

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Kennedy) made a Statement to congratulate the Conception Bay CeeBee Stars who have won the Herder Memorial Trophy.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Dr. William Fitzgerald of St. Anthony who has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Trinity-Placentia Minor Hockey Association for their contribution to the sport.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Rachael Brown, a grade 8 pupil at Amalgamated Academy in Bay Roberts, who has won the club level competition of the Lions International 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Poster contest.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate the staff of Elwood Regional High School and the following pupils on their recent accomplishments: Allison Kelly, provincial winner of the Canadian Securities Administrators' challenge contest; Mila Major, winner of the Royal Canadian Legion provincial essay contest; the Elwood drama troupe which won the award for best performance in the regional drama festival; Jeremy Gordon, who won an award in the 'Rant like Rick' promotion and Chris White who has been awarded a \$10,000 entrance scholarship by the University of New Brunswick.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Goulds Leo Club for their volunteer activities in the community.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement respecting the proposed European Union ban on Canadian seal products.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Ms. Sullivan) tabled the Report of the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) tabled the Annual Reports for 2006 and 2007 of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Review Division.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), pursuant to subsection 15(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled draft amendments to the Members' Resources and Allowances Rules, approved at the April 11, 2008 meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** many graduate students in this Province, and in the whole country, are currently experiencing severe financial difficulty because of high student loan debt;

**AND WHEREAS** many of these graduates had no other alternative but to accumulate debt in order to fund their education;

**AND WHEREAS** many of these graduates will have their lives put on hold while they pay off this debt;

**AND WHEREAS** this Provincial Government in its 2007 budget reduced the interest rate on the provincial portion of student loans to prime and offered needs-based grants and held the line on tuition;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to also reduce the interest rate on its portion of student loans to prime;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly ask the other Provinces and Territories to support this action by passing a similar motion in their respective legislatures.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, “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);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act” (Bill No. 21).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

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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.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Collins took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act" (Bill No. 10).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair.

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 directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act" (Bill No. 10) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Kennedy):

**"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;

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**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 Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) 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 Forestry Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 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 City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 15) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.15 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.

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

The Committee considered and passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 15);

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A Bill            “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 16).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. 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 City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John’s Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 16).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a third time and Bills No.16 and 15 be read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act” (Bill No. 10) was read a third time and passed.

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 City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John’s Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 16).

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 notice and 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 the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 19).

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Collins) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 19 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and ask leave to sit again.

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

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

“That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957* to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations.” (Bill No. 19)

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 19) was read a first, second and 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.