

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2005

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to recognize the 189th anniversary of Methodism in Grand Bank and the 40th anniversary of the present church building.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Shannon Francis of Burin Bay Arm for his accomplishments in soccer.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Denika Cox, a student at St. Joseph's School in Terrenceville who won a speak-off sponsored by the Provincial Lions Club.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Aboriginal Affairs and the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to congratulate the Winter Games Lanes Men's Bowling League in Lewisporte which won the Provincial Classified Five-Pin Bowling Championship.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize the Hospital Auxiliary in the Labrador Straits Area for their fundraising efforts for the Forteau Health Centre and the Labrador Grenfell Authority.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement concerning the Annual Awards Night of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 27 in Clarenville.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to recognize Emergency Preparedness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to recognize North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to inform the House that the Province had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Government respecting climate change.

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

Education
Health and Community Services
Justice

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**Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Human Resources, Labour and Employment, and
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.**

On motion, the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until later in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday, May 4th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader also gave notice that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday, May 18th, 2005.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, May 5th, 2005.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) 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 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.

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

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The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to prevent FPI from taking the portion of its fish quota that has been traditionally processed in Harbour Breton, out of the community.

Because of disorder in the Public Galleries, during the presentation of the above noted Petition, after two warnings, the Speaker suspended proceedings at 2:49 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 3:12 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) concluded the presentation of his Petition.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that the House concur in the report of the Social Services Committee.

During the debate the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) ruled that certain words spoken by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) were unparliamentary.

Whereupon the Speaker asked the Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) if he would withdraw the unparliamentary language.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Grimes) refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Exploits a second time to withdraw the words.

The Member for Exploits refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Exploits a third time to withdraw the words.

Again, the Member for Exploits refused, whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Exploits "Mr. Roger Grimes".

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Speaker ordered the Member to withdraw for the remainder of the sitting day.

During the debate on the concurrence motion, the Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) rose on a point of privilege respecting the barring of the ceremonial doors located at the entrance to the parliamentary precinct.

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The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) suspended the proceedings to inquire into the matter at 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House resumed sitting at 4:29 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) ruled the matter raised by the Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) was not a point of privilege. The Speaker stated that although the ceremonial doors were not exit doors and were normally locked they should not have been barred and that the matter had been dealt with.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) requested that the Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Rideout) withdraw an unparliamentary comment.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works (Mr. Rideout) withdrew the comment.

Debate continued on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 4 for the granting of Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 4 for the granting of 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 the Whole on 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 the Whole on 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, Wednesday, May 4th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 10:00 o'clock in the evening.

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