

Thursday, March 22nd, 2007

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

By leave, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to express his condolences to Lorraine Michael, M.H.A. on the death of her mother, Mrs. Ann Michael. The Leader of the Opposition associated himself and his colleagues with the Premier's expression of sympathy.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Danielle Seaward who was crowned Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador 2007.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize members of the Templeton Academy Heritage Committee for their initiative entitled Project T.A.L.K.S., a project which brings together seniors and students residing in the communities serviced by Templeton Academy in Meadows.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Jiggs Borland who was awarded the Legion of Honour by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of France.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Dana Farrell of St. Lawrence who has graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate Kenneth J. Harvey on having won the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Chantell Coles who placed first in both the Deer Lake Lions Club and Humber Rotary Club Speak-offs.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House about a pilot training program for school board trustees across the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House that applications for the 2007-2008 moose and caribou draws and black bear licences have been mailed to qualified resident big game hunters.

Pursuant to subsection 5(8) of the *Internal Economy Commission Act*, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) tabled a copy of the Report of the 2006 Electoral Boundaries Commission pursuant to Section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Act*.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 71).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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, March 26th, 2007.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose to advise the House that the Opposition were giving leave to the House to waive certain procedural requirements in order to expedite the business of the House.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the North Shore of the Bay of Islands calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately allocate sufficient funding to repair and upgrade the North Shore Highway from Ballam Bridge to Cox's Cove.

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 Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour LeCou-Diamond Cove at the ferry terminal premises.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) informed the House of the appointment of the Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) and the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) to the Public Accounts Committee, and further informed the House that the Member for Placentia & St. Mary's would be nominated Vice-Chairman.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“20 March, 2007

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2008, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor”

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 71 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 71 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

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By leave the proceedings were suspended at 5:20 o'clock in the evening for the dinner break.

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 72 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 72 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, and had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 72) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 72 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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

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On motion the House then adjourned at 10:02 o'clock in the evening.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.