

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) advised the House that an agreement had been reached to use Wednesday for government business so that Members may attend the funeral of the late Ms. Patricia Cowan on Thursday. The House will not meet on Thursday. The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Reid) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) concurred.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of the Exploits Disability Association.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Central United Church in Bay Roberts which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House of her visit to Epiphany Elementary School in Heart's Delight where she participated in the Literacy Day Event.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Labrador Development Association and office manager Ms. Peggy Hancock on securing the appointment of a client services representative position for the Southern Labrador Coastal Area.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the Kelligrews Kiwanis Club on marking its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Kerri-Ann Evely of Carbonear who was inducted into the Athletic Honour Society at Memorial University of Newfoundland's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletes Banquet.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to inform the House that full-time international students studying at Memorial University or College of the North Atlantic can now apply for an off-campus work permit.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and 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 No. 2". (Bill No. 24)

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Council On Higher Education". (Bill No. 21)

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code". (Bill No. 25)

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 Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) raised a point of order with respect to the presentation of a certain Petition by the Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle). The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 15);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Support Orders" (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 22);

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

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

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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 and declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Physiotherapy" (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 Respecting The Practice Of Physiotherapy" (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 the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Convention On The Settlement Of Investment Disputes Between States And Nationals Of Other States" (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Convention On The Settlement Of Investment Disputes Between States And Nationals Of Other States" (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal Obsolete Acts And To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal Obsolete Acts And To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne), the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Physiotherapy" (Bill No. 19).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal Obsolete Acts And To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Convention On The Settlement Of Investment Disputes Between States And Nationals Of Other States" (Bill No. 12).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 10) and after some debate the Committee considered another Bill.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 16).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole 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 To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Physiotherapy" (Bill No. 19);

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 Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Environmental Protection Act" (Bill No. 16).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 8, 7, 19, 16, 17, and 12 be read a third time presently by leave.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 7);

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);

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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).

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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