

Monday, May 7th, 2007

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

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Tom Dawe who was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council Hall of Fame.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Gus Etchegary who was inducted into the Canadian Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to pay tribute to 8 year-old Taylor Murphy who was named the Janeway 2007 Champion Child last fall.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the Grand Falls-Windsor Concert Band which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate Mponda Kalunga-Loska (George), a level III pupil at Holy Heart High School, who won a silver medal at the Canada Winter Games this year.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to pay tribute to Sister Kathrine Bellamy who was recently invested as a member of the Order of Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize National Nursing Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to recognize North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize Music Monday.

The Honourable the Speaker ruled on a point or order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) on Thursday, May 3rd. The Speaker ruled that there was a valid point of order and asked the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) to withdraw the expression "cooked up". The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) complied with the Speaker's request.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991” (Bill No. 5).

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 Relating to the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 6)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code” (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Safer Communities And Neighbourhoods” (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Repeal The Certified Public Accountants Act And The Chartered Accountants And Certified Public Accountants Merger Act” (Bill No. 7);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Transfer Of Securities” (Bill No. 12).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act” (Bill No.11).

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) in accordance with Standing Order 63 gave notice that the following Resolution be introduced by the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid) would be debated on Private Members’ Day:

“WHEREAS the fishery is the mainstay of the economy of rural Newfoundland and Labrador;

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AND WHEREAS FPI was originally established to be the flagship of the fishing industry of this Province;

AND WHEREAS over 2,000 people in this Province look to FPI for direct employment;

AND WHEREAS the sale of the marketing and secondary processing division of FPI to a Nova Scotian company would not be in the best interest of FPI workers or the fishing industry as a whole;

AND WHEREAS the Government has been unable to negotiate effectively with the Federal Government to gain control of FPI quotas, which was supposed to be a precondition to the sale of FPI or any of its assets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports the establishment of an all-party committee to explore the possibility of purchasing FPI.”

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the following Resolution:

“**WHEREAS** subsection 4(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991* provides that the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer be filled by resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS subsection 34(2) of the *House of Assembly Act* provides that a Commissioner of Members’ Interests be appointed by the House of Assembly on the motion of the Premier following consultation with the Leader of the Official Opposition and representatives of other registered political parties having representation in the House of Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Paul Reynolds be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner of Members’ Interests.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) made some comments on the amendment proposed on May 3rd by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons).

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) made further comments on the proposed amendment.

The Speaker suspended proceedings at 2:41 o’clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:50 o’clock in the afternoon.

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The Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Debate continued on the Resolution.

During the debate, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendment:

“That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word “Interests” the following:

“to perform the duties of the position in a non-partisan manner.”

The Speaker suspended proceedings at 3:11 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:57 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment and debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.