

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Kelsie Hodder of Margaree on winning gold at the YBC bowling tournament in Grand Falls – Windsor.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate the ladies' bowling team from the District of Lewisporte which won the Bowling Proprietors Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Classified Bowling tournament recently.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Canadian Bible Society on their 197 years in translating, publishing and distributing copies of the Bible.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Don Huxter for his volunteer service to the community.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize CP Rail Crew #1 in Ontario, which includes nine Newfoundlanders from Bellevue, for their donation of \$1,450.00, proceeds of a recycling program, to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Rebecca Hollett, winner of the Sanofi Aventis BioTalent Challenge.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Ms. Whalen) tabled the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on operations carried out under the *Automobile Insurance Act* for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled the following:

- (a) the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the By-Elections held in the Electoral Districts of Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (November 1, 2006), Ferryland (February 8, 2007), Kilbride (February 8, 2007), Port au Port (February 8, 2007), Humber Valley (February 12, 2007) and Labrador West (March 13, 2007);

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- (b) the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances of Registered Political Parties for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007;
- (c) the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the October 9, 2007 General Election.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** it has been revealed in a court of law through a Statement of Facts agreed to by both the defense and the prosecution in the case of R.v. Edward Byrne that improperly received public funds were used to finance political campaigns of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** these improperly received funds were not recorded as received or spent as per the provisions of the *Elections Act* and associated regulations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer of the Province, through his actions and inactions, has been shown to be compromised and biased in his ability and willingness to investigate potential misconduct on the part of members of the governing party;

**AND WHEREAS** it is in the public interest to determine the precise nature and extent of this channeling of improperly received public funds into campaigns of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador in order to ensure public confidence in our political system and our Government;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls for an independent, third-party investigation to determine the extent and nature of transfers of public funds into partisan political operations and campaigns of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador”.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Chiropractors” (Bill No. 8);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credit Act” (Bill No. 3);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Credit Unions" (Bill No. 11);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pharmacy Act" (Bill No. 12);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Children's Law Act" (Bill No. 13);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 18);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Savings Plans Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Whole on Supply began their consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure of the **Executive Council**.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Mr. Collins) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 28<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.