

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate the Lester Pearson Memorial High School Senior Boys' Basketball team which recently won the 3A Regional title.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize Michael Freake of Charlottetown who participated in the Global Vision Junior Team programme.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Flying Boat Festival International on receiving the Ambassador of the Year Award for 2007.

The Member for Burgeo - LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Captain Leslie Cutler of Ramea on his retirement from the Marine Transportation Services Division of the Department of Transportation and Works.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Jim Lynch, principal of Mobile Central High School, who was chosen one of Canada's outstanding principals for 2008.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to pay tribute to Robert Slaney of Upper Island Cove who is one of five players in contention for the Marcel Robert Trophy Award of the Quebec Junior Hockey League.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement about the Chilean aquaculture mission in which he participated.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting the Community Youth Network.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled a copy of the Members' Handbook and Members' Resources and Allowances Rules Manual pursuant to subsection 50(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled the list of documents deemed tabled or submitted to the Office of the Speaker for distribution between March 24, 2008 and April 4, 2008.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce 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 Liquor Control Act Respecting A Licensee Levy" (Bill No. 18).

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 certain Resolutions for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 13).

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 to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006" (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Lobbyist Registration Act" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act" (Bill No. 17).

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 Repeal The Bulk Sales Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 12).

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The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Denine) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce 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).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale), gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following Resolution:

“**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.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) the Member for Burgeo-LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that the Member for Cartwright-L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“**WHEREAS** nurses are currently in negotiations with the Provincial Government on a new contract;

**AND WHEREAS** nurses in this Province are the lowest paid in the entire country;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a nursing shortage in our Province and little success has been achieved in addressing recruitment and retention issues;

**AND WHEREAS** previous nursing shortages were cyclical, the current shortage is structural in nature characterized by such things as an aging nursing workforce and fierce market competition;

**AND WHEREAS** job stress and dissatisfaction are driving nurses to leave the profession in record numbers;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly call on the Provincial Government to end the practice of pattern bargaining when dealing with specialized professions such as nursing that are faced with critical recruitment and retention issues.”

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) tabled the answer to a question for which notice had been given relating to voluntary agreements for children in care.

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 improve their efforts to recruit and retain general practitioners.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) tabled pursuant to section 5 of the *Local Authority Guarantee Act, 2005* the list of guarantees provided to local governments between November 18, 2006 and March 7, 2008.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act” (Bill No. 6) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure” (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure” (Bill No. 4) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act” (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act” (Bill No. 6) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

- 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 Repeal The Bulk Sales Act" (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 12);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fatal Accidents Act" (Bill No. 17).

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

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 of the Whole House considered and passed the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure" (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006" (Bill No.6).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair.

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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 following Bills without amendment and ask leave to sit again:

A Bill,            “An Act Respecting The Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure” (Bill No. 4);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 6).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 4 and 6 be now read a third time by leave.

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 Cost Of Consumer Credit Disclosure” (Bill No. 4);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 6).

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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services” (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services” (Bill No. 5) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 8<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