

Thursday, June 3rd, 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 the Mount Pearl Special Olympic Tigers who won the end-of-the-year Floor Hockey Tournament. The Member also thanked the coaches and volunteers for their participation and help with this event.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Nancy Clark, a Grade 12 student at Exploits Valley High School who was honoured by being named the Grand Falls-Windsor Youth of the Year for 2003.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) made a Statement to congratulate a hero, Mr. Gregory Shea, who received one of the highest awards a Canadian citizen can receive from Her Excellency the Governor General, the Certification of Commendation for Bravery.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Isabella Pain, an Inuit woman from Nain who was Co-Chair of the negotiating team for the Labrador Inuit Association and also Chair of the Committee that negotiated IBA with Voisey's Bay for the Labrador Inuit Association.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate the students, sponsors, organizers and participants of the 16th Annual Y Enterprise Olympics which recently took place at Hotel Gander.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Tom Marshall) on behalf of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to recognize the 60th Anniversary of D-Day and to honour all veterans who fought and died for our freedom.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to advise Members that Government was working with High Liner Foods Inc. on possible solutions to keep the fish plant in Arnold's Cove in operation.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Edward Byrne) made a Statement to recognize the 20th Annual Conference of the Newfoundland Ocean Industries Association (NOIA). The theme of this year's conference was *East Coast Canada: Success in a Challenging Environment*.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Edward Byrne) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods;

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- (b) the 2002-03 Annual Performance Report of the Department of Mines and Energy;
- (c) the Report of Mining Leases, Mineral Licences and Surface Leases issued for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 under the authority of the *Mineral Act*;
- (d) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003;
- (e) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Livestock Owners Compensation Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Industry, Trade and Rural Development.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Women's Policy Office.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Labrador Affairs (Mr. Taylor), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Rideout) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Works, Services and Transportation.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Tom Marshall) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Justice;
- (b) the 2003 Report of the Human Rights Commission Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (c) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003;
- (d) the Report for the Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

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The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to recognize the success of the Central West Health Board and place the headquarters of the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Board in the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

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 Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition on behalf of certain pensioners in the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to restore its contribution to the pension increase so that affected pensioners would once again receive the full 1.5 percent increase as promised.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act" (Bill No. 32).

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

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 the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend

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The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (Bill No. 26).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again presently. On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

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 not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

The House recessed at 5:21 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

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

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. Harding (Pro tem) took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (Bill No. 26).

On motion debate on Bill No. 26 was adjourned.

During the debate there were points of order respecting the time booked by the House with respect to televising the proceedings.

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The Committee of the Whole House considered the Bill entitled, A An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31).

On motion debate on Bill No. 31 was adjourned.

The Committee of the Whole House considered the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Highway Traffic Act To Effect Certain Reforms Respecting Automobile Insurance (Bill No. 30).

On motion debate on Bill No. 30 was adjourned.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed Bill No. 31 without amendment, had made progress on other Bills and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31) be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Schools Act (Bill No. 31) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 Monday, June 7th, 2004.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved pursuant to Standing Order 47, that the debate on Bill No. 26 entitled, An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, schedule or schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to Bill No. 47 shall be the first business of the Committee of the Whole and shall not be further postponed.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 3:31 o'clock in the morning on June 4th.

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