

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014

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

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to inform the House about Literacy Day at Hazelwood Elementary School and to recognize the athletic accomplishments of pupils of the school.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize Kayla Torarak who has just received her commercial pilot's license.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to recognize table tennis players Michael Hiscock and Nick Hiscock and figure skater Jenna Efford who have received the Premier's Athletic Award for their achievements in their respective sports.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Eileen Gibbons.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Raymond Edward Parsley.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the graduates of the high schools in the District of Baie Verte – Springdale.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to recognize Roadcheck 2014 which will take place from June 3rd to June 5th.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House about Government's Youth Innovation Projects.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. French) made a Statement to recognize Environment Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) tabled the Benefits Agreement between the Province and the Kami Mine Limited Partnership.

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 Thursday, June 5th, 2014.

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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 develop a comprehensive province-wide strategy for autism spectrum disorder in consultation with parents, advocates, educators, health care providers and experts in the autism community.

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 Government to reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

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 commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to increase the minimum wage and tie it to the Consumer Price Index.

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 preserve midwifery services at Curtis Memorial Hospital.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate resources to allow for permanent resurfacing of Route 510 from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay.

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 establish a procedure to enable insurance companies to co-ordinate with police, highway enforcement officers and the Motor Registration Division to remove unlicensed and uninsured vehicles from our province's highways.

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 in partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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

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Government to support the users of Route 480 in their request to obtain cellular phone coverage along Route 480.

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 and declared the motions carried.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Dispensing Opticians Act, 2005" (Bill No. 19);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

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 order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion "That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

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

Against: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) informed the House that she had received a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“14 May, 2014

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2015, by way of Further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Frank F. Fagan**
Lieutenant Governor.”

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 11 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 11 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2015 the sum of \$4,658,836,400” (Bill No. 11).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2015 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 11) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 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 Ways and Means.

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 passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 12 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

“That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on tobacco.” (Bill No. 12)

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 2” (Bill No. 12) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

By agreement the proceedings were suspended at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:17 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral 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 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 the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 15) without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Verge 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 made some progress in their consideration of a Bill entitled "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 23) and ask leave to sit again.

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

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Marshall, Mr. King, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Felix Collins, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Dalley, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Kent, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Granter, Mr. Cross, Mr. Little, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Forsey, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Cathy Bennett.

Against: Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations 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 on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 4th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.