

Thursday, May 19th, 2011

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of the volunteers, supporters and Cancer survivors involved in the Bay d'Espoir Cancer Benefit Concert.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize the Georgetown Neighbourhood Association for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the members of the Stephenville High School Band who participated in the Heritage Music Festival in New York City from May 2nd to 10th.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize Corey Hudson for his contribution as a volunteer in various organizations in his community.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement about the Provincial Minerals Strategy.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House about a partnership between the Department of Education and the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board to promote literacy among children in KinderStart.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) tabled the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the Public Tender Act Exceptions for the month of March, 2011.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS subsection 4(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991* provides that the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer be filled by resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS subsection 34(2) of the *House of Assembly Act* provides that a Commissioner for Legislative Standards be appointed by the House of Assembly on motion of the Premier following consultation with the Leader of the Official Opposition

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and representatives of other registered political parties having representation in the House of Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Victor Powers be appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner for Legislative Standards”.

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 24th, 2011.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide additional funding for improvements to Route 510 and connecting branch roads of the Trans-Labrador Highway.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou such that all users of the provincial ferry service may be able to utilize such waiting area/washroom facilities.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the five acute care beds at Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital Health Centre.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to extend the Eider Duck hunting season to March 10th.

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

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act” (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act” (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2” (Bill No. 33).

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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.

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 began their consideration of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 31).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 31:

"That Clause 2 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

2. Subsection 23(2) of the Act is amended by adding immediately after paragraph (b.2) the following:

(b.3) section 17.2."

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment to Clause 2 of Bill No. 31 carried.

The Committee passed Bill No. 31 as amended.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 31) with an amendment.

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

The amendment to Bill No. 31 having been read the first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be now read the third time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 31) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins):

“WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Justice on September 30, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges’ Salaries and Benefits Tribunal was tabled in this Honourable House today;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required under section 28.2 of the Act to approve, vary or reject the report within 30 days of it being tabled;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask the House to accept the recommendations of the tribunal as contained in its report of September 30, 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salaries and Benefits Tribunal.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

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. 26).

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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. 26 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

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. 26) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 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, Tuesday, May 24th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.