

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006

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

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of 17 year old Megan Buffett, a student of Bay D'Espoir Academy and resident of St. Alban's who has been awarded \$38,000 in scholarships for her musical talent and academic achievements.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate Kirsten Harris and Bradley McCarthy of Glovertown Academy who were female and male athlete of the year respectively.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 12 in Grand Falls - Windsor which was presented with the national special recognition award by the Canadian Cancer Society for support given the society over the years.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Pynn of the 209 Great Eastern Sea Cadets who was selected Sea Cadet of the Year. Ms. Pynn is a resident of Green's Harbour.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Victoria Ralph, Melissa Somers, Andrea Noel, Eleanor Hobbs, Mickey Hearn and Wesley Saunders who were recognized by the Carbonear Recreation Commission for their athletic accomplishments in 2005.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Andrew Critch of Hillview, Trinity Bay for his academic achievements including completing his B.Sc in Mathematics in 20 months and winning the MUN Medal for Academic Excellence in Mathematics and the Governor General's Undergraduate Studies Medal for the highest standing in undergraduate studies.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities' Annual Symposium held in Gander.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House about the 10th anniversary of the Newfoundland and Labrador Book Awards at which Ms. Joan Clark received the Fiction Award and Ms. Janet McNaughton received the Children's Literature Award.

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The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House to urge Government to ensure that the accommodations at the Duck Pond Mine Site remain in place for the duration of the life of the mine or until no longer needed.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), pursuant to section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the following pre-commitment:

Order in Council 2006-220 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$2.25 million against its 2007-08 appropriations in place of the \$400,000 previously approved by OC2005-502 for 2007-2008 to facilitate the construction of a new facility for grades 7-12 at Mobile.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to ensure that the quotas traditionally processed by Fishery Products International for the area of Grand Bank and Fortune remain within the region.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to call upon Government to provide funding for the necessary road work on the Buchans Highway this summer.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) 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 and declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education" (Bill No. 21).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education" (Bill No. 21) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.21 be read a third time by leave.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education" (Bill No.21) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 1) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32).

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at approximately 5:30 o'clock for the dinner break.

The. Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 25th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:10 o'clock in the evening.

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