

Thursday, April 10th, 2008

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize Lisa Davis of Point Amour who is the recipient of the MADD Canada volunteer-of-the-year award.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to congratulate the winners, participants and all those who contributed to the success of the 56th Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Clarence Mercer of Bay Roberts and his Pigeon Inlet Steering Committee for bringing to life "Tales From Pigeon Inlet".

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to recognize the Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the District of Bay of Islands.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Michael Crummey, Newfoundland poet and novelist, who has won the Writers' Trust of Canada Timothy Findley Award.

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Kathryn Atkin who has been awarded the *Rotary Service Above Self* award.

The Honourable the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (Ms. Pottle) made a Statement to congratulate the Federation of Newfoundland Indians on the ratification of their agreement-in-principle with the Federal Government.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate swimmer Katarina Roxon of Kippens who has been named a member of the 2008 Canadian National Paralympic Team.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Kennedy) tabled the Report and the Addendum of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges' Salaries and Benefits Tribunal for the period 2004-2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend the Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, The Provincial Court Judges' Pension Plan Act, The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 20).

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Justice on May 26, 2006 except for its recommendations respecting an indemnity for Provincial Court judges;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations of the Tribunal respecting an indemnity for Provincial Court judges were submitted to the Minister of Justice on April 30, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges' Salaries and Benefits Tribunal respecting an indemnity for Provincial Court judges was tabled in this Honourable House today;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required under section 28.2 of the Act to approve, vary or reject the report within 30 days of it being tabled;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask the House to accept the recommendations of the tribunal as contained in its report of April 30, 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges' Salaries and Benefits Tribunal respecting an indemnity for Provincial Court judges."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) rose on a point of order to advise the House that the motion to enlarge the Privileges and Election Committee from five to seven members had been moved with the consent of the House.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the motion again *ex abundante cautela* and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS section 42.1 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that the Information and Privacy Commissioner is to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ed Ring be appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner.”

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (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 Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 9) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 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 Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 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 Repeal The Bulk Sales Act” (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be now read a second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act” (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 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 Fatal Accidents Act” (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act” (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be now referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

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.

Ms. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 9);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act” (Bill No. 17).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 8);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 9);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act” (Bill No. 17).

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted,

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 8, 9, 12 and 17 be now read a third time 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 Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act” (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 9);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act” (Bill No. 17).

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, April 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.