

Tuesday, December 12th, 2006

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Gina Colbourne of Carbonear who was crowned Miss Teen Trinity Conception 2006-07.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate 11 year old Andrew Dunn who was awarded the Jack Cornwell Decoration by Scouts Canada.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Brandon Roach, a native of Bay Roberts, who has been selected to play on Team Canada's Men's hockey team at the 2007 Winter Universaide in Turin.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. J. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Stella Tompkins of Stephenville.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Katie Flynn who was crowned Miss Teen Canada Galaxy 2007.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. F. Collins) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Tramore Productions Inc. of Cuslett.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House of an educational institution, the College of North Atlantic and a local company, Mediclink Systems Limited, which are benefitting from two new programs established through Government's Innovation Strategy.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House about the 2006 Provincial Arts and Letters Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Shelley) tabled the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for the Labour Relations Agency and the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan of the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for the Department of Government Services.

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The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Jackman) tabled the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Osborne) tabled the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for the Department of Health and Community Services.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) tabled the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

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 Thursday, December 14th, 2006.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact a policy that ensures that children are provided with a safe way of getting to school.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to commit to constructing a road connection to the Trans Canada Highway for the community of Williams Harbour.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to endorse the nomination of John Bingley Garland by the Trinity Historic Society to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada as a "Person of National Historic Significance".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) 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.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers’ Pensions Act” (Bill No. 64) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers’ Pensions Act” (Bill No. 64) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 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 Public Service Collective Bargaining Act” (Bill No. 68) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act” (Bill No. 68) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 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 considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act” (Bill No. 68);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers’ Pensions Act” (Bill No. 64).

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 following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 64);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 68).

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 presently.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 64 and 68 be read a third time presently.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 64);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 68).

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 67) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 67) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 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.

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act” (Bill No. 67).

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 Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act” (Bill No. 67) without amendment 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 presently.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act” (Bill No. 67) was read a third time and passed by leave.

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.

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 Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill No. 60).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order to advise the House that the Members of the Official Opposition would not remain in the Chamber for the Royal Assent proceedings because of the circumstances surrounding the conclusion of the Fall sitting.

The Speaker suspended proceedings for a few minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C. the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, "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, 2007 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 45);

A Bill, "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, 2007 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service No. 2" (Bill No. 62).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to these Bills".

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The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act” (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Standard Time Act” (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act No. 2” (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000” (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Notaries Public Act” (Bill No. 35);
- 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);
- 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);
- A Bill, “An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Conduct Of Public Inquiries” (Bill No. 40);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Teachers’ Pensions Act” (Bill No. 47);
- A Bill, “An Act Respecting Pharmaceutical Services” (Bill No. 50);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Sale Of Certain Items At A Flea Market" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act,1957" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act No. 2" (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act No. 2" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill, "An Act To Implement The Convention On International Interests In Mobile Aircraft Equipment" (Bill No. 58);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 54);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 57);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Assessment Of Real Property For The Purpose Of The Imposition Of Real Property Taxes" (Bill No. 52);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Municipal Taxation In The City Of St. John's" (Bill No. 53);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 55);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 59);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 65);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 69);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act,1991 And The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 66);

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- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Mental Health Care And Treatment" (Bill No. 61);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 64);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 68);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 67).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor addressed Members and wished all Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) and the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) thanked officials and staff of the House and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) also thanked and extended wishes to staff and officials.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in the absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House do now adjourn".

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly to the call of the Chair.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.