

Tuesday, May 16th, 2006

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

The Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) on May 9th with respect to a Petition presented by the Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle). The Speaker ruled that petitioners need not be residents of the community or region noted in the prayer.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to pay tribute to Wally Andersen, M.H.A. for his dedication to the Youth of Northern Labrador.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Denise Pike from New Harbour, Trinity Bay who is this year's recipient of the Canadian Teachers' Federation Public Education Advocacy Award which will be presented in Ottawa in July.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Victoria Ralph, Carbonear's Junior Female Athlete of the Year and a Premier's Athletics Award winner.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate Cadet Sergeant Samantha Batstone of New-Wes-Valley who was awarded the highest grade in the Province in the Army Cadet National Star Certification Exam.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate the Templeton Academy Grade 5 class and their teacher, Ms. Joy Burt, on winning the first "Fit For School" competition for the Western District.

The Member for Windsor - Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Randy Wiseman and Ms. Judy Wiseman on the opening of their new business "Glo to the Extreme" miniature golf course.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department of Natural Resources had approved seven new Junior Exploration Assistance contracts.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to congratulate Mark Powell of Main Brook who is this Province's winner of the Canadian Securities Administrators Annual "Test Your Financial IQ" contest.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) tabled the 2005 Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and the Report of Mineral Licenses, Mining Leases and Surface Leases for the period April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006.

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) tabled the following Reports:

- (a) the 2004 Annual Report of the Real Estate Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (b) the Activity Report of the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005; and
- (c) the Annual Report on Operations Carried out under the *Automobile Insurance Act* for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

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 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 Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to support the residents of Harbour Grace in their efforts to keep the Harbour Grace Primary School open.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to ensure that the quotas traditionally processed by Fishery Products International for the area of Grand Bank and Fortune remain within the region.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to strike an All Party Committee to meet with the Great Northern Peninsula Concerned Citizens Committee.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to support the residents of Rose Blanche-Harbour LeCou and Diamond Cove in their efforts to keep the Rose Blanche-Harbour LeCou and Diamond Cove St. Michael's Elementary School open.

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.

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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 To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 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 the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29).

By agreement the Chairman left the Chair at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairman (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee continued consideration of and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29).

On motion the Committee rose.

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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.29 be read a third time by leave.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 29) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 25).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) 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 Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 25) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.25 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 25) 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.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 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 the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) 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 Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.30 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) 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.

By leave, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) wished the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) a happy birthday.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 17th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:45 o'clock in the evening.

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