

Thursday, May 31st, 2007

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

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to compliment 2558 Placentia, 2895 Enright Memorial and 2863 Dunne Memorial Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps on a successful year.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the Grand Falls Mill, Woodlands Division, which was recognized for Best Safety Record in a Woodlands Operation for 2006.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Justin Halleran of Trepassey for his outstanding basketball career as a MUN Sea Hawk.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Kristi Bourne of Carbonear who was crowned Central Avalon's next Miss Teen Achievement Newfoundland and Labrador representative and won the title of Miss Summer Holidays Achievement 2007.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to recognize the Rabbittown Community Centre.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate a group of students, faculty and staff of Memorial University and the Provincial Museum for their project on the St. John's Battery.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about discussions held on May 24 and 25 during the meetings of Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers responsible for immigration in Ottawa.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House about the Enterprise Olympics of 2007 which will take place in Gander this weekend.

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, June 4th, 2007.

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The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Hold The Government Harmless In The Disposition Of FPI Limited" (Bill No. 31).

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 debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act" (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act" (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 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 Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 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 Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 14) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 14) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 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 Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 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 Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 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 Commissioners For Oaths Act” (Bill No. 26);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act” (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act” (Bill No. 14);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 24);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 29).

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, had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act” (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act” (Bill No. 14);

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 29).

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

On motion and by leave it was ordered that Bills No. 26, 30, 14, 24 and 29 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed by leave:

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 14);

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 29).

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.

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

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:29 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the amendment to the Budget Speech.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion and declared the motion defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

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The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Williams, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Ottenheimer, Ms. Dunderdale, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Tom Marshall, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Harding, Mr. Oram, Ms. Burke, Mr. Skinner, Ms. Whalen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. French, Mr. Young, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Baker, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Ridgley, Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Cornect.

Against: Mr. Reid, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Michael.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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:

"May 14 2007

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

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor."

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered 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. 2).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 2 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

"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 \$3,317,361,800" (Bill No. 2).

Pursuant to order and on motion the 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. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be printed being entitled as above and that it 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, June 4th, 2007 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 12:18 o'clock in the evening.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.