

Thursday, February 23rd, 2006

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of February 23rd, 2006 pursuant to adjournment motion adopted.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) welcomed Mr. Felix Collins, Member Elect for the District of Placentia & St. Mary's who was seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

The Speaker welcomed Mr. James Bennett, the new Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador who was also seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to recognize a group of nurses, including the Sergeant-at-Arms Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher, who published a cook book in memory of three friends who died of cancer, raising \$6,703 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to pay tribute to Dr. Brian Hollywood who died on February 13th. Dr. Hollywood practiced for many years in St. Lawrence.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of the Newtown Firemen and Firettes, the New-Wes-Valley Recreation Committee and Rogers Cable for organizing a Telethon which raised \$18,000 to help defray the medical costs of Terry Gill.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the participants in the 6th Annual Ronald Strugnell Memorial Dog Team Race which took place on February 11th, 2006 in St. Lewis.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate staff members of Cowan Heights Elementary School who organized a school olympics for the students.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to acknowledge the athletes who will be taking part in the Special Olympic Winter Games in Carbonear this weekend.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Brad Gushue Curling Rink on their achievement in advancing to the Gold Medal game at the Turin Olympics.

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The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House that the 2006 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games would open on February 25th in the Humber Valley Region.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Shelley), gave notice that he would presently ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act". (Bill No. 73)

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide funds to the Labrador Grenfell Regional Health Authority for the purchase of a kidney dialysis unit to be located at Curtis Memorial Hospital in St. Anthony.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. Shelley) the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) was read a first time by leave.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be read a second time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion, by leave the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

By leave, 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73).

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) moved an amendment to Clause 3 of Bill No. 73. The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

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Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to Clause 3. The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

By leave, the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) moved an amendment to Clause 1 of Bill No. 73. The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to Clause 1. The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be read a third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 73) was read a third time and passed by leave.

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.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) the House adjourned at 5:35 o'clock in the afternoon to the call of the Chair.

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