

Thursday, December 8th, 2005

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

The Speaker ruled on the point of privilege raised by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) respecting comments made by the Honourable the Premier on December 7th. The Speaker ruled that the comments made by the Premier did not constitute a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege.

The Speaker ruled on the point of order raised by the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) on December 7th respecting comments allegedly made by the Premier. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Rebecca Russell of Lethbridge who was recently designated a carded athlete.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to congratulate the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Falls on its 150th anniversary.

The Member for Humber Valley (Ms. Goudie) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Nolan Young who received the 2004 Public Service Award of Excellence.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade on its 175th anniversary.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize Mr. G. Fred G. Bannister, a Royal Navy veteran who has been presented with the Royal Canadian Legion Meritorious Service Medal and Palm Leaf.

The Member for Gander (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to recognize the bravery of the 9 Wing Gander Search and Rescue unit.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department had provided assistance from the Small and Medium sized Enterprise Fund to Labrador Envirotech Incorporated, Versatile Stones Incorporated and Norseman Crafts.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Ms. Whalen) tabled the following:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Department of Government Services and Lands for 2004-2005 which includes the reports of the Radiation Health and Safety

Thursday, December 8th, 2005

- Advisory Committee, the Boiler Pressure Vessel Appeal Board, the Boiler Pressure Vessel Advisory Board, the Buildings Accessibility Appeal Tribunal,
the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board;
- (b) the 2004-05 Activity Letter for the Advisory Council on Occupational Health and Safety;
 - (c) the 2004-05 Activity Letter for the Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Appeal Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the following:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Municipal Financing Corporation for 2004-05;
- (b) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation for 2004-05;
- (c) the Annual Report of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation for 2004-05;
- (d) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Pooled Pension Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan), pursuant to section 5 of the *Local Authority Guarantee Act*, tabled the list of guarantees provided to local governments from June 9th, 2004.

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 2005-338 authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to spend \$1,000,000 during the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 fiscal years to facilitate projects under the Regional/Sectoral Diversification Fund;
- (b) Order in Council 2005-361 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$53,200, \$53,700, \$54,200, \$54,800 and \$55,300 for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years for a High Speed Production In-Line Inserting Machine for the Mail Room in Confederation Building;
- (c) Order in Council 2005-403 authorized the Department of Business to spend up to \$100,000 for the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 fiscal years to

Thursday, December 8th, 2005

facilitate the awarding of a contract to Target Marketing and Communications Inc.;

- (d) Order in Council 2005-416 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$6,060,912 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, \$1,459,992 for the 2007-08 fiscal year and \$509,300 for four fiscal years commencing in the 2008-09 fiscal year to enter into an agreement with Persona Communications for broadband internet access;
- (e) Order in Council 2005-427 authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to spend \$100,000 for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years for the Canada-Atlantic Provinces Agreement on International Business Development;
- (f) Order in Council 2005-446 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to spend \$5.0 million over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years in support of the contract with Target Marketing and Communications as Advertising Agency of Record;
- (g) Order in Council 2005-458 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$225,000 for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years to operate the Road Weather Information System;
- (h) Order in Council 2005-491 authorized the Department of Justice to spend \$600,000 in the 2006-07 fiscal year for the planning and design of a new Court facility for Corner Brook;
- (i) Order in Council 2005-500 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$685,000 in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years and \$485,000 in the 2008-09 fiscal year for the Francois/Grey River - Burgeo Ferry Service;
- (j) Order in Council 2005-501 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$300,000 in the 2006-07 fiscal year to negotiate one-time fuel price escalator assistance for school bus operators;
- (k) Order in Council 2005-502 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$5,000,000 and \$400,000 in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years respectively for construction of a new facility for grades 7-12 at Mobile;
- (l) Order in Council 2005-505 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$1,050,000 in the 2006-07 fiscal year to award a contract for construction of the new Chateau Pond Depot on the Trans Canada Highway;
- (m) Order in Council 2005-534 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to spend \$1.0 million over the next three years to develop a Website and Internet Marketing Strategy;
- (n) Order in Council 2005-552 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$2,000,000, \$2,060,000 and \$80,000 in the 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 fiscal years for an extension to Labrador Marine Inc.;

Thursday, December 8th, 2005

- (o) Order in Council 2005-554 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$1,500,000 in the 2006-07 fiscal year for the extension and renovations to Leary's Brook Junior High School;
- (p) Order in Council 2005-580 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$10.0 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year for carry over projects for the Provincial Roads Program;
- (q) Order in Council 2005-581 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$48.4 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year for new projects for the Provincial Roads Program;
- (r) Order in Council 2005-582 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$4.2 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year for carry over projects under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Project;
- (s) Order in Council 2005-583 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$25,500,000 and \$22,400,000 in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years for new projects for the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Project;
- (t) Order in Council 2005-584 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$765,000 in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years and \$575,000 in the 2008-09 fiscal year for the Gaultois/McCallum - Hermitage Ferry Service.
- (u) Order in Council 2005-642 authorized the Office of Chief Information Officer to spend 1,500,000 in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years for purposes of entering into an agreement with Microsoft.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Ms. Dunderdale) tabled the list of companies that have entered into EDGE contracts pursuant to subsection 7(4) of the *Economic Diversification and Growth Enterprises Act*.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. Rideout) tabled the Annual Report of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for 2004-05 and the Annual Report of the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs for 2004-05.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to take decisive action to endorse the position of the CEP Local 63 to protect the forest industry in central Newfoundland.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to change the laws of the Province to allow hunting on Sunday.

Thursday, December 8th, 2005

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to advise the House of Assembly of his intention to offer himself as a candidate in the upcoming Federal Election and of his intention of resigning as a Member of the House of Assembly.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the following amendment standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank to the Resolution respecting the removal of the Citizens' Representative (Motion No. 2) introduced on December 5th by the Honourable the Government House Leader:

"That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"Fraser March be given an opportunity to state his case to the House of Assembly before a vote is taken regarding his removal from the Office of the Citizens' Representative."

After some debate, on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker tabled some documentation that had been inadvertently omitted from the Report on the Citizens' Representative which was tabled on December 7th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) 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 12^h, 2005.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Thursday, December 8th, 2005