

Tuesday, June 5th, 2007

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

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize the students who participated in the provincial Enterprise Education Olympics which took place in Gander.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Harbour Grace which is about to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Amelia Earhart's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Bradley Doyle who organized the first ever Antique and Muscle Car Show at the Southern Shore Arena on May 26th and 27th, 2007.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to thank those who made possible the dedication of the Dorothy Johnston Long Term Care Unit at the Connaigre Peninsula Community Health Centre in Harbour Breton.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate David and Susan Bartlett, the owners of Sunset RV Park in Argentia, on the occasion of the official opening of the facility.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to thank the Southern Antique Classics Car Club for their contributions to the residents of the Burin Peninsula.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Dana Martin of Queen's Cove who is the provincial winner of the Canadian Securities Administrators' Financial Fitness Challenge Contest.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) tabled the answer to a question asked by the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) on June 4th.

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, June 7th, 2007.

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The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to change the rules relating to reservation of campsites in provincial parks or revert to the old reservation system.

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 to ensure that all areas of the Province have adequate service.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to repair the Fairhaven Road.

The Member for Fortune Bay-Cape LaHune (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to revisit their current position and approve a groundfish processing license for Ramea.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) following an explanation of the relevant procedure put the following question to the House respecting the ruling of the Chairman in Committee of the Whole on June 4th: "Is it the pleasure of the House that the decision of the Chair be sustained".

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

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 continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-

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Electric Corporation” (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation” (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province” (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province” (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province” (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province” (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

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- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 25).

On motion the Committee rose.

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, and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 25).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 27, 28 and 25 be read a third time presently by leave.

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

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish An Energy Corporation For The Province" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 25).

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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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 47 that the debate 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.”

and on any amendment or amendment in amendment proposed thereto shall not be further postponed.

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

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

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

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 6th at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 12:20 o’clock in the evening.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.