

Thursday, May 24th, 2007

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

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Gerald Strickland who will be awarded a Decoration for Bravery by the Governor General.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Tom Tarrant, a native of St. Lawrence who was inducted into the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame for his achievements in soccer.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement to recognize Joey Russell of Labrador City for his success in figure skating.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Cape Ray Come Home Year Committee.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to pay tribute to the members of the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment Royal Artillery of World War II.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate the 2007 graduating class of King Academy in Harbour Breton.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that an awareness campaign aimed at reducing youth violence in Newfoundland and Labrador was launched last week.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development had approved a \$200,000 loan from its Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Fund for Canada Ice Enterprises of St. Anthony.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House of Government's cultural plan entitled Creative Newfoundland and Labrador: *The Blueprint for Development and Investment in Culture*.

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, May 28th, 2007.

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The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to improve efforts to recruit and retain general practitioners in this Province.

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 at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 21);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 22);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 24).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills 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 To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 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 Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers’ Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991” (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 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 Pension Benefits Act, 1997 (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997 (Bill No. 15) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 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 Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991” (Bill No. 5) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 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 Internal Economy Commission Act” (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act” (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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. Collins 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 Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 (Bill No. 5);

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

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 16).

On motion the Committee rose.

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 16).

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a third time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 5) was read a third time and passed.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a third time presently.

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On motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code” (Bill No. 8) was read a third time and passed.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act, 1991 (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers’ Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991” (Bill No. 16).

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 28th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.