

Tuesday, May 26th, 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 thank Master Corporal Steven Pink who has recently returned from Afghanistan, for his service to his country.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to congratulate the team from Gonzaga High School for placing second in the ROV Regional Competition held at the Marine Institute.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize Clarence Mercer on being presented the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, 2009 Bancroft Award.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the English Harbour East Lion's Club on their 23rd Charter Night Anniversary.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate Catherine Orr, Marcus Drover and Jeffrey Peach, Provincial Electoral District Scholarship winners for 2008.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) made a Statement to inform the House of Assembly about the status of Progressive Family Growth Benefit and the Parental Support Benefit.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to inform the House about initiatives being undertaken by the Province and the Republic of Ireland in the area of ocean technology.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,
the Honourable John Crosbie, PC, OC, O.N.L.

May it please Your Honour:

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We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session Assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

Signed: Tracey Perry, MHA
Kevin Pollard, MHA
Roland Butler, MHA

Assembly Chamber
May 25th, 2009"

On motion the report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Speaker pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* reported to the House of Assembly the results of his consultation with the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the Third Party respecting the appointments to the Members' Compensation Review Committee.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS subsection 16(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* requires that an independent committee, called a Members' Compensation Review Committee, be appointed at least once during each General Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with subsection 16(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker has consulted with all House leaders on the appointment of the said Committee;

AND WHEREAS all House leaders have agreed with the introduction of this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, under subsection 16(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, a Members' Compensation Review Committee appointed under this resolution must report to the Speaker on its recommendations within 120 days of its appointment;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joe O'Neill, Cathy Bennett and Brian Barry be appointed to the Members' Compensation Review Committee, with the appointment to be effective on July 6, 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members' Compensation Review Committee inquire into and prepare a report respecting the salaries, allowances, severance payments and pensions to be paid to Members of the House of Assembly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members' Compensation Review Committee, as part of its inquiries, include consultations with appropriate persons who can assist the Committee with respect to its required duties;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members' Compensation Review Committee deliver its report to the Speaker on or before October 31, 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly Service conclude the contractual arrangements required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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 Revise The Law Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 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 Apologies" (Bill No. 1);

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

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

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- 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);
- 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).

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 To Amend The Adoption Act, The Child Care Services Act, The Child, Youth and Family Services Act And The Regional Health Authorities Regulations" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read the second time presently.

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 Regional Health Authorities Regulations" (Bill No. 35) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 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 Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 29) was read the 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 commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 30) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 32) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 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.

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

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 32);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Adoption Act, The Child Care Services Act, The Child, Youth and Family Services Act And The Regional Health Authorities Regulations" (Bill No. 35).

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 had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 16 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

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 without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Wild Life Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Adoption Act, The Child Care Services Act, The Child, Youth and Family Services Act And The Regional Health Authorities Regulations" (Bill No. 35).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 29, 30, 32 and 35 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957* to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 16) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 27th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.