

Monday, December 17th, 2012

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

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) raised two points of order alleging that the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made an inaccurate statement and that he had used unparliamentary language. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate six recipients of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) made a Statement to congratulate Bernice Morgan who has been inducted into the Order of Canada.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Sam Alexander on the occasion of his 98th birthday.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Jeremy Mueller for his accomplishments as a Special Olympian.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Flo Peach, a dedicated volunteer, who has been awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Hazel Mclsaac.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to offer condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those tragically killed on December 11th at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement about the Youth Innovation Call for Proposals initiative.

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

“WHEREAS the Province's Fisheries Loan Guarantee Program supports the development of the Province's independent fish harvesting industry by making available a government guarantee on loans offered by financial institutions, including banks and credit unions, for such things as:

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- (i) vessel related items such as construction, purchase and/or refit;
- (ii) combining of enterprises and license acquisitions;
- (iii) refinancing of loans owed to fish processors for fixed assets and/or license acquisitions; and
- (iv) refinancing of loans previously obtained from chartered banks for vessel-related purposes and fish license acquisitions (concurrent with combining of enterprises);

AND WHEREAS the program offers loan guarantees for combining of enterprises up to \$3 million; vessel-related items up to \$2 million; and license acquisitions up to \$1.5 million; the guarantee can provide up to 100 per cent of an outstanding loan; and guaranteed loans are offered at the financial institution prime rate, as negotiated between the harvester and the lender, to a maximum of prime plus 2 per cent or 2.5 per cent, depending on the term of the loan, and a harvester may choose a fixed or floating interest rate and a floating rate may be converted to a fixed rate at any time;

AND WHEREAS the uptake under the program has been strong and the benefits have been great, demonstrating the program's success in strengthening the Province's independent fish harvesting industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House encourages the Provincial Government to continue supporting the development of the Province's independent fish harvesting industry by maintaining the Province's Loan Guarantee Program."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, December 19th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) 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 Monday, December 17th, 2012.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to repeal Bill 29.

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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 support their request to obtain cellular phone coverage.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The City Of St. John’s Municipal Taxation Act” (Bill No. 54) 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 notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Use And Expropriation Of Land For The Purpose Of The Muskrat Falls Project” (Bill No. 60);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007” (Bill No. 61).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to Bill No. 53:

That Bill No 53, “An Act To Amend The Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994” be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter referred to the Resource Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Littlejohn) ruled on the point of order raised by the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) on December 13th. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The debate continued and concluded on the amendment to Bill No. 53.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved pursuant to Standing Order 43(1) the following motion “that the previous question be now put”.

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The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 4:28 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the motion.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:35 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the motion in order.

The debate continued on second reading of Bill No. 53 and on the motion that the previous question be now put and on motion debate was adjourned.

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.

The debate continued on second reading of Bill No. 53 and on the motion that the previous question be now put and on motion it was moved that the debate be adjourned.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 56) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) 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 House (Mr. Verge) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 56) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read the third 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 Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 57) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn 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 House (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act" (Bill No. 57) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read the third 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 Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 55) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn 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 House (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 55) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 53) and on the motion that the Previous Question be now put.

The Speaker put the question on the motion "That the Previous Question be now put" and declared the motion carried.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that Bill No. 53 "An Act To Amend The Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" be now put and declared the motion carried and it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be referred now.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" (Bill No. 53) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 18th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.