

Monday, April 2nd, 2012

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Vernon Petten for his 50 years of volunteer service as Treasurer of the Port de Grave Pentecostal Tabernacle.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Jillian Keiley who has been named the next artistic director of English Theatre at the National Arts Centre.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate the St. Anthony Polar Bears Under-20 female hockey team which won the Provincial “A” tournament.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to recognize the 50th anniversary of Gonzaga Regional High School.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Paul Osmond who has received the Canadian Coast Guard's Commissioner's Commendation.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to inform the House about the 2012 Export and Innovation Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House that the transition of staff from the Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority to the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services had been completed.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he 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, April 3rd, 2012

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS the fishery is the lifeline of hundreds of communities in our Province, with both the harvesting and processing contributing significantly to personal incomes and regional economies;

AND WHEREAS the shipping out of unprocessed seafood negatively impacts our people, communities and Province;

AND WHEREAS provincial legislation is already in place to restrict the exporting of our unprocessed fish products;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing concern that the community unit will become even less of a beneficiary of one of our most important renewable resources;

AND WHEREAS the government is already on record as stating that our people and our communities must be the primary beneficiaries of our fish resources;

AND WHEREAS there is increasing evidence that other countries are benefiting greatly from our unprocessed raw seafood products;

AND WHEREAS there are warnings that our Province is running out of time to diversify its economy before the oil revenues run out and we will be left with insufficient money to pay the bills;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly encourages the Provincial Government to immediately recommit to the principles of disallowing the shipping out of unprocessed resources in order to protect regional and provincial economies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly encourages the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government to adopt a policy that if a company is unable to process its quota allocation, then they be obligated by law to offer it to other processing companies at cost and a reasonable profit margin (as determined by industry norm); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly encourages the Provincial Government to adopt a policy that in cases where it is absolutely necessary to ship out unprocessed fish – to ensure the survival of the industry in the long-term – it must be shipped out before a definite time frame and the company exporting unprocessed seafood has to, first, reapply for the export license annually; and, secondly, it must pay a fee to the Province, as is done in many other industries, so that our people and our communities continue to benefit from this natural resource.”

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The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to establish a public inquiry into search and rescue in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to discontinue female-only and calf, of either sex, hunting and to return hunting season dates to the last week of November to reduce the number of licenses issued.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to enact legislation banning the use of Temporary Replacement Workers during a strike.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to proclaim the new *Animal Protection Act* immediately.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-invest in rural broadband initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to proclaim the new *Animal Protection Act* immediately.

By leave the Deputy Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 4th.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act, 2009" (Bill No. 14) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

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. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 11) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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The Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Mr. King) 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 debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection Act And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection Act And Business Practices Act" (Bill No. 6) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 4:51 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act” (Bill No. 6);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act” (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997” (Bill No. 13).

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Verge) reported further that the Committee of the Whole House had passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill No. 4) with an amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the third time on tomorrow.

The amendments to Bill No. 4 having been read the first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.