

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to recognize and pay tribute to the late Mr. Lester Petten of Port de Grave who was a leader in developing the modern fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to the Statement and asked the Speaker to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Petten.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Marv Ryder of Bonavista on receiving the Hockey Canada Order of Merit Award during Hockey Canada's Annual Awards Dinner in Thunder Bay.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the members of the Meadows Volunteer Fire Department who recently participated in a two day basic firefighting course held in the Regional Fire Training Centre in Gillams.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) made a Statement to commend the Joint Council of the Northern Peninsula for organizing a meeting of government representatives and business leaders in order to discuss new approaches of developing that area of the Province.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Alice Dicks and Ms. Loretta Osmond, owner and manager of the Lilac Tree in her District on receiving the 2003 Tourist Choice Award for being chosen the number one craft and gift shop in Central Newfoundland. The Member also congratulated Regina and Wilson Robinson, owner of the Carriage House Inn on Grenfell Heights in Grand Falls-Windsor who had been awarded the 2003 Tourist Choice Award for Bed and Breakfast in Central Newfoundland.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Clifford McLean for his forty-one years of service and dedication with the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Fire Department.

By leave, the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to pay tribute to Ms. Meta Turpin who recently retired after almost two decades of service as the librarian of the St. Lawrence Public School Library.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) rose on a point of order to state that the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid) had used an unparliamentary remark by calling the Honourable the Premier A viper . The Speaker ruled that the remark was unparliamentary and asked the Member to withdraw the remark. The Member for Twillingate-Fogo withdrew the word.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Shelley) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation;
- (b) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (c) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Special Celebrations Corporation, Inc.;
- (d) the 2003 Annual Performance Report and audited financial statements of Marble Mountain Development Corporation;
- (e) the 2002-03 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council;
- (f) the 2003 Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation;
- (g) the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the 2003 Annual Report of the Government Money Purchase Pension Plan.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) tabled the 2002-03 Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Executive Council.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Byrne) tabled the Annual Letter of the Bull Arm Site Corporation for the fiscal year April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003.

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The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,  
the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C.

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

Signed: Charlene Johnson, MHA  
John Hickey, MHA  
Roland Butler, MHA

Assembly Chamber  
March 22nd, 2004.

On motion the report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until tomorrow.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) tabled a document entitled, AProposal for New Atlantic Accord Offset Mechanism dated February 27, 2004.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Western Health Care Corporation to begin implementation of the plan to build the required facility for extended and chronic care patients in Western Newfoundland.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District in particular those from the outfitting and tourist industries requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to repeal the prohibition on Sunday hunting under the *WildLife Act*.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Labrador Affairs and Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of

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certain residents of the Northern Peninsula and Southern Labrador requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to maintain the present services approved by the Grenfell Regional Health Services and to maintain the present board structure while providing the necessary funding to fulfill its mandate.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) presented a Petition on behalf of certain pensioners in the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to restore its contribution to the pension increase so that affected pensioners would once again receive the full 1.5 percent increase as promised.

The Member for Burgeo and LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government to direct the Western Health Care Board not to reduce surgical, laboratory test analysis, obstetrical and gynecological services at the Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre in Port aux Basques and not to close the rural clinics at Rose Blanche and Doyles.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain pensioners in the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to restore its contribution to the pension increase so that affected pensioners would once again receive the full 1.5 percent increase as promised.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act (Bill No. 32) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C. took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour by formally extending to His Honour and his family the condolences of all Members on the passing of his father, Dr. Harry Roberts. Whereupon His Honour the Lieutenant Governor replied by thanking the Speaker, the Honourable the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi for their kind remarks.

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The Speaker addressed His Honour 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 Supply and 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 Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2005 and For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 3);
- 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, 2003 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service (Bill No. 28);
- 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, 2004 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2 (Bill No. 29).

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".

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 a certain Bill, 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 Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 15);

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- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 6);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Emergency Measures Act (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, An Act To Revise The Law About The Practice Of Optometry (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill, An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland And Labrador Centre For Health Information (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Survival Of Actions Act (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Corporations Act (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Mineral Act (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, An Act To Create A Pension Plan For Provincial Court Judges (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (Bill No. 13);
- A Bill, An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province (Bill No. 19);

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- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Professional Fish Harvesters Act (Bill No. 25);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997 (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Highway Traffic Act To Effect Certain Reforms Respecting Automobile Insurance (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill,           An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act (Bill No. 32).

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved, <sup>A</sup>That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his 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 at 3:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

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