

Monday, March 26th, 2007

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) raised a point of privilege in respect of a letter tabled on March 23rd. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Scott Crocker, Principal of Holy Spirit High School in Conception Bay South who was named one of Canada's outstanding principals in 2007.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Elsie Keeping.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to inform the House that Derrick Baggs, Graham Tibbo, Robert (Bob) Hillier and Mont Pritchett had been inducted into the Conception Bay South Sports Hall of Fame.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate Douglas Jacque of Postville who marks his 63rd consecutive year owning and running and maintaining a team of Labrador Husky sled dogs.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate the newly formed Bay St. George Folk Arts Council.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Gordon Pinsent who has been inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to congratulate the competitors in the Annual Cain's Quest Endurance Race in Labrador.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) tabled six boxes of documents relating to the Trans Gulf Fibre Optic Proposal.

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

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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 asking the House of Assembly to urge Government to start building the road to Williams Harbour in 2006.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Isthmus area of the Avalon Peninsula calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to extend the wood cutting season to April 30, 2007.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) advised the House that the following Members had been appointed to the Standing Orders Committee:

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout), in his capacity as Government House Leader;
The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael);
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings);
The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) 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 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 declared the motions carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 71).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:23 o'clock in the evening for the dinner break.

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The Chairperson (Ms. Osborne) took the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee of Supply continued their consideration of and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2008 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 71).

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. 71 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2008, the sum of \$1,663,999,000."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2008 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 71) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 71 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. Rideout) moved that the House adjourn *sine die*.

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

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.