

Thursday, June 9th, 2005

The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) advised the House that by agreement among all parties represented in the House of Assembly the following rules would be followed during the Special Sitting of the House on June 9th and 10th, 2005.

- “1. The Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 41) will be debated for not more than two days: June 9th and 10th, 2005.
2. On these two days the House will sit from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
3. Subject to rule 6, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi, the Minister of Justice and the Member who is the Official Opposition critic for either the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture or the Department of Justice will have one hour to speak. The Premier will have an additional twenty minutes when he speaks before the end of the debate and the Minister of Justice will have twenty minutes to speak to close the debate. All other Members will have twenty minutes to speak with the exception of those Members noted. No other Member may speak more than once during this Special Sitting of the House.
4. There will be a thirty minute Oral Question period each day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. The only topic for the Oral Question period will be the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 41).
5. Debate on Bill No. 41 will begin immediately after the adoption of these rules and introduction of the Bill and, apart from Oral Questions, will be the only business of the House during the two-day period.
6. Amendments to the Bill will be permitted but only within the time constraints of these rules. The Member proposing an amendment to Bill No. 41 will do so during the original speaking time allocation. There will be an additional twenty-minute period allocated during which the Member proposing an amendment and one Member from each of the other two caucuses may respond to the Member proposing the amendment.
7. The notice requirements for the motion respecting the rules and for Bill No. 41 will be waived.

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8. When the debate has concluded but in any event not later than 10:00 p.m. on Friday, the Speaker or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House will put the question on the motion for Second Reading, will put all questions relating to the clauses of the Bill in Committee of the Whole and will put the question on the motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 41.”

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the proposed Special Rules and declared the question carried.

By leave, on motion of the Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 41) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time later in the morning after Oral Questions.

Oral Questions took place pursuant to the Special Rules adopted by the House.

After Oral Questions, by leave, on motion of the Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr Rideout) debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 41).

In accordance with the above-noted Special Rules the proceedings were suspended at 12:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 41).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) proposed the following amendment to Bill No. 41:

“That all words after the word “That” in the motion for Second Reading be deleted and substituted by the following:

“Bill No. 41, “An Act to Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day three months hence.”

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The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) suspended proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair and declared the amendment in order.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) proposed the following amendment to Bill No. 41:

"That all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"This House declines to give Second Reading to Bill No. 41, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act", because the company's shellfish quotas and primary group's fleet of vessels are not included as security in the default provisions of the terms of the proposed agreement with FPI."

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended proceedings at 3:47 o'clock in order to consider the amendment.

The House resumed sitting at 3:54 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) proposed the following amendment to Bill No. 41:

"That clause 3 of Bill No. 41, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" be amended by adding immediately after the word "Council" the words "conditional upon approval of the final agreement with the company being reviewed and approved by the House of Assembly."

In accordance with the above-noted Special Rules the proceedings were suspended at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The House resumed sitting at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

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The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled the amendment proposed by the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) in order.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) proposed the following amendment to Bill No. 41:

"That all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"This House declines to give Second Reading to Bill No. 41, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act", because adequate provisions have not been made to insure that the funds raised through the sale will strengthen the company's operations in this province."

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) suspended the proceedings at 8:51 o'clock to consider the amendment.

The House resumed sitting at 8:54 o'clock.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled the amendment proposed by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) in order.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) advised the House that the proceedings would not be televised on June 10th after 11:30 o'clock in the morning but that the proceedings would be telecast in their entirety at a later date.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 10th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House adjourned at 10:00 o'clock in the evening.

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