

Wednesday, December 15th, 2004

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment. (Note: it was agreed that Private Members' Day would not proceed).

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Rebecca Hodder, of Creston South who will soon celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. Hodder is the mother of the Speaker.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize four individuals from his District namely: Thomas Augustus Buffett, Robert Lesley Cox, Cornelius Thomas Murrin and David Bruce White who were recently presented with certificates of commendation from the Governor General for their rescue efforts in a snowmobiling accident.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to recognize two volleyball teams from schools in his district namely: Carmanville School Complex and Riverwood Academy from Gander Bay which won the 2A and 3A Provincial Championship and the Fair Play Girls Provincial Tournament.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the robotics team from St. Francis School in Harbour Grace which took top honours in the Skills Canada Robotics Competition held in Mount Pearl on December 4th.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Joey Russell, a 16 year old resident of Labrador West who won a Bronze Medal in the 2005 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Eastern Challenge in the junior men's division held in Mississauga, Ontario.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) made a Statement to provide Members with a mid-year report on the economic and fiscal situation of the province for the remainder of the 2004-05 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House of a project undertaken by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada which has chosen to adopt communities in northern and coastal Labrador for their project "FWIC Into the North".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Tom Marshall) made a Statement to announce the creation of a national sex offender registration system by the Federal and Provincial Governments which will enable police agencies across the country to have access to specific information about convicted sex offenders.

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The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2003-04 Annual Report of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs; and
- (b) the 2003-04 Annual Report of the Municipal Assessment Agency.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Hedderson) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2003-04 Annual Report of the Department of Education;
- (b) the 2003-04 Annual Report of the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board;
- (c) the Memorial University of Newfoundland Pension Plan and audited financial statements for period ending March 31, 2004;
- (d) the 2003-04 Annual Report of Literacy Development Council of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (e) the President's Report 2004 Highlights of Memorial University of Newfoundland;
- (f) the 2003-04 Annual Report of the College of the North Atlantic.

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 continue snow clearing on the Red Bay to Lodge Bay section of the Trans Labrador Highway during the winter months.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to order Seascope Systems 2000 Ltd. to remove the facility and restore the breakwater site in Portugal Cove as soon as it completes the contract to test its lifeboat launching system, to prohibit Seascope Systems 2000 Ltd. from converting its use of the facility from a temporary test site to a permanent training site, and to order Seascope Systems 2000 Ltd. to remove the facility and restore the breakwater site.

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.

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Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Registration Of Lobbyists" (Bill No. 43) in order to continue debate on an amendment to Clause 4 of the Bill introduced by the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris).

After some debate the Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Registration Of Lobbyists" (Bill No. 43) with an amendment adopted by the Committee at a previous sitting.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Registration Of Lobbyists" (Bill No. 43), with an amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion the amendment to Bill No. 43 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Registration Of Lobbyists" (Bill No. 43) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credits" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credits" (Bill No. 58) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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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.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credits"(Bill No. 58).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credits"(Bill No. 58) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No 58 be read a third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credits" (Bill No. 58) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 61).

It was agreed to stop the clock at 5 o'clock for a few minutes to conclude the day's proceedings.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 61) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 61) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that

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Bill No. 61 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.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 61).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate on Bill No. 61 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 61 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate on Bill No. 61 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board and any amendments to that motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 61 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Third Reading of Bill No. 61 shall not be further postponed.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate on Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All Terrain Vehicles Act" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 45 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate on Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All Terrain Vehicles Act" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation and any amendments to that motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 61 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Third Reading of Bill No. 45 shall not be further postponed.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 16th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

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