

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

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

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate and pay tribute to Mr. Michael Meaney and Mr. Noel White who were both nominated and selected as Citizens of the Year by the Kinsmen Club of the City of Mount Pearl.

The Member of Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Emily King on being named Grand Falls-Windsor's Citizen of the Year for 2003.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate the organizing committee for the 2004 Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games to be held in Marystown between August 7-14th.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to advise Members that the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal would be launched today with volunteers going door to door seeking financial assistance for the many community programs that the Red Shield Campaign funds.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to advise the House of a new youth initiative developed by the Council of the Federation which consists of all provincial and territorial premiers. This initiative would involve two participants from each province and territory who would be selected to participate in a Youth Forum aimed at increasing youth engagement in Canadian public affairs.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), pursuant to section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled a pre-commitment with respect to Order in Council 2004-192 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$120,000 to facilitate the awarding of Government's long distance telephone contract to Aliant Telecom for services to be provided for the period April 1, 2005 to July 1, 2005.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS** there has been no comprehensive study which shows reorganization of School Boards in this Province will either save money or result in better educational delivery;

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**AND WHEREAS** this restructuring has been undertaken in a hasty and unorganized fashion that could result in many problems within our K-12 education system;

**AND WHEREAS** political patronage has been used to appoint transitional chairs to replace duly elected school boards;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls on government to halt any school board reorganization until proper studies and public input can be obtained.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Avalon West School Board to reverse the decision by that Board to close St. Joseph's School and to reverse the decision to bus students to Harbour Grace and commit funds to construct a new school in Carbonear.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government to direct the Western Health Care Board not to reduce surgical, laboratory test analysis, obstetrical and gynecological services at the Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre in Port aux Basques and not to close the rural clinics at Rose Blanche and Doyles.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 32 that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved 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.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Public Services (Bill No. 18).

During the debate on Third Reading of Bill No.18, the Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 43 that the question be now put.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to seek clarification whether he could move amendments at the Third Reading stage of Bill No. 18.

The Speaker ruled on the matter and concurred in the observations of the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi and the Honourable Acting Government House Leader that the motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 18 could not be amended under the previous question.

Debate commenced on the motion that Third Reading of the Bill entitled, An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Public Services (Bill No. 18) be now put.

The debate continued for a number of hours, following which the Speaker put the question on the motion that the question be now put on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Public Services (Bill No. 18).

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams; Mr. Ottenheimer; Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Rideout; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Sullivan; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Mr. Shelley; Mr. Fitzgerald; Ms. Sheila Osborne; Mr. French; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Hedderson; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. Denine; Mr. Manning; Mr. Harding; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Ms. Goudie; Mr. Skinner; Mr. Oram; Mr. O'Brien; Mr. Ridgley.

Against: Mr. Grimes; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Butler; Mr. Barrett; Mr. Langdon; Ms. Thistle; Mr. Reid; Mr. Andersen; Mr. Sweeney; Ms. Foote; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Harris; Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled, An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Public Services@ (Bill No. 18) be now read a third time.

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The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams; Mr. Ottenheimer; Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Rideout; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Sullivan; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Mr. Shelley; Mr. Fitzgerald; Ms. Sheila Osborne; Mr. French; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Hedderson; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. Denine; Mr. Manning; Mr. Harding; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Ms. Goudie; Mr. Skinner; Mr. Oram; Mr. O'Brien; Mr. Ridgley.

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The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Public Services (Bill No. 18) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved that the House at its rising adjourn until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

During the debate on the motion to adjourn the House until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Acting the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 43 that the question be now put on the motion that the House adjourn until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House adjourn until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The Speaker put the question on the motion to adjourn the House until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams; Mr. Ottenheimer; Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Rideout; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Sullivan; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Mr. Shelley; Mr. French; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Hedderson; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. Denine; Mr. Manning; Mr. Harding; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Jackman; Ms. Johnson; Ms. Goudie; Mr. Skinner; Mr. Oram; Mr. O'Brien; Mr. Ridgley.

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The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 2:30 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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