

Thursday, May 25th, 2006

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

By agreement, the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to mark his last day as Leader of the New Democratic Party in the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) as he prepared to step down as leader of the New Democratic Party, a post he has held since 1992. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Reid) and the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) also spoke in reply to the statement.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Gerry Taylor who was presented the Hockey Canada Order of Merit and Mr. Ray Bowe who was named Hockey Canada Official of the Year.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate the Sunnyside Lions who are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Danita Burke of Leo Burke Academy in Bishop's Falls who received the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the D.C. Young Tigers from Port Hope Simpson who won a silver medal at the Boys 3A Provincial High School Ball Hockey Championships at St. Bride's on May 12th.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize the official opening and re-dedication of Templeton Academy in Meadows.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to pay tribute to Ms. Mary Kathleen (Kay) Matthews who was awarded an honorary doctorate at Memorial University today for her service to maternity and to the provincial, national and international community.

The Honourable the Acting Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House that Dynamic Air Shelters Limited of Grand Bank and Viking Fur Incorporated of Cavendish had been granted Economic Diversification and Growth Enterprises (EDGE) status.

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The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Ed Byrne) tabled the Bull Arm Site Corporation Activity Report for the period of April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke), on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Shelley) tabled the 2005 Annual Report of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for April 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 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.

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 Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32).

By leave the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 32:

"1. That clause 1 of Bill No. 32 be amended by striking out the proposed subsections 7(2) and (3) and substituting the following:

"(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), except with the prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, neither FPI Limited nor Fishery Products International Limited shall sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, grant or assume a security interest on , or otherwise dispose of, or allow or direct a subsidiary of it to sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, grant or assume a security interest on, or otherwise dispose of, a plant or other processing facility, wherever located, and machinery and equipment located in the plant or processing facility.

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(3) In subsection (1) , “property” and “assets” mean all property and assets, whether tangible or intangible, wherever located, and include

- (a) vessels;
- (b) quotas; and
- (c) shares or interests in subsidiary corporation,

but do not include

- (d) “inventory” and “inventory” means inventory as defined in the *Personal Property Security Act*.”

2. That clause 2 of the Bill be amended by adding to the proposed section 9 immediately after subsection (6) the following:

“(7) A majority of the members of a committee of directors of each of FPI Limited and Fishery Products International Limited shall be independent of a significant shareholder or an associate of a significant shareholder of either corporation.”

3. That clause 5 of the Bill be repealed and the following substituted:

“5. This Act or a section, subsection or paragraph of it comes into force on a day or days to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.”

The Chair declared the amendments in order.

After some debate, the Chair put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved eight amendments to Bill No. 32. The Chair ruled the amendments in order. The Chair put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act” (Bill No. 32) with amendments.

On motion the Committee rose.

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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, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32) with amendments and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 32 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a third time presently by leave.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 32). On motion the Bill 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved that the House adjourn *sine die*.

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

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