

Tuesday, March 28th, 2006

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Roger Jamieson, the recipient of the 2005 Doug Wheeler Tourism Award.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to recognize the following persons of the 2006 Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Athletic Awards: Katarina Mirabelle Roxon, Joey Russell, Pat Parfrey, Brian Murphy, Brad Gushue Curling Team, Julia Howard and Brad Gushue.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Cherie Lee Campbell-Oram who was awarded the Atlantic Center of Excellence for Women's Award.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate the pupils and staff of O'Donel High School on their musical production of "AIDA".

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape LaHune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Doreen Vallis who was named Harbour Breton Citizen of the Year.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to recognize the Melville Mantas Swim Club of Happy Valley-Goose Bay which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House that Corner Brook Pulp and Paper have agreed to reverse their decision not to purchase pulpwood from the Northern Peninsula this year.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,
the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C.

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session Assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

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Signed: Shawn Skinner, MHA
Sheila Osborne, MHA
Eddie Joyce, MHA

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On motion the report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the Annual Report of the Government Money Purchase Pension Plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose to advise the House that leave had been given to announce this Wednesday’s Private Member’s Resolution in view of the fact the House had not met on Monday, March 27th.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS FPI was established by this Legislature to strengthen the fishing industry in this province and to ensure maximum employment stability;

AND WHEREAS the provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture admits that he is having trouble obtaining information on all FPI operations;

AND WHEREAS the provincial Minister has said that FPI broke the laws of this province in shipping out fish with no authorization;

AND WHEREAS the provincial Minister says charges will be laid against FPI;

AND WHEREAS there are widespread allegations and suspicions involving the overall operations of FPI;

AND WHEREAS the livelihood of thousands of people in this province are being thrown into turmoil as a result of the actions being taken by FPI;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Government to establish an independent public inquiry into the operations of FPI.”

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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 on Supply to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 3).

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 on Supply to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 4).

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 on Supply to Consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move: "That This House Approves in General The Budgetary Policy of The Government." (Budget Speech)

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply 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, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

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. 2 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) advised the House that leave had been granted to debate 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, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2 (Bill No. 4) of which notice had been given earlier in the day.

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

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

"March 15, 2006

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, 2006, 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 Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 4 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 of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a 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, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2" (Bill No. 4).

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On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) 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. 4 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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

"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, 2006, the sum of \$2,897,700."

Pursuant to order and on motion a 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, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2" (Bill No. 4) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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