

Monday, May 16th, 2005

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) on April 21st with respect to certain comments made by the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled on a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) on May 12th with respect to certain comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to acknowledge the contribution to his community of Mr. Wilfred Cutler, the former Town Manager of Ramea, who retired on April 29th.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Jim Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Justin Oake who was named Stephenville Youth of the Year.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Baccalieu Quilter's Guild on the official opening of their display of work.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Judi Kelloway who was named the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Executive of the Year.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that nine young people from Newfoundland and Labrador are representing the Province at the Interchange on Canadian Studies 2005 in Alberta.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize National Police Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) tabled the 2004 Annual Report of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled, pursuant to section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitment:

Order in Council 2005-217 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend up to \$1.6 million against its 2006-07 budgetary appropriations to reimburse the City of St. John's for its \$1.5 million funding assistance plus interest

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for the Bifurcation Road-Kenmount Road interchange.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act". (Bill No. 35)

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) also gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act". (Bill No. 36)

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Collective Bargaining Act". (Bill No. 39)

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) 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 Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to request Government to halt discussions with Abitibi on power development on the Exploits River until government gets a commitment from Abitibi for a two-machine operation at the Grand Falls Mill.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate 24-hour home care for Mildred and Clovia Baker of Carbonear.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador not to decrease the level of service offered by Grenfell Regional Health Services and to maintain the present board structure while providing the necessary funding to fulfill its mandate.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act And The Provincial Offences Act” (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No. 34).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved 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.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act”(Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act” (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act” (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act”(Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second

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Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act"(Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act"(Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act,1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled,"An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 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.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province" (Bill No. 21).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act"(Bill No. 31).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province" (Bill No. 21);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement

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Act" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act"(Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 21,31,28,30,27,29, and 19 be read a third time presently by leave.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed by leave:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland And Labrador Act" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act"(Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act,1999 And The Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act" (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 19);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The

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Province" (Bill No. 21).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

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 Tuesday, May 17^h, 2005.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) advised the House that there was an agreement to do government business, if the House so decided, on Wednesday, May 18th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that if Private Members' Day proceeded the motion to be debated on Wednesday, May 18th would be the motion standing in the name of the Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Smoking In Public Places And The Workplace" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Smoking In Public Places And The Workplace" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 7:15 o'clock in the evening.

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

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