

Monday, December 15th, 2008

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

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Private Justin Jones.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Ada Simms who was recently presented with the Centennial Award by the Canadian Nurses Association.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Becky Power, a resident of St. John's East.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to recognize Patti Bouzanne for her contributions to the community as a volunteer.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Master Corporal Jeffrey Walsh on having been Mentioned in Dispatches by the Governor General.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to offer thanks to pupils of St. Kevin's High School, Goulds, for their fund raising efforts for the benefit of the Children's Wish Foundation.

The Honourable the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Ms. Pottle) made a Statement to inform the House of the work of Aboriginal women in addressing suicide in their communities.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement respecting Government's Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the Public Tender Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August, September and October 2008.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape LaHune (Ms. Perry) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS 22 women in Newfoundland and Labrador have been murdered by their intimate partners since 1986;

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AND WHEREAS the prevalence and severity of violence against women by their partners continues to increase in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken special measures to decrease the prevalence and severity of violence against women through its 2006-2012 Violence Prevention Initiative Active Plan;

AND WHEREAS the special measures the Government is undertaking include:

the development of a public awareness campaign to prevent male violence against women which is to be implemented in 2009;

the development of a family violence treatment court program, which includes the development of new treatment programs for offenders beginning in 2009; and

the continued partnership with the ten regional violence prevention coordinating committees and other provincial partners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly affirms its support for the goals and actions of the Violence Prevention Initiative and calls upon all Newfoundland and Labradorians to take action to prevent all violence against women and spread the message that violence against women is absolutely unacceptable.”

The Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to undertake measures to construct a fixed link between Long Island and Pilley’s Island in Green Bay.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-assess their decision to drop Conception Bay North on the priority list for a long-term care facility and commit to all residents of the area that the assessment of 2000-2001 will be implemented and a new facility will be built in the Conception Bay North area.

The Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain employees of the Department of Justice calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide parking at equal cost to all Government employees.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) 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 notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience" (Bill No. 73).

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 Student Financial Assistance Act No. 2" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act No. 2" (Bill No. 52) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 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 Mineral Act" (Bill No. 62) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 62) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be now read a second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act No. 2” (Bill No. 65) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 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 Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Research And Development Council” (Bill No. 70) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 70 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Research And Development Council” (Bill No. 70) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 70 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants” (Bill No. 69) and on motion it was ordered that debate on Bill No. 69 be adjourned for further debate presently.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:00 o'clock 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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants” (Bill No. 69) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants” (Bill No. 69) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 69 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 Respecting Fire Protection Services In the Province” (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Fire Protection Services In The Province” (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2” (Bill No. 71) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 71 be read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2” (Bill No. 71) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 71 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 Respecting Certified General Accountants” (Bill No. 72) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 72 be read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Certified General Accountants” (Bill No. 72) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 72 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) 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 of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act No. 2” (Bill No. 52).

The Committee of the Whole House began their consideration of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Fire Protection Services In The Province” (Bill No. 60).

During the debate the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) raised a point of order with respect to some comments he alleged had been attributed to him by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Wiseman). The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Mineral Act” (Bill No. 62);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act No. 2” (Bill No. 65);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants” (Bill No. 69);

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A Bill, “An Act To Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Research And Development Council” (Bill No. 70);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2” (Bill No. 71);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Certified General Accountants” (Bill No. 72).

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 and had made progress on Bill No. 60 and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Mineral Act” (Bill No. 62);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act No. 2” (Bill No. 65);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants” (Bill No. 69);

A Bill, “An Act To Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Research And Development Council” (Bill No. 70);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2” (Bill No. 71);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Certified General Accountants” (Bill No. 72).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 16th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.