

Monday, April 28th, 2008

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) on April 24th concerning relevance in debate. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order. The Speaker took the opportunity to make some comments respecting relevance in debate on "money bills".

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize the community of Whitbourne for participating in the Municipal Wetland Stewardship Program.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Luanne Dominix, a pupil of Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts, who won 1st place in the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Senior Colour Poster Remembrance Day Contest and Kearsty Ryan, a pupil of Amalgamated Academy, who placed second in the intermediate poetry contest.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize Sport Newfoundland and Labrador participants in and winners of the Toronto Air Gun Grand Prix Shooting Competition in particular Jason Harnum and Samantha Marsh who won bronze medals.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize Dr. Selma Barkham on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of her discovery of the 16th Century Basque Whaling Site in Red Bay, Labrador.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to pay tribute to the volunteer fire departments in his district.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to commend the Goulds Winter Carnival Committee and the volunteers who organized and contributed to the success of the 22nd Goulds Winter Carnival.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to recognize April 28th as the National Day Of Mourning in remembrance of workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House of the results of a review of the Provincial Parks Campsite Reservation Service conducted by her department.

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The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to recognize Volunteer Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the Summary Report Of The Activities And Costs In Respect Of The Consumer Advocate In Relation To Insurance Matters For The Fiscal Year Commencing April, 2007.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Jackman) tabled, pursuant to subsection 10(3) of the *Transparency And Accountability Act*, certain information respecting the Newfoundland And Labrador Sports Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a certain Resolution for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 25)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion: "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government".

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS approximately 187,000 people in our Province volunteer, contributing a total of 35 million hours of valuable unpaid time to their communities and community organizations in a concerted effort to make our Province stronger;

AND WHEREAS the voluntary sector is facing increasing challenges of recruitment, retention, governance and capacity just at a time when their services and expertise are needed most;

AND WHEREAS the relationship between the civil society and government is very important and has improved substantially in the past few years, and there remains so much each can do with the help of the other, and to help the other for the long term benefit of our people and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House recognize and congratulate the thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who give their time and skills to the benefit of our communities and Province and encourage others to do the same;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House encourage the Government to continue its commitment to support the voluntary sector for the benefit of the entire Province.”

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 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 Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 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 continued their consideration of the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999” (Bill No. 22).

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Kennedy) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 22:

“1.(1) That Clause 10 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the proposed subsection 42(4) the following:

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- (4.1) Persons appointed to the disciplinary panel shall be appointed for a term of 3 years.
- (2) Clause 10 of the Bill be further amended by deleting the proposed subsection 51(1) and substituting the following:
 - 51 (1) An adjudication tribunal shall file a decision or order made under subsection 49(2), 50(2) or 50(3) with the society and provide a copy to the complainant, the respondent and the respondent's partners and employers, as designated in the rules, and the minister.
 - (2) The society shall maintain a copy of a decision or order filed under subsection (1) for a period of 5 years, or the longer period the society may set, after the day the decision is filed and shall upon receiving a request to view the disciplinary records in relation to a member permit a person to view those records."

The Chair ruled the amendment in order. Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to Bill No. 22.

The Chair put the question on the amendment moved by the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Kennedy) and declared the amendment to Clause 10 of Bill No. 22 carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999" (Bill No. 22) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act" (Bill No. 24).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999" (Bill No. 22) with an amendment.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) further reported that the Committee of the Whole House had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 24).

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

The amendment to Bill No. 22 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be now read a third time.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 23 and 24 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 Law Society Act, 1999” (Bill No. 22);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Mental Health Care And Treatment Act” (Bill No. 24).

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 order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 29th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.