

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate the Hillview Academy Recorder Group which won a first place award at the Gander Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement respecting Katimavik.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Holy Trinity Concert Band and Jazz Band which won gold at the Heritage Festival in New York City recently and Hilary Moores who won the Maestro Award.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay d' Espoir Midget Hockey Team which won the gold medal at the provincial gold hockey championship in Botwood recently.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Jeanna Goodyear who was nominated by the Army Cadet League of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Branch, as their candidate for the General Walsh Memorial Sword.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Baker) made a Statement respecting the Town of Labrador City and the Labrador City Recreation 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards evening.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement respecting the Municipal Elections which will take place in September.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Taylor) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Revise the Law Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move 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 on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons), on behalf of the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

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**“WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) are lifelong neurological disorders that affect a person’s development and how the brain processes information;

**AND WHEREAS** ASD is the most common neurological disorder affecting children;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador had a prevalence rate of 1 in 132 in 2008 and the rate is expected to be even higher for 2009;

**AND WHEREAS** the number of people receiving a diagnosis of autism is on the increase in Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** evidence-based research shows that the lifetime costs of assisting a person with autism can be reduced if the child receives early diagnosis, effective treatment and adequate supports;

**AND WHEREAS** all current direct government programs for children with autism end after age six;

**AND WHEREAS** schools do not have adequate resources and there is a demonstrated need for programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls on Government to extend autism services currently offered for children below six years of age to all children of the Province.”

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale) provided the answer to a question for which notice had been given respecting the Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Adoption Act, The Child Care Services Act, the Child, Youth And Family Services Act And The

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Regional Health Authorities Regulations” (Bill No. 35) was read the first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Credit Unions” (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Savings Plans Act” (Bill No. 19);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Registration Of Deeds And Other Documents” (Bill No. 21);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act” (Bill No. 23).

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 commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Apologies” (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Apologies” (Bill No. 1) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 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 Respecting The Registration Of Births, Marriages, Deaths And Other Vital Events” (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Registration Of Births, Marriages, Deaths And Other Vital Events” (Bill No. 24) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 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 Respecting Marriage In The Province” (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read the second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Marriage In The Province” (Bill No. 25) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 Provide For Change Of Name” (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Provide For Change Of Name” (Bill No. 26) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 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 Respecting The Public Trustee” (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Public Trustee” (Bill No. 27) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 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 Repeal The Government-Kruger Agreements Act” (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Repeal The Government-Kruger Agreements Act” (Bill No. 31) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 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 Memorial University Pensions Act” (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act” (Bill No. 33) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Apologies" (Bill No. 1);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Registration Of Births, Marriages, Deaths And Other Vital Events" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Public Trustee" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Government-Kruger Agreements Act" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend the Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Consumer Protection And Business Practices" (Bill No. 22).

During the debate in Committee, the Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 22:

- "1. Paragraph 42(1)(b) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
  - (b) shall produce for examination in written form, clearly understandable to the consumer, the contents of all the credit information; and

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Marriage In the Province" (Bill No. 25).

During the debate in Committee, the Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 25:

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“1. Subclause 12(1) of the Bill is amended by deleting the words and brackets “(or husband and wife)” and substituting the words, commas and brackets” (or husband and wife, or wife and wife, or husband and husband)”.

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled “An Act To Provide For Change Of Name” (Bill No. 26).

During the debate in Committee, the Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 26:

- “1. (1) Subclause 7(2) of the Bill is amended by deleting the words “one or”.
- (2) Clause 7 of the Bill is amended by adding immediately after subclause (2) the following:
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and (2), where one parent of the child is living, the consent of that parent shall also be required.

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Apologies” (Bill No. 1);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Registration Of Births, Marriages, Deaths And Other Vital Events” (Bill No. 24);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Public Trustee” (Bill No. 27);

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A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Government-Kruger Agreements Act" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend the Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Osborne) also reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Consumer Protection And Business Practices" (Bill No. 22);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Marriage In the Province" (Bill No. 25);

A Bill, "An Act To Provide For Change Of Name" (Bill No. 26).

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

The amendments to Bills No. 22, 25 and 26 having been read the first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 22, 25 and 26 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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