

Friday, March 23rd, 2007

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

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Norman and Pearl Moss of Deer Lake on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate the William F. Coaker Heritage Foundation on receiving the Manning Award for Excellence in the Public Presentation of Historic Places.

The Member for L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the following members of the Red Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade who have been honoured for their service to the community: Phil Bridle, Eric Layden, Leslie John Layden, Mervin Layden, Eric Paul, Ian Stone, Les Belben, Frank Brown, Reg Moores, Bruce Moores, Clarence Moores, Edmund Ryan and Ron Ryan.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize the Genesis Employment Corporation of Placentia, a community-based employment agency serving the Placentia and Cape Shore area.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Gateway Status of Women Council on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Lions Club on their 30th anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to inform the House that Government is launching a sealing industry communications website.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House about funding approved by Government for municipal Capital Works for 2007-08.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Craft Trade Show and Marketing Conference to be hosted by Government on March 24th and 25th.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the Consumer Protection Fund for Prepaid Funeral Services 2005-06 Annual Activity Letter.

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The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Spaniard's Bay calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to amend the Electoral Boundaries Report so that the Municipality of Spaniard's Bay would be placed in a single Electoral District.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to amend the Electoral Boundaries Report so that the Municipality of Spaniard's Bay would be placed in a single Electoral District.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to vary the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission to keep the Town of Pasadena entirely within the District of Humber East or alternatively within the District of Humber Valley.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to vary the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission to keep the Town of Pasadena entirely within the District of Humber East or alternatively within the District of Humber Valley.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the communities of the North Shore of the Bay of Islands calling upon the House of Assembly to allocate sufficient funding to repair and upgrade the North Shore Highway from Ballam Bridge to Cox's Cove.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition asking the House of Assembly to urge Government to start building the road to Williams Harbour in 2006.

On motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) be read a third time presently by leave.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) be read a third time.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Harding, Mr. Oram, Ms. Burke, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hickey, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. French, Mr. Denine, Mr. Young, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchings, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Ridgley, Mr. Collins, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Ms. Jones, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sweeney.

Against: Mr. Reid, Ms. Foote, Mr. Ball, Mr. Joyce.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) was read a third time and 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 Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) raised a point of order with respect to a letter from which the Premier had read. The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) tabled the letter.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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 on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered 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, 2008 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 71).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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On motion the report of the Committee 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, March 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.