

Monday, November 21st, 2005

The House of Assembly met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of November 21st, 2005 pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on June 24th, 2005.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) advised Members that the newly elected Member for the District of Exploits (Mr. Clayton Forsey) had taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown and had signed the Members' Roll. Whereupon, the Premier (Mr. Williams) officially introduced the new Member before the Speaker.

Before Routine Proceedings, the Honourable the Speaker introduced three new pages namely: Mr. Matthew Sheppard, Mr. Shannon Tobin and Ms. Kara Warr.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Rev. Roy Simms on his recent ordination to the Anglican ministry in the Town of Belleoram.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of this year's Agriculture Day located at various farms across the Province. The Member took the opportunity to congratulate those involved in the agricultural industry and to recognize their contribution to the Province.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate the staff of the Southern Gazette, the local newspaper serving the residents of the Burin Peninsula for the past thirty years.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate a team of students from high schools in the Eastern School District and the Marine Institute who won the gold medal at an international underwater robotics competition held this past summer at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas. The Member also recognized the team co-ordinator, Mr. Clar Button and team mentors, Ms. Corrina Mercer and Mr. Dwight Howse.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the citizens of the Communities of Port Hope Simpson and Williams Harbour on the designation and preservation of Gilberts Bay as a Marine Protected Area on October 5th, 2005. The designation, one of four Marine Protected Areas in Canada, was granted in recognition of a genetically distinct species of Northern cod fish in Gilberts Bay.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Samuel Drover who was a Member of the House of Assembly.

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The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day on November 20th, 2005. This year's theme was *Children have a Right to Play*.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement respecting the advantages of E-government, the use of the Internet and information technology in providing better services on line by her department to the citizens of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled a Special Warrant for 2005 as authorized by Order in Council 2005-390 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$18,000,000 required by the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs to provide additional funds for the Crab Plant Worker Support Program for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Shelley) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace, Health, Safety and Compensation Act". (Bill No. 45)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 42);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Tax Act"(Bill No. 49);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 48);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Financing Corporation Act" (Bill No. 47);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 43);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Protection Against Family Violence" (Bill No 50);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS a substantial number of tax dollars were invested in the establishment of Fishery Products International;

WHEREAS the operation of the company is of critical importance to the future of the economy of this Province;

WHEREAS the management of this company promised to make investments in production facilities in this Province and create jobs;

WHEREAS these promises have been broken while the company borrowed money to make substantial investments in other parts of the world;

WHEREAS other fish companies that face the same challenges as FPI continue to operate successfully in this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to conduct a public inquiry into the operation and management practices of FPI and the resulting crisis situation being faced by communities throughout this Province who rely on the company for their economic and social well being;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to postpone proclaiming recent amendments to the FPI Act until the company commits to using the proceeds from an income trust for the benefit of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government to change the laws of the Province to allow hunting on Sunday.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government of Newfoundland

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and Labrador to reconsider their decision with respect to the structure of the Labrador Marine Service and to reinstate the former service to the port of Cartwright whereby increasing the frequency of crossings between Cartwright and Goose Bay to three trips per week.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workplace, Health, Safety and Compensation Act" (Bill No. 45);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 42);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Tax Act" (Bill No. 49);

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

On motion debate adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 22nd 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.