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

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Julie Huntington on receiving the 2010 Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Award in the individual category.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Ron Penney of Bishop's Falls who was honoured as Knight of the Year at the Knights of Columbus State convention held in Gander in May.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Rosemary Ryan of Kippens for receiving the Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador Pitcher Plant Award.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize the success of the breakfast programme at Lewisporte Academy.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to inform the House about a pilot project established to address the demand for smaller housing units.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to recognize Skipper Mark Small for his contribution as a spokesperson and advocate for the Canadian Sealing Industry.

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, June 22nd, 2010.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act No. 3" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 29);

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A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Health And Protection Of Animals" (Bill No. 30).

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 Human Rights" (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 Respecting Human Rights" (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.

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. Osbourne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Human Rights" (Bill No. 31) and passed clauses 1 to 13 without amendment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) moved the following amendment to Clause 14 of Bill No. 31:

"That the Bill be amended by deleting clause 14(10) and substituting the following:

- (10) In paragraph (8)(b) and subsection 15(5),
- (a) "employer" means a persons who employs a person to provide personal services to him or her or to a member of his or her family; and
- (b) "personal services" means work of a domestic, custodial, companionship, personal care, child care, or educational nature, or other work within the private residence that involves frequent contact or communication with persons who live in the residence."

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

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The Chair put the question on clause 14 as amended and declared clause 14 as amended carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Human Rights" (Bill No. 31) with an amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) 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 Respecting Human Rights" (Bill No. 31) with amendments.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 22nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.