

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Seaside Volunteer Fire Department on 33 years of service and thank them for their contribution to the communities they serve.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Springdale Forest Resources Inc. which was the 2011 winner of the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association Award of Excellence.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate the Vera Perlin Society on the opening of their newly refurbished headquarters.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Winifred McLean who was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Broomball Hall of Fame on March 3rd.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize the pupils of Hazelwood Academy who raised \$3,185.00 through a Pennies for Kenya Drive to help an orphanage in the African country.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Cindy Cox who was chosen Volunteer of the Year for 2011 in St. Alban's.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation which was recognized by the Canadian Housing Renewal Association for being the first Province in the country to make Universal Design features mandatory for all new affordable and social housing constructions.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Government's after-school physical activity pilot project *Active Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador*.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King), pursuant to Standing Order 65(1), presented the Report of the Striking Committee on the composition of the Committees of the House and by leave moved "that the following Committees comprise the following Members:

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STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Hon. Ross Wiseman – Member for Trinity North (Chair)
Hon. Joan Burke – Member for St. George's - Stephenville East
Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair
Hon. Jerome Kennedy – Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace
Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Bennett – Member for St. Barbe
Mr. David Brazil – Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island
Mr. Eli Cross – Member for Bonavista North
Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair
Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi
Ms. Tracey Perry – Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
Mr. Keith Russell – Member for Lake Melville

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Dwight Ball – Member for Humber Valley
Mr. John Dinn – Member for Kilbride
Mr. Randy Edmunds – Member for Torngat Mountains
Mr. Clayton Forsey – Member for Exploits
Mr. George Murphy – Member for St. John's East
Mr. Paul Lane – Member for Mount Pearl South
Mr. Calvin Peach – Member for Bellevue

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Tony Cornect – Member for Port au Port
Mr. Dan Crummell – Member for St. John's West
Mr. John Dinn – Member for Kilbride
Mr. Eddie Joyce – Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Glen Little – Member for Bonavista South
Mr. Andrew Parsons – Member for Burgeo - La Poile
Ms. Gerry Rogers – Member for St. John's Centre

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Bennett – Member for St. Barbe
Mr. David Brazil – Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island

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Mr. Sandy Collins – Member for Terra Nova
 Mr. Eli Cross – Member for Bonavista North
 Mr. Eddie Joyce – Member for Bay of Islands
 Mr. Christopher Mitchelmore – Member for The Straits - White Bay North
 Mr. Kevin Parsons – Member for Cape St. Francis

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Hon. Derrick Dalley – Member for The Isles of Notre Dame
 Mr. Glenn Littlejohn – Member for Port de Grave
 Mr. Andrew Parsons – Member for Burgeo - La Poile
 Ms. Gerry Rogers – Member for St. John's Centre
 Mr. Wade Verge – Member for Lewisporte.”

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (Budget Speech).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Resolution for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 16).

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice of the following Resolution and asked leave of the House to substitute the motion for the motion which the Opposition House Leader announced would be debated on Wednesday, April 4th:

“WHEREAS we have seen many tragedies and many lives lost due to distress on land and at sea, most recently the death of 14 year old Burton Winters of Makkovik, Labrador;

AND WHEREAS ground search and rescue is a Provincial responsibility and was the first point of contact in the Burton Winters Tragedy;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced that the Maritime Sub-Centre for Search and Rescue Services in Newfoundland and Labrador will close on April 25 of this year;

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AND WHEREAS many questions have been raised about procedures and practices of the Provincial Government and DND in relation to the Burton Winters tragedy;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated that they are ready to participate in, and cooperate with, a public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Burton Winters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct a full investigation into the Burton Winters Tragedy and search and rescue services in Newfoundland and Labrador using a public inquiry under Section 3.(1) of the *Public Inquiries Act* which states:

3. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by order establish a commission of inquiry to inquire and report on a matter that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers to be of public concern.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) took the request under advisement.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to have the former fish plant building in Isle aux Morts cleaned up or removed.

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 allocate funds in the 2012 budget to pave Route 434.

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 conduct a review of school bus transportation policies and school restructuring to ensure safe and quality education for all school children in the Province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to conduct a needs assessment to identify the needs of all levels of long-term health care in Labrador and to re-open the Paddon Seniors’ Nursing Home in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

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

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4);

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).

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 notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 15) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) 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 and 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 Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 5) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 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 Municipalities Act, 1999 and The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 and The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000" (Bill No. 9) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Kent 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. Kent) 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 following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 5);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 and The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000" (Bill No. 9);

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 3).

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) advised the House that there was no leave to substitute another motion for the Private Members' Motion which was announced on April 2nd for debate on April 4th.

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, Wednesday, April 4th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.