

Tuesday, May 29th, 2007

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Adam Kavanagh of Calvert who has been named a Loran Scholar.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Carley Linehan, bronze medal winner in the Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals-Intermediate Division, and other members of a team representing Central Newfoundland who attended the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Truro, Nova Scotia.

The Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to congratulate Valerie Jackson and Audrey Jackson of Whiteway, Trinity Bay who were presented with gold watches in recognition of having knitted for NONIA for 50 years.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Karen Matthews, Owner/Operator of Nortique Enterprises Inc. of Summerside, who was recently named Entrepreneur of the Year for the Western Region by the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Oram) made a Statement to congratulate the graduating class of St. Gabriel's Academy, St. Brendan's.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Carbonear Volunteer Fire Department on their 166th year of service and on the installation of their new executive and new Fire Chief, Mr. Ron Garland.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House that two managers from the Water Resources Management Division, Mr. Haseen Khan and Dr. Amir Ali Khan have been selected by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to lead a two-year Science for Peace project in Egypt.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale) tabled the Report of Mineral Licenses, Mining Leases and Surface Leases for the period April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 29).

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The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 30).

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 Thursday, May 31st, 2007.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to contribute the cost of providing financial assistance to ensure that there is cellphone coverage in Southern Labrador.

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 Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act" (Bill No. 26);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 25).

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 Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 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. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 19:

"1. That clause 7 of Bill No. 19 be amended by renumbering it as subclause 7(2) and by adding immediately before subclause (2) the following:

7. (1) Subsection 36(1) of the Act be repealed and the following substituted:

36. (1) The complainant or the police officer who is the subject of the complaint may appeal an order or decision of the commissioner under paragraph 22.1(a), subsection 22(9), 28(1), 28(1.1) or of the adjudicator under section 33 by way of application to the Trial Division."

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 19) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 22).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 19) with an amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

The amendment to Bill No. 19 having been read a first and second time it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion Bill No. 19 was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the motion "That This House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:28 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote), seconded by the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) moved the following amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech:

"That the amendment be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

"and that this House also condemns the Government for its failure to present a budget that reflects the possibilities which exist in terms of addressing the needs of the people and dealing with problems such as; out migration, high fees, the financial crisis in Municipalities, the special needs of some school students, road repairs, and the extension of 911 service."

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 8:15 o'clock in the evening to consider the amendment.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair at 8:20 o'clock in the evening and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued on the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence Motion) and was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 30th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.