

Thursday, December 7th, 2006

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Cheryl Grandy of Garnish who won the Millennium Excellence Award, one of 13 awarded in this Province.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. F. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the volunteer fire brigades of Riverhead and Placentia.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Kathy Fitzgerald, Margaret Hackett and Alice Gaudine who were recognized with Awards of Excellence in Nursing at the annual meeting of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate pupils, teachers and parents of Holy Spirit High School for the recent completion of an environmental initiative on the school grounds titled "The Frog Pond Ecological Restoration Project".

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate the Memorial University Power Cheerleading Girls who won the 2006 Power Cheerleading Athletics and Open National Cheerleading Championships held in Brampton, Ontario.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House about the Department's initiative in helping to form a number of business networks in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to congratulate the Nunatsiavut government on their first anniversary as a new government in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to inform the House about the annual Christmas Lights Across Canada ceremony.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder), pursuant to subsection 10(1) of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August, September and October, 2006.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Osborne) tabled the Annual Business Report of the Centre for Health Information for 2005-2006.

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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 Respecting Safer Communities And Neighbourhoods" (Bill No. 70).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) 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 Monday, December 11th, 2006.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide the substantially needed upgrades to Route 450 for the community of Lark Harbour.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Burgeo ferry terminal.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) 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.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Safer Communities And Neighbourhoods" (Bill No. 70) was introduced and read a first time by leave and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 70 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Mental Health Care And Treatment" (Bill No. 61) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Mental Health Care And Treatment" (Bill No. 61) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) the House resolved itself into a 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 without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 55);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Municipal Taxation In The City Of St. John’s” (Bill No. 53).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Assessment Of Real Property For The Purpose Of The Imposition Of Real Property Taxes” (Bill No. 52).

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 52:

“1. That Clause 50 of Bill No. 52 be deleted and the following substituted:

50. The *Assessment Act* be repealed.

The Chair declared the amendment in order.

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Assessment Of Real Property For The Purpose Of The Imposition Of Real Property Taxes” (Bill No. 52) with amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Oram) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Municipal Taxation In The City Of St. John’s” (Bill No. 53);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 55).

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Oram) also reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Assessment Of Real Property For The Purpose Of The Imposition Of Real Property Taxes" (Bill No. 52) with an amendment.

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 House have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 53 and 55 be read a third time presently.

The amendment to Bill No. 52 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a third time presently.

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

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Assessment Of Real Property For The Purpose Of The Imposition Of Real Property Taxes" (Bill No. 52);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Municipal Taxation In The City Of St. John's" (Bill No. 53);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 55).

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 59) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 59) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 56) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 65) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 65) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) the House resolved itself into a 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 without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 59);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 56);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 65).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House 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 Liquor Control Act” (Bill No. 65);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 59).

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 59, 56, and 65 be read a third time presently.

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

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 59);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act” (Bill No. 65).

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.

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

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

“4 December 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 Supplementary Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution*

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Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 62 for the granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2” (Bill No. 62).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 62 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution 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 additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2007, the sum of \$11,152,900” (Resolution of Bill No. 62).

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service No. 2” (Bill No. 62) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 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, Monday, December 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.