

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

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

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Kelvin Kelleher on the publication of his book "Base to Bay".

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Bruce II Piranha Swim Club of Port aux Basques on the success of the Swim for Hope Marathon which raised money for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Centre.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Darrin Reid who was nominated Citizen of the Year for Mount Pearl.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the students of Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts who participated in the 41<sup>st</sup> Graduation of the school.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Felix Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to St. Catherine's Academy in St. Catherine's, St. Mary's Bay which has a legacy of achievement in athletics.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Grand Falls - Windsor residents Ignatius Power and Janice Duder who were inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Bowling Hall of Fame.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to recognize Child Find Newfoundland and Labrador and to recognize May as Missing and Exploited Children's Month in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to advise the House that Stephenville Primary School had received a grant of \$150,000 from Indigo Books' *For the Love of Reading* Initiative and to recognize vice-principal Ms. Christine Manuel who submitted an application to Indigo on behalf of the school.

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

- (a) Order in Council 2006-167 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$342,300 against its budgetary appropriations for the fiscal years 2007-2008 to 2010-2011 for the Provincial Agricultural Limestone Program; and

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- (b) Order in Council 2006-185 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$565,000 and \$580,000 against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-09, respectively, to facilitate the awarding of the three year contract for the Southern Labrador Ferry Service to Norman Bay and Williams Harbour.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to urge Government to oppose the continued operation of the Wild Cove dump.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to call upon Government to provide funding for the necessary road work on the Buchans Highway this summer.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to urge Government to see that Route 70 through Victoria and Salmon Cove is brought up to proper standards.

The Member for Burgeo and LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to urge Government to keep St. Michael's Elementary School in the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou open.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition requesting the House of Assembly to urge Government to start building the road to Williams Harbour in 2006.

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act, The Municipalities Act, 1999 And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Delivery Of Health And Community Services And The Establishment Of Regional Health Authorities" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 18);

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- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Physiotherapy" (Bill No 19);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal Obsolete Acts And To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Convention On The Settlement Of Investment Disputes Between States And Nationals Of Other States" (Bill No. 12);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Sheriff's Act, 1991" (Bill No. 13).

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 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 and declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered and passed the Estimates of the **Consolidated Fund Services** Head of Expenditure without amendment.

The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered the Estimates of the **Executive Council** Head of Expenditure.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of order with respect to certain questions asked of the Minister of Finance.

The Chairman (Mr. Harding) suspended the proceedings at 5:28 o'clock to consider the point of order.

The Chairman (Mr. Harding) resumed the Chair at 5:41 o'clock and ruled that there was a valid point of order and that questions which relate to departments, that have been debated in the Standing Committees and which have been decided by the House in a concurrence motion, cannot be raised again without consent.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:48 o'clock in the evening for the dinner break.

The Committee resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee of the Whole on Supply continued and passed the Estimates of the **Executive Council** and **Legislature** Heads of Expenditures without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the **Executive Council**, **Consolidated Fund Services** and **Legislature** without amendment 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 the Committee was ordered to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams; Mr. Edward Byrne; Mr. Rideout; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tom Marshall; Mr. Hedderson; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Jack Byrne;

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Mr. Shelley; Mr. Fitzgerald; Mr. Harding; Mr. O'Brien; Ms. Burke; Mr. Tom Osborne; Ms. Whalen; Mr. Jackman; Mr. Hickey; Mr. Denine; Mr. French; Mr. Young; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Skinner; Ms. Johnson; Ms. Elizabeth Marshall; Mr. Ridgley; Mr. Oram; Mr. Forsey; Mr. Felix Collins.

Against: Mr. Reid; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Langdon; Ms. Jones; Mr. Joyce; Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

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

“April 12 2006

As Lieutenant Governor 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 2007, by way of further 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. **Edward Roberts**  
Lieutenant Governor.”

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 Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No.5 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.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 5).

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved that the total contained in the Estimates in the amount of \$4,424,206,400 for the 2006-07 fiscal year be carried and that the Committee report that the Committee had adopted a Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto relating to Further Supply and that the Committee rise, report and ask leave to sit again.

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$4,424,206,400 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the 2006-07 fiscal year and had adopted a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 5 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution 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 have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution relating to Bill No. 5 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 expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2007 the sum of \$2,914,695,600” (Bill No. 5).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 5) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned at 11:34 o'clock in the evening.

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