

Monday, June 4th, 2012

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the contribution to his community of Mr. Rod Pilgrim who has been a dedicated volunteer for many years.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Girl Guides from Bishop's Falls and Botwood who have been awarded the Canada Cord.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the Mount Pearl Lions Club for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Louise Lane of Makinsons, a generous foster mother and adoptive mother who enhanced the lives of many children.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize the organizers, participants and donors responsible for the success of the Relays for Life in Charlottetown and Corner Brook.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate graduating cadets of the 840 Indian Bay Cadet Squadron, the 2910 Lions RCACC New-Wes-Valley Cadet Corps and the 537 Gander Squadron.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman), made a Statement to congratulate Karlie Pinsent, a pupil of Greenwood Academy in Campbellton, winner of the Provincial Government's postage meter stamp design contest held to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize June as Seniors' Month.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) raised a point of order respecting comments made in the House by the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) on May 31st, 2012. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act No. 2" (Bill No. 26).

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The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McGrath) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act” (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Extinguish Obsolete Actions In The Province” (Bill No. 24);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act” (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Practice Of Optometry In The Province” (Bill No. 25);

A Bill, “An Act To Regulate The Personal Services Industry” (Bill No. 27);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act, 2005” (Bill No. 28).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Federal Government has tremendous power and leverage to lower barriers between provinces and forge a path toward fairness and true community;

AND WHEREAS Quebec has frustrated Newfoundland and Labrador’s attempts to wheel electricity fairly through that province;

AND WHEREAS Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his colleagues have committed to provide a loan guarantee or equivalent financial support for the Muskrat Falls Project, which includes a sub-sea transmission link to the Maritimes, because it has national or regional importance, it has economic and financial merit, and it will significantly reduce greenhouse gases;

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister, in announcing funding for Ontario under the eco Trust on March 6, 2007, said that province could choose to use its funding to advance construction of “an East-West electrical transmission interconnect with Manitoba, allowing for the importation of clean hydroelectric power”;

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AND WHEREAS on September 16, 2009, the Prime Minister announced funding for the construction of the Northwest Transmission Line in northern British Columbia and the prospect of connecting the line to Alaska;

AND WHEREAS the opening of Canadian east-west energy corridors would give provinces the freedom to transmit energy to markets within Canada, create economic opportunity and strengthen the country;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urges all governments in Canada to cooperate in exploring opportunities to open east-west electricity transmission corridors within Canada.”

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, June 6th.

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, June 5th, 2012.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) continued and concluded his answer and tabled information relating to Question No. 19 placed on the Order Paper of May 16th, 2012 by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) respecting the buyout of lobster licenses.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Ms. Burke) gave an answer and tabled information relating to Question No. 2 placed on the Order Paper of March 21st, 2012 by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) respecting the Labour Market Development Fund.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) gave an answer and tabled information relating to Question No. 22 placed on the Order Paper of May 16th, 2012 by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) respecting secondary processing of fish products in the Province.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting)(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.

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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.

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 Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon 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.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to install weather cameras on the Burin Peninsula Highway.

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 implement a new homecare model in 2012-13 to cover family caregivers.

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 include all Early Childhood Educators in Newfoundland and Labrador in the Early Learning and Child Care Supplement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 22) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 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 Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be now read the second time.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 15) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.18 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 18) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 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 Rail Service Act, 2009" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Rail Service Act, 2009" (Bill No. 21) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 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.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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:

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act, 2009" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Ensure Access For Service Animals Used By Persons With Disabilities" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 18);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 19);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Rail Service Act, 2009" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 22).

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 5th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.