

Thursday, March 17th, 2005

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

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Zoe Webb for her success as a helicopter pilot in the aviation industry.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival Committee and the City of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Vera Mullins on being named Harbour Breton's Citizen of the Year.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Beaconsfield Junior High School on being designated as a member of Peaceful Schools International.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Joey Russell on his recent success on winning a gold medal for Canada in the junior men's figure skating in Zagreb, Croatia.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate the New-Wes-Valley Corps of the Salvation Army on the opening of their new citadel.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement respecting *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move: ^AThat This House Approves in General The Budgetary Policy of The Government. (Budget Speech)

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

^AWHEREAS the Government of Canada has declared 2005 as the ^AYear of the Veteran ;

AND WHEREAS throughout Canada all citizens are being asked to pay tribute to the Veterans of wars of the last century;

AND WHEREAS many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have volunteered to serve their country, many of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice with their

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lives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this House of Assembly call on all citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador to seek out veterans in their community and thank them for the contribution they made to preserving democracy and restoring peace to the world, and to pay tribute to the many veterans who gave their lives for our freedom.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition calling on the House to take action to persuade the Labrador School Board to reinstate early French Immersion.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Hickey) 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 calling on the House to consider putting a Kidney Dialysis unit and an MRI unit in Labrador.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District calling on the House to reinstate funding for the Grand Falls-Windsor Committee Against Violence.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to increase funding for problem gambling, strictly to enforce the existing VLT regulations, at the very least remove VLTs from venues frequented by individuals under 19 years of age and to hold a province wide referendum on banning video lottery terminals in conjunction with municipal elections in 2005.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling on the House to request the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to invest royalties from the Upper Churchill Recall Power in a fund for Labrador Infrastructure.

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:

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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 2006, 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 .

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 the Message together with 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 (Ms. Osborne) 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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