

Thursday, April 24th, 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 congratulate the Cartwright Weather Office staff on their receiving an International Certificate from the Global Climate Observing Secretariat in Geneva in recognition of performance excellence.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize Special Olympics Newfoundland And Labrador.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape LaHune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize the Conne River Mi'kmaq Performance Choir.

The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to recognize Dr. Mohamed Ravalia, Senior Medical Health Officer in Twillingate, for his commitment to the residents of Twillingate and New World Island.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Loder) made a Statement to recognize John Roy Hackett, a successful fisherman in Bay of Islands.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Dr. Paul O'Neill.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement respecting the operations of Cooke Aquaculture on the Province's South Coast.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House of the Government's commitment to advancing the interests of persons with disabilities.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 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 Law Society Act, 1999" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be now read a second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999” (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 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. Collins took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Embalmers And Funeral Directors” (Bill No. 11);

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

The Committee began their consideration of the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999” (Bill No. 22).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (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 following Bills without amendments, made progress on Bill No. 22 and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Embalmers And Funeral Directors” (Bill No. 11);

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

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be now read a third time and that Bill No. 21 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 Respecting Embalmers And Funeral Directors” (Bill No. 11);

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

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 28th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.