

Thursday, December 20th, 2012

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

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 24th, 2012.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS other Provinces make use of Standing and Special Committees in their legislatures which meet regularly;

AND WHEREAS the House of Commons uses Standing and Special Committees which meet regularly;

AND WHEREAS the use of Standing and Special Committees would provide greater oversight on proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS Standing and Special Committee meetings in other jurisdictions are open to the public and are televised promoting greater accountability;

AND WHEREAS Standing and Special Committees in other jurisdictions have the ability to call witnesses;

AND WHEREAS Standing and Special Committees in other Canadian Jurisdictions allow public hearings;

AND WHEREAS Standing and Special Committees in other jurisdictions have the ability to probe into issues of importance to the general public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House endorses the use of all-party Standing and Select Committees in the Legislature of Newfoundland and Labrador”.

The Honourable the 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.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) raised a point of order concerning the seconding of a motion.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) took the matter under advisement.

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.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:24 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Chairperson (Mr. Littlejohn) resumed the Chair of Committee at 7:47 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) had raised a point of privilege concerning remarks of the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell).

The Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) ruled that the remarks were contemptuous of the House and asked the Member to apologize. The Member for Lake Melville complied with the Speaker's request.

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 (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to them referred and directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007" (Bill No. 61) without amendment.

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On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be read the third time now.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007" (Bill No. 61).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved "That the Previous Question be now put".

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion "That the Previous Question be now put".

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, The Energy Corporation Act And The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007" (Bill No. 61) 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.

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 (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 the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Use And Expropriation Of Land For The Purpose Of The Muskrat Falls Project" (Bill No. 60) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read the third time now.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Use And Expropriation Of Land For The Purpose Of The Muskrat Falls Project" (Bill No. 60).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) moved "That the Previous Question be now put".

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion "That the Previous Question be now put".

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

It was moved and seconded that the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Use And Expropriation Of Land For The Purpose Of The Muskrat Falls Project" (Bill No. 60) be read the third time.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Dunderdale, Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Davis, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Littlejohn, Ms. Johnson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Lane, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Little, Mr. Cross, Mr. Peach, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Russell.

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

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale), the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Ball), the Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Michael) and the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) extended Christmas wishes to the Members and staff of the House of Assembly.

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On motion the House adjourned *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.