

Tuesday, December 6th, 2005

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

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to pay tribute to The Newfoundland Ranger Force.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Nish Paul who passed away on November 19th.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to inform the House of the unveiling of a monument on the property where St. Patrick's Hall once stood - to commemorate the history of the school.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Sonya Williams of Harbour Grace who has become the Province's first female fire chief.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to inform the House that Stephenville will host the CBC's Hockey Day in Canada on January 7th, 2006.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in commemoration of the Montreal massacre.

The House observed a minute of silence with respect to the Minister's statement.

The Honourable the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege respecting a photograph in which the Speaker appeared in a newspaper article.

After some debate, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) suspended the proceedings at 2:21 o'clock in the afternoon in order to consider the point of privilege.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:11 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) ruled that there was no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege. He stated however, that the incident in question was the result of an error in judgement and apologized to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Taylor) tabled the 2004-05 Annual Report of the Department of Transportation and Works.

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

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 on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 43) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

By leave, the Speaker recessed the House at 5:20 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The House resumed sitting at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 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.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 63).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 43).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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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, had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act” (Bill No. 63);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act” (Bill No. 43).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 63 and 43 be read a third time presently.

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 on tomorrow.

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 Tobacco Health Care Costs Recovery Act” (Bill No. 66);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act” (Bill No. 63);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act” (Bill No. 43).

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 Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) informed the House he had received two Messages from His Honour the Administrator.

The first Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“1 December 2005

As Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit

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Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2006, 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. **Clyde K. Wells**
Administrator.”

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) informed the House he had received a second Message from His Honour the Administrator.

The second Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“1 December 2005

As Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2006, 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.

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Administrator.”

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Messages together with Certain Resolutions and Bills No. 68 and 69 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 considered a certain Resolution and Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For

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Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 68).

During the debate on Bill No. 68, the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) raised a point of order concerning the appearance of the Deputy Chair of Committees in a photograph in a certain newspaper article referred to earlier in the day.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to apologize for her error in judgement with respect to this matter.

The Committee continued debate on and passed a certain Resolution and Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 68).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2” (Bill No. 69).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 68 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of \$18,000,000” (Bill No. 68).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 68) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 68 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) further reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 69 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of \$14,700,000” (Bill No. 69).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2006 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2” (Bill No. 69) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The City Of St. John’s Act” (Bill No. 65) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The City Of St. John’s Act” (Bill No. 65) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 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.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The

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City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 65).

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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 65) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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 on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read a third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 65) was read a third time and passed.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:15 o'clock in the evening.

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