

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Jessica McErlean who will be traveling to Calgary as a member of Team Newfoundland and Labrador to participate in a national Skills Competition.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Genesis Employment Corporation of Placentia.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate the community of Cormack which is now using its renovated and expanded community centre.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miawpukek Band Hunger Strike of April 1983.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to inform the House that the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) has ratified the collective agreement reached on April 24, 2008 between CUPE and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to congratulate a group of pupils of Stephenville High School who are the winners of this year's Marine Advanced Technology Education Centre regional underwater robotics competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to inform the House that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have signed Memorandums of Understanding with the State of Rhode Island, the Republic of Ireland and Iceland.

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.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to undertake measures to install a province-wide 911 service and put in place a public safety education campaign designed to help the general public, travelers and tourists be safer and better prepared.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 37) was introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Partnership Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Partnership Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 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 Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 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 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) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "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) was read a

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second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be now referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) 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 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).

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 amendment:

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).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 20 and 30 be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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By leave, the proceedings were suspended at 5:28 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29) without amendment.

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 Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 29) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Resource Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 26<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.