

Monday, June 11th, 2012

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

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Jakeman All Grade School in Trout River for being awarded the Indigo Love of Reading grant.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Jim Hayward of Port aux Basques upon his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize Asia Holloway of Musgravetown who was selected as the successful candidate from the Province for a Pearson College UWC scholarship.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate the Volleyball teams of Gill Memorial Academy, Musgrave Harbour on their success in the provincial tournaments.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Arnold's Cove Heritage Foundation Inc. on the opening of the War Path/Otter Rub Walking Trail.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to congratulate paralympic swimmer Katarina Roxon for making the Canadian Team which will compete at the 2012 Summer Paralympics Games in London in August.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to inform the House about an important project undertaken by the Commercial Registration Division to preserve historical documents in the Department.

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 12th, 2012.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Provincial Government currently only has a strategy for social housing that does not deal with the full crisis of affordable housing in the Province;

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AND WHEREAS the home ownership assistance program promised by this Government in the provincial election has not come to fruition;

AND WHEREAS shelter is a human right and all people in the Province have the right to housing that meets the national occupancy standards;

AND WHEREAS the House of Commons passed a motion on May 4 to provide that the Federal Government should: (a) keep with Canada's obligation to respect, protect and fulfill the right to housing under the UN International Covenant in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; (b) support efforts by Canadian municipalities to combat homelessness; and (c) adopt measures to expand the stock of affordable rental housing, with a view to providing economic benefits to local housing construction businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to commit to a provincial housing and homelessness action plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to call upon the Federal Government to renew the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the Affordable Housing Initiative and the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program when the programs are up for renewal in 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge Government to create a Division of Housing and Homelessness that will be given the responsibility to coordinate Government-wide action, work with all levels of Government and the community on affordable housing, and be responsible for research and the development of provincial housing policy issues."

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, June 13th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. King) that the Orders of the Day be read.

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

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.

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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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 29) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 29).

During the debate the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) the following amendment:

That the words after "that" be deleted and the following substituted

"Bill No. 29, "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" be not now read the second time this day but that it be read the second time this day six months hence."

Debate commenced on the amendment to the motion that Bill No. 29 be read the second time.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended for the dinner break.

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

Debate continued on the amendment.

During the debate the Speaker ruled on a point of order concerning comments the Leader of the Third Party made before the dinner break. The Speaker ruled that there had been a valid point of order and directed the Leader of the Third Party to apologize and withdraw the comment. The Leader of the Third Party complied with the Speaker's request.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to Second Reading of Bill No. 29.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

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The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Burke, Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. French, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Verge, Mr. Kent, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Osborne, Ms. Perry, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Cross, Mr. Peach, Mr. Lane, Mr. Russell.

Against: Mr. Ball, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the amendment to Bill No. 29 defeated.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 29).

During the debate the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) moved, seconded by the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) the following amendment:

That the words following the word "that" be deleted and that the following substituted:

"Bill No. 29, "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter referred to the Standing Committee on Government Services."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) put the question on Second Reading of Bill No. 29.

The House divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. King, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Jackman, Mr. French, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Verge, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Peach.

Against: Mr. Ball, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Michael, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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 Committees 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 made some progress on a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy Act" (Bill No. 29).and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 12th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.