bay Roberts who were recently honoured by the town: Mr. Eric Mercer who was named Citizen of the Year; Ms. Rachel Francis who was posthumously awarded the Famous Son or Daughter Award; Mr. Andrew Mercer who was selected male athlete of the year; Ms. Samantha March who was named female athlete of the year; and Ms. Agnes Butler who was the recipient of the Community Services Award.

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The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to inform the House about the success of a local high tech company, Cathexis Innovations Inc.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about a meeting of senior departmental officials with officials in Ottawa regarding the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) raised a point of order with respect to certain language used by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) during Oral Questions.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Burke) tabled the 2003-04 Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 34);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge 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 Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge 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 Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to increase funding for problem gambling, strictly to enforce the existing VLT regulations, at the very least remove VLTs from venues frequented by individuals under 19 years of age and to hold a province wide referendum on banning video lottery terminals in conjunction with municipal

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elections in 2005.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reconsider their decision on the Health Care Centre in Grand Bank and provide funding to complete this facility.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented a Petition from residents of Grand Bank and Fortune calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide a CT scanner and dialysis unit for the Burin Peninsula Regional Hospital at Burin.

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

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

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting the Management Of Government Information For The Province" (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act And The Farm Practices Protection Act" (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19);
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities" (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law About Pensions For Members Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act" (Bill No. 28);

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 32).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish A Financial Services Appeal Board" (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish a Financial Services Appeal Board" (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish a Financial Services Appeal Board" (Bill No. 11).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 10).

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed Bills No. 11 and 10 without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish a Financial Services Appeal Board" (Bill No. 11) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 10) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act

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Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 17).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Bill entitled, “An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No. 17), without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.17 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation” (Bill No.17) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Executive Council Act” (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Executive Council Act” (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

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The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Executive Council Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 18).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed Bills No. 7 and 18 without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Executive Council Act" (Bill No. 7) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 13) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 13) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

By leave and pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded

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on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act And The Farm Practices Protection Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act And The Farm Practices Protection Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act And The Farm Practices Protection Act" (Bill No. 22).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed Bills No. 13 and 22 without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No.13 and 22 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 13) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Natural Products Marketing Act And The Farm Practices Protection Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a third time and passed.



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On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Smoking In Public Places And The Workplace" (Bill No. 20) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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.