

Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of order raised by the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) on the evening of March 22nd. The Speaker ruled there was no point of order, just a difference of opinion between two Honourable Members.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate the Society of United Fishermen, Branch #53, in Badger's Quay on the 100th Anniversary of its formation. The Member paid tribute to the members of the Society and their involvement in charitable and community activities.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher, Mr. Geoff Carnell and Mr. Keith House on being inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to wish Mr. Wayne Vokey, a well respected teacher on the Burin Peninsula, a speedy recovery and an early return to the classroom.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Bradbury of Coley's Point who celebrated her 106th birthday on January 20th.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate Deer Lake native Darren Langdon who played his 500th National Hockey League game.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Sherrilynn Butt, a native of her District who was recently named a Miss Congeniality@ at the Miss Universe Canada Pageant held in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to advise Members that the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board issued the 2004 Call for Bids relating to five parcels of land, located in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin which cover an area of 270,256 hectares.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) made a Statement respecting the response Government had received to its employee suggestion initiative and the various ideas for savings, efficiencies and modernizing of Government operations.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2003.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board tabled the Annual Report of the Labrador Transportation Initiative Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2003.

The Member for Burgeo and LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of the Province not to close the health clinic in the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Western Health Care Complex to maintain the obstetrical, surgical and laboratory services at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital at current levels and to provide the Corporation with any additional funding necessary to maintain such services.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government to proceed without delay with the planning and construction of a new health care facility in Labrador West as the most cost effective approach in the long term to provide the necessary health care facility.

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:

A19 March, 2004

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2005, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor@.

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On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim 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 a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

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 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.

The Honourable the Speaker announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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