

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Eric and Betty Jerrett and the Bay Roberts Heritage Society on the designation of the Western Union Cable Building as a historic site.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the 2003 Royal Canada Army Cadet Corps Norman's Cove – Long Cove on their many successful endeavors.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement respecting the Mercy Sisters' Centre for Ecology and Justice.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate the Deer Lake Chamber of Commerce which is the recipient of the "Chamber of the Year 2007 Award".

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Provincial Silver Award, in particular Julie Orr and Deidre Halliday of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate Chris Feener who has been chosen as one of the Top 12 guitarists in an international competition entitled "Guitar Idol 08".

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that Government plan to expand the "Futures in Skilled Trades and Technology" high school programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting the need for federal engagement in housing and in particular the need for funding of housing.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate teaching units in small rural schools and review guidelines to find a solution that recognizes the unique needs of pupils in small rural schools.

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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 take action to address the lack of road maintenance in many areas of this Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler):

**“WHEREAS** the Provincial Government retired pensioners have sought an increase in their pensions because increases in the cost of living have diminished their value and many pensioners live in dire financial circumstances;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government had an established practice of granting a pension increase to coincide with or follow public sector pay raises, thereby creating a reasonable expectation that this would continue to be a feature of their pension entitlement;

**AND WHEREAS** this practice was discontinued after 1989 due to the severe financial constraints at that time, thereby hurting all pensioners but especially those on low fixed incomes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urges the Government to consider the advisability of resuming the practice of matching increases for public service pensioners to wage increases for public sector employees.”

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled ““An Act Respecting Registered Nurses” (Bill No. 3) was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act” (Bill No. 35) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 3 and 35 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Administrator for his Assent.

The Speaker suspended proceedings for a few minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Administrator.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Administrator, the Honourable Clyde K. Wells.

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Administrator took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Administrator as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act For Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Additional Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2008 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2009 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 25).

His Honour the Administrator then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to these Bills".

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Access To Information and Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 6);

A Bill "An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services" (Bill No. 5);

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- 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);
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act" (Bill No. 10);
- 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);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 19);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lobbyist Registration Act" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act Respecting A Licensee Levy" (Bill No. 18);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act To Provide For Leave For Reservists" (Bill No. 1);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Embalmers And Funeral Directors" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill No. 21);
- 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);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 26);

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act And The Tax Agreement Act" (Bill No.28);
- 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 Partnership Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Protection Of Personal Health Information" (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child And Youth Advocate Act" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Issuance Of Water Rights To The Energy Corporation Of Newfoundland And Labrador For The Lower Churchill River" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Registered Nurses" (Bill No. 3);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Energy Corporation Act" (Bill No. 35).

His Honour the Administrator then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Assent to these Bills".

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

His Honour the Administrator then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams), the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) and the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi thanked the officials and the staff of the House and wished everyone well during the summer adjournment.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved that the House adjourn *sine die*.

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

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