

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to recognize the bravery of Mr. Kevin Reid, Ms. Casey Murphy and Mr. Keith Budgell. Mr. Reid received the Medal of Bravery at Rideau Hall on February 7th. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Budgell received commendations for their bravery.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Heath and Ruby Ellis who received the 2005 Orchid Award for their restoration of the Winsor House in Wesleyville.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the Grand Falls-Windsor Sparkling Blades Figure Skating Club, Synchronized Skaters who won the Gold Medal in the Pre-Novice category at the Skate Newfoundland and Labrador Festival of Synchronized Skating on January 28th and 29th, 2005.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to honour the Town of Bay Roberts which won the 2004-2005 Winterlights Celebration for the All Illumination Parade during the Festival of Lights.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize the Youth Advisory Committee and congratulate them on the completion of their Annual Report *Right Here Right Now*. The Report was distributed.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to announce a project intended to explore the commercial growing of potatoes in Labrador.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of November and December of 2004 and for the months of January and February 2005.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition urging the Government not to implement the new RMS System (Raw Material Sharing System) in the crab fishery.

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The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide funding to make it possible to open fully the new hospital on Fogo Island.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of 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 Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2005, by way of Supplementary Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 3 for the Granting of Supplementary 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. 3 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

At 4:25 o'clock in the afternoon a Member noted that there was not a quorum present in the Chamber. Whereupon the Chair directed the Clerk to count the House.

A quorum was restored and the debate on the Resolution and Bill No. 3 continued.

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order to suggest that the procedure used for counting the House was incorrect.

The Chair (Ms. Osborne) ruled that there was a valid point of order and rose the Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) reported that there was not a quorum present during debate in Committee of the Whole.

On motion the report of the Committee was received.

A quorum was restored.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to continue their consideration of a certain Resolution and Bill No. 3 for the granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee resumed their consideration of a certain Resolution and Bill No. 3 for the Granting of Supplementary 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 24th, at 1:30 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.