

Thursday, April 21st, 2005

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement with respect to security in the precincts of the House. The Speaker ruled that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) had not established a *prima facie* case of privilege on April 20th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of order respecting certain language used by the Leader of the Opposition and comments of the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair on April 20th.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) raised a point of privilege regarding certain comments of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) on April 20th.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Artie Daye on being named the Grand Falls - Windsor Citizen of the Year.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to congratulate Messrs. Darryl Snow, Rick Lane, Barry Reid, Bruce Andrews and Reg Edwards on their induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about a meeting in which he participated on April 20th with the Ministers of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development and Fisheries & Aquaculture, the Member for Grand Bank and others respecting the people in Fortune and the Burin Peninsula.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to recognize the work of the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation and the voluntary dialysis committee headed by Ms. Joan Gosse.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Wilfred Collins of Hare Bay who died on April 12th, 2005.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Wabush Volunteer Fire Department which won the 2004-2005 Atlantic Fire Department of the Year Award.

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During Oral Questions, the Speaker reminded visitors in the Public Galleries not to participate in any way in the proceedings before the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to recognize April 22nd, as Earth Day.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of order respecting an inadvertent printing omission on the Order Paper.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding), as Chairperson of the Resource Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Business
Environment and Conservation
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Labrador Affairs
Innovation, Trade and Rural Development
Natural Resources, and
Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act* tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March 2005.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The St. John's Assessment Act". (Bill No. 15)

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Shelley) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Rooms Corporation". (Bill No. 17)

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) 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.

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The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reconsider their decision on the Health Care Centre in Grand Bank and provide funding to complete this facility.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) 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 Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) 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 Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented a Petition from residents of Grand Bank and Fortune calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide a CT scanner and dialysis unit for the Burin Peninsula Regional Hospital at Burin.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-evaluate their plan to release permanent workers who have worked year round to provide road maintenance and to budget additional funding for essential workers.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) rose on a point of order concerning Members' dialoguing with visitors in the Public Galleries. The Speaker ruled that Members must not dialogue with visitors in the Galleries.

Debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) 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, Tuesday, April 26th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Elizabeth Murphy,

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Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly.