

Thursday, November 23rd, 2006

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

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to recognize the 31st Labrador Creative Arts Festival.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to thank the Canadian Diabetes Association for the dinner to which he and other MHAs were invited on November 22nd.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate teachers, students and parents of Laval High School and St. Anne's Academy of Placentia for hosting the 17th Annual Provincial Student Leadership Conference from October 19th to 21st, 2006.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Doug Butt of Grand Falls-Windsor who recently received the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to pay tribute to Warrant Officer Richard Francis Nolan who was killed during an assault on Taliban fighters in Panjwahi district west of Kandahar.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. Brendan Lewis, Chief of Orthopedics at Western Memorial Regional Hospital, Corner Brook who was elected President of the Canadian Orthopedic Association.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) rose on a point of order concerning Private Members' Statements. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to inform the House of the progress made in government's review of the forestry industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Business (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House of the progress made in Government's red tape reduction initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the list of Municipal Loan Guarantees issued from November 22, 2005 to November 17, 2006 in accordance with the *Local Authority Guarantee Act, 2005*.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the following:

- (a) the Annual Activity Report of the Newfoundland Industrial Development Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006;
- (b) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Municipal Financing Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006;
- (c) the Annual Activity Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Government Sinking Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) 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, November 27th, 2006.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Burgeo ferry terminal.

By leave and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 49) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Establish A Health Research Ethics Authority For The Province". (Bill No. 23)

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Osborne) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 23:

- "1. That Clause 5 of Bill No. 23 be renumbered as subclause 5(1) and the following subclause be added immediately after it:

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- (2) The authority shall have responsibility to enhance public awareness of the ethical dimension of health research involving human subjects.
2. That subclause 9(3) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
 - (3) The authority shall, within 2 business days of its receipt, refer an application made to it under subsection (2) in the research ethics board or a research ethics board body approved by the authority under section 8.”

The Chair declared the amendment in order.

After some debate, the Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Establish A Health Research Ethics Authority For The Province” (Bill No. 23) with amendments.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act”. (Bill No. 43)

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Establish A Health Research Ethics Authority For The Province”(Bill No. 23) with amendments and the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act” (Bill No. 43) without amendments and asked leave to sit again.

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 House have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The amendments to Bill No. 23 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a third time presently.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a third time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act” (Bill No. 43);

A Bill, “An Act To Establish A Health Research Ethics Authority For The Province” (Bill No. 23).

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act” (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act” (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act” (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act” (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act” (Bill No. 41);

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 42).

On motion the Committee rose.

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, and had passed the following Bills without amendments:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 42).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 41 and 42 be read a third time presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 42).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they 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 a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

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

"November 20, 2006

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I

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transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2007, 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.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr .Sullivan), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 45 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 45 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

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, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, November 27th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.