

Tuesday, May 17<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 order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) on April 18<sup>th</sup> with respect to comments made by the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris). The Speaker ruled that there was a valid point of order and requested that the Member withdraw the comments whereupon the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi withdrew the comments.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to recognize Captain Wilfred Haynes, a veteran of the Second World War.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to recognize the work and contributions of Mr. Clarence Andrews of Gander in various humanitarian efforts.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House that Mr. James Igloliorte had been appointed interim Child and Youth Advocate.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pension Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Tom Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lobbyists Registration Act" (Bill No. 38).

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 Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Tom Marshall) provided an oral answer to a question asked on May 16<sup>th</sup> by the Member for Burgeo & La Poile (Mr. Parsons) concerning the storage of nuclear weapons at the former Argentina Navel Base.

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The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to request Government to halt discussions with Abitibi on power development on the Exploits River until government gets a commitment from Abitibi for a two - machine operation at the Grand Falls Mill.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge 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 elections in 2005.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling on the House to request the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to invest royalties from the Upper Churchill Recall Power in a fund for Labrador Infrastructure.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate 24-hour home care for Mildred and Clovia Baker of Carbonear.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to request that Government provide funding for the necessary road work on the Buchans Highway this summer.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to request Government to set up a kidney dialysis unit in Labrador.

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

A Bill,                    "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 35);

A Bill,                    "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 36).

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

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator.

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

“13 May 2005

As Administrator 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 2005, by way of Supplementary 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. **Clyde K. Wells**  
**Administrator.”**

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 25 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and 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 No. 2” (Bill No. 25).

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. 25 be introduced

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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 and second 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 \$7,300,000” (Bill No. 25).

Pursuant to order and on motion 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 No. 2” (Bill No. 25) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order respecting security and the right of access of former Speakers’ to the Chamber.

The Honourable the Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No. 34) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No. 34) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 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 Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities” (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 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 Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 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 Respecting Management Of Government Information For The Province" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Management Of Government Information For The Province" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

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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.

It was agreed to stop the clock at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act" (Bill No. 34).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Management Of Government Information For The Province" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 37) by leave.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities" (Bill No. 23);

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

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Provincial Offences Act” (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Management Of Government Information For The Province” (Bill No. 16);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John’s Act” (Bill No. 37).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 23, 34, 33,16 and 37 be read a third time presently by leave.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed by leave:

A Bill, “An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Guarantee Of Loans To Local Authorities” (Bill No. 23);

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);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Management Of Government Information For The Province” (Bill No. 16);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John’s Act” (Bill No. 37).

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

By agreement, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) advised the House that Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> would be used for Government business.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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