

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2004

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate six year old Cassidy Mercer of Tilton in his District who recently published a children's novel titled "Mrs. Reed and the Magic Wand in Polka-Dot Land."

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to announce that the Labrador Heritage Society will host celebrations in North West River and the Upper Lake Melville area in recognition of Mina Hubbard's travel by canoe across the interior of Labrador one hundred years ago.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Corey Parsons of Fortune who recently received the Young Leaders in Rural Canada Award at the 2004 National Rural Conference in Red Deer, Alberta for his community development work.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Ralph Ball Sr., a blacksmith from Deer Lake.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to recognize the 29th Annual Labrador Creative Arts Festival and to pay tribute to the organizer Mr. Tim Borlase for providing Labrador students with the opportunity of coming together once a year to display their theatrical talents.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Andrew Ash of Paradise who recently received national recognition for his athletic achievements in the Special Olympics Canada upon being named the 2004 National Male Athlete of the Year.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to announce the results of the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board's Call for Bids. The Minister announced that a total of \$71.1 million in work commitment bids had been received for five parcels of land.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate three individuals who were nominated for major national theatre and literary awards. These artists were: Ms. Jillian Keiley, Ms. Lois Brown and Mr. Robert Chafe. Ms. Keiley received the prestigious Siminovitch Prize.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the 2003 Annual Report of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation and audited

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financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) tabled the following Reports of the Chief Electoral Officer:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003; and
- (b) the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the October 21, 2003 General Election.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Shelley) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All Terrain Vehicles Act". (Bill No. 45)

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act". (Bill No. 46)

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador requesting the Government of the Province to provide the \$2.4 million designated, but now deferred, and to begin construction of the auditorium in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reconsider their decision with respect to the structure of the Labrador Marine Services and reinstate the former service to the port of Cartwright thereby increasing the frequency of crossings between Cartwright and Goose Bay to three trips per week.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law About Veterinary Medicine" (Bill

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No. 34);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 35);

A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Fish Processing Licensing Board" (Bill No. 36);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996 And The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 42);

A Bill,

"An
Act To
Amend
The
Labour
Standards
Act"
(Bill
No.
38).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) 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 of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33).

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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a third time presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Fish Processing Licensing Board" (Bill No. 36) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 24th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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