

Friday, June 24th, 2005

The House met at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) welcomed Mr. Clayton Forsey, Member Elect for the District of Exploits who was seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

Oral Questions took place pursuant to the Special Rules adopted on June 9th.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following amendment at Second Reading of Bill No. 41 moved by the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) on June 9th, 2005:

"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."

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following amendment at Second Reading of Bill No. 41 moved by the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) on June 9th, 2005:

"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. Hodder) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following amendment at

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Second Reading of Bill No. 41 moved by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) on June 10th, 2005:

"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) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following amendment at Second Reading of Bill No. 41 moved by the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) on June 10th, 2005:

"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" until provisions are made so that the portion of the funds raised through an Income Trust necessary to fulfill commitments made by the Company to the Communities of Fortune and Bonavista can be placed in trust with government to ensure that these commitments are kept."

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following amendment at Second Reading of Bill No. 41 moved by the Member for Bellevue, on behalf of the Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon), on June 10th:

"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 agreements have not been reached with the company for the provision of a quota that would secure the future of Harbour Breton and the Connaigre Peninsula."

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the amendment and declared the

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amendment defeated.

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

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Ottenheimer; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Fitzgerald; Mr. O'Brien; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Jim Hodder; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. Denine; Mr. French; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Mr. Skinner; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Ms. Foote; Mr. Harris.

Against: Mr. Williams; Mr. Edward Byrne; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Harding; Mr. Ridgley; Mr. Reid; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Butler; Mr. Barrett; Mr. Langdon; Ms. Thistle; Mr. Andersen; Mr. Sweeney; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Collins; Mr. Manning.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to 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 considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41).

Debate commenced on the following amendment to Clause 3 of Bill No.41, moved by the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) on June 9th:

"It is moved 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".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

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The Chairperson suspended the proceedings because of a disturbance in the Public Galleries.

The Chairperson resumed the Chair of Committee at 4:36 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) 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 had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order, it was moved by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" be read a third time presently by leave.

The Speaker put the question that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) be now read a third time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Ottenheimer; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Fitzgerald; Mr. O'Brien; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Jim Hodder; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. Denine; Mr. French; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Mr. Skinner; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Ms. Foote; Mr. Harris.

Against: Mr. Williams; Mr. Edward Byrne; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Harding; Mr. Ridgley; Mr. Reid; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Butler; Mr. Barrett; Mr. Langdon; Ms. Thistle; Mr. Andersen; Mr. Sweeney; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Collins; Mr. Manning.

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The Chair declared the motion carried

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 41) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered Bill No. 41 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved: "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House do now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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