

Monday, May 31st, 2004

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

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Michael Ryder, a native of Bonavista and a rookie with the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens who was recognized by *The Sporting News* as Rookie of the Year.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to congratulate this year's environmental award winners. In particular, the Member recognized Ms. Laura Jackson, Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Gaia Environmental Youth Group and Straits Elementary School (Flower's Cove).

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize former Senator Jack Marshall who was recently awarded the Order of Ontario for his achievements as an advocate for World War II veterans.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to advise the House that the Government has reached an agreement with Labrador Metis Nation (LMN) outlining the participation of the LMN in forest ecosystem management planning in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to advise Members and the people of the Province that May 30th to June 5th was recognized as Environment Week, a time to reflect on the importance of preserving, protecting and enhancing our environment and natural heritage.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) tabled the 2003 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Marshall) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Health and Community Services.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Osborne) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Environment;
- (b) the 2003 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board as of March 31, 2003.

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The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to commence the building of a road connecting the Trans Labrador Highway with Williams Harbour in 2004.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador requesting the Government of the Province to provide the \$2.4 million designated, but now deferred, and to begin construction of the auditorium in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador not to implement a leaked report prepared by the Western Health Care Corporation and to keep open the rural clinics in Parsons Pond, Cow Head and Daniel's Harbour.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) tabled a letter dated May 25th, 2004 which the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker put the questions on the motions that the House concur in the Reports of the Government Services Committee and the Resource Committee.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams; Mr. Edward Byrne; Mr. Ottenheimer; Ms. Dunderdale; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Jack Byrne; Mr. Sullivan; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Mr. Shelley; Mr. Fitzgerald; Mr. French; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Hedderson; 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. Jones; Ms. Thistle; Mr. Reid; Mr. Andersen; Ms. Foote; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Harris; Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

It was agreed that the House recess for the dinner break at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

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 Lieutenant Governor.

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

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As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2005, by way of further 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. **Edward Roberts**
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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved that the total contained in the Estimates in the amount of \$3,704,240,000 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year be carried and that the Committee report that the Committee had adopted a Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto relating to Further Supply and that the Committee rise and ask leave to sit again.

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$3,704,240,000 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and had adopted a certain Resolution for Further Supply and recommended that Bill No. 3 be introduced to give effect to the same 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 later.

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 expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$2,416,816,300.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 and For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee of the Whole House also considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province (Bill No. 19).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No.13 and Bill No.19 be introduced to give effect to the Resolutions.

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 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 bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on tobacco (Bill No. 13).

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (Bill No. 13) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province a sum of money not exceeding \$675,000,000 (Bill No. 19).

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province (Bill No. 19) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) informed the House that he had received two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Messages were read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

May 28, 2004

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2003, 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. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant-Governor.

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May 28, 2004

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2004, 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. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions and Bills No. 28 and 29 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, 2003 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 28).

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, 2004 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2 (Bill No. 29).

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. 28 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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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 additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2003, the sum of \$24,215,600" (Bill No. 28).

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, 2003 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 28) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) also 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. 29 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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, 2004, the sum of \$46,490,200" (Bill No. 29).

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, 2004 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2" (Bill No. 29) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 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. 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

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Tuesday, June 1st, 2004.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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