

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled that the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) had not raised a valid point of order respecting comments made by the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) outside the House of Assembly.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Christy Groves, a twelve year old Forteau resident and a student at Mountain Field Academy, who designed an award winning poster for the international art contest called, *À Visa, Olympics of the Imagination*.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Winnie Goulding formerly of Middle Brook and now residing in Gander who celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate three members of the Buchans Volunteer Fire Department, namely, Messrs. William Emberly, Brian Bursey and James Foster who received the Canadian Exemplary Service Medal for their many years of volunteer service especially during the Badger Flood.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Mary Ann Drake and Ms. Crystal Miller, both of Marystown Central High School, on winning their respective public speaking contests sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #2436 and the Canadian Parents for French.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to wish all the players and many volunteers who were involved in minor hockey tournaments and to wish all the players success during the Easter week hockey games.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) rose on a point of order to allege that the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) had addressed him in a derogatory fashion by using a swear word toward him after the House adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. A number of Members also rose on the same point of order to confirm the use of the language. The Speaker ruled that the House had adjourned for the afternoon when the words were used, that he had not heard the words and that there was no point of order.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order respecting the practice by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) of greeting people in the Public Galleries. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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During Oral Questions, the Speaker was obliged to remind visitors to the Public Galleries that they were not to participate or to demonstrate in any way nor to show any approval or disapproval of the proceedings in the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Emergency Measures Act@ (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 6);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act@ (Bill No. 8).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Guaranteeing of Certain Loans under The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 15).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act@ (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill,           An Act To Amend the Corporations Act (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend

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The Survival of Actions Act. (Bill No. 11).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Marshall) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill,           An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland And Labrador Centre For Health Information@ (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill,           An Act To Revise The Law About the Practice of Optometry (Bill No. 9).

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Minister of Transportation & Works to release immediately the report on the Labrador Coastal Marine Service and to make a decision on the Coastal Marine Service.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province and in particular residents of Bell Island requesting the Government of the Province to reconsider ferry rate increases and the reduction in service, to renegotiate essential ferry service and to designate all inter-provincial ferry services as strike free.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Western Health Care Corporation to maintain the current level of health care services in the area from South Branch to Rose Blanche without reduction or diminution.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government (the Budget Speech) 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, Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**A. John Noel, Q.C.,**

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