

Thursday, May 18th, 2006

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

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to recognize the recent accomplishments of the Gander Minor Hockey Association which hosted the Bantam Irving Oil Cup in April.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Owen Grimes, a Grand Falls - Windsor resident who was accorded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Realtors for his 30-plus years in real estate.

The Member for Windsor - Springdale (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate the following award winners at the 30th Annual Ceremonial Review of 842 Bomber Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets in Grand Falls - Windsor: A.C. Chantelle Flynn, Lac. Chris Hamlyn, Sgt. Brad Mackenzie, F. Sgt. Samantha George, Sgt. Rebecca Sweeney, Cpl. Hailey Workboys, Sgt. Katie MacKenzie, F. Sgt. Chris Thompson, Sgt. Adam Bennett, Lac. Tim Granter and Cpl. Kayla Sheppard.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Gurpreet Sohi, a student at John Watkins Academy in Hermitage, who represented Newfoundland and Labrador at a speak-off in Portland, Maine placing fourth in the competition.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate *The Compass* which received the Best Community Service Award at the Atlantic Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Competition held on May 6th in Saint John, New Brunswick.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize National Police Week, May 14th to May 20th.

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 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.

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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 Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition calling upon the House to urge Government to start building the road to Williams Harbour in 2006.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate or further consideration on the Resolution and Bill No. 6 respecting a measure to impose taxes on tobacco shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to Bill No. 6 shall be the first business of the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and shall not be further postponed.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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 continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 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.

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) 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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26) 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.26 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 26) 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 agreement the Speaker left the Chair at 5:46 o'clock.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 1) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 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.

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 1).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) 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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 1) 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.1 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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 and passed a certain Resolution and Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act". (Bill No. 6) (Under S.O. 47)

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker 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 and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 6 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 of the Whole have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on tobacco" (Bill No. 6)

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 6) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move 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 on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed. Byrne) on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32) was read a first time by leave and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 23rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 1:18 o'clock in the morning.

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