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

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Sarah Brown who won a gold medal in the 4X400 Snowshoeing event at the Olympic World Games in Nagano, Japan.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate Chris Carter, Melanie Dawe, Lindsay Lindhal and Benjamin Hurdle who won the Gold Medal at the First Annual College of the North Atlantic Marketing Case Study Competition in January 2005.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate the communities of Pollards Point, Hampden and Sops Arm which hosted the first ever Main River Snowmobile Run.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to thank the Southern Antique Classic Car Club for contributing a AGeriatric Chair to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre in Burin.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Clarenville for hosting the successful nineteenth annual Kiwanis Music Festival.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) made a Statement concerning the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newfoundland and Labrador Girls Decide Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works and Labrador Affairs (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement concerning the refit of the MV Sir Robert Bond.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) pursuant to section 49 (2) of the **Financial Administration Act** tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under section 48 of the Act since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board(Mr. Sullivan) reported pursuant to section 55.1(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** that there have been no guaranteed debt of any Crown corporation or agency assumed by the Province since the last annual report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), pursuant to section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2005-025 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$10 million, \$8.0 million and \$3.6 million against its 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 appropriations respectively for the purpose of entering into agreements with agricultural producers, associations and entities under the Federal/Provincial Agricultural Policy Framework Implementation Agreement for projects in fiscal years April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2008;
- (b) Order in Council 2005-029 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$3.0 million for 2005-06 and \$2.5 million for 2006-07 for the purchase of learning resources;
- (c) Order in Council 2005-028 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$380,000 against its 2005-06 appropriations for the awarding of a tender for the construction of a new maintenance garage and office depot in Corner Brook;
- (d) Order in Council 2005-039 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to spend \$1,000,000 against its 2005-06 appropriations for tourism advertising;
- (e) Order in Council 2005-062 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$4,000,000 against its 2005-2006 appropriations for maintenance projects at schools:
- (f) Order in Council 2005-075 authorized the Department of Government Services to spend \$844,117 and \$2,025,883 to enhance the Companies and Deeds Online system against its 2005-06 and 2006-07 fiscal years respectively; and
- (g) Order in Council 2005-078 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$542,755 respecting the Southeast Bight/Petite Forte Ferry Service against its 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years respectively.

The Member for Burgeo & La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to support senior citizens in their request to have a drug plan whereby seniors not in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement cost share a drug program with the provincial government.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

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The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to impose production quotas only if it is agreed upon by the FFAW and the processors as recommended in the Dunne Report.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) advised the House that an agreement had been reached to waive Private Members' Day to allow for debate on Interim Supply and Supplementary Supply on Wednesday, March 23rd.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel, Q.C., Clerk of the House of Assembly.