

Thursday, March 23rd, 2006

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

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Ridgley) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Basil and Mrs. Rose Vokey for their volunteer activities at Kelly Brook Apartments.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Stephanie Crowley who is the winner of the Newfoundland and Labrador 2006 CIBC Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate the Girls Volleyball team from Gill Memorial Academy, Musgrave Harbour which won the Provincial 2A High School Girls Volleyball Championship and the boys team from Carmanville which won the Provincial 4A Boys High School Volleyball Championship.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Everett Hann of Meadows who was honoured by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the Deer Lake/Corner Brook Detachment for his 35 years of volunteer service as an Auxiliary Officer.

The Member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to advise the House of a partnership among students of Baccalieu Collegiate and Junior Achievement Newfoundland and Labrador, Spruce Hill Farms Inc. and the Eastern School District in utilizing the greenhouse at St. Francis School to grow herbs

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Duane Andrews, a Carbonear native who won the East Coast Music Awards Instrumental Recording Artist of the Year.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to advise the House that Government would be making an *ex gratia* payment of \$24 million in response to a request by the leaders of five unions representing many public service employees that this payment be made to recognize employees affected by the *Public Sector Restraint Act* of 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) tabled the following Special Warrants for 2005-06:

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2006-076 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$367,700 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure; and

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- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2006-077 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$2,530,000 to be expended under the Department of Justice Head of Expenditure.

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 2006-023 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$1,677,000 against its 2006-07 appropriations for Ferry Terminals in order to provide for the award of a contract for the rehabilitation of the Portugal Cove Ferry;
- (b) Order in Council 2006-024 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend \$418,000 against its 2006-07 appropriations for Ferry Terminals in order to provide for the award of a contract for repairs to the berthing dolphin at the Cartwright Ferry Terminal;
- (c) Order in Council 2005-645 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$51,809 for 2006-07, \$41,443 for 2007-08, \$31,087 for 2008-09 and \$20,731 for 2009-10 for the purposes of implementation of a post-secondary education;
- (d) Order in Council 2006-084 authorized the Department of Education to spend \$5 million against its 2006-07 appropriations for maintenance of schools;
- (e) Order in Council 2006-089 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to spend up to \$177,450 against its 2006-07 appropriations to support the design, construction and delivery of visitor information services by the St. John's International Airport;
- (f) Order in Council 2006-090 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to spend up to \$152,450 against its 2007-08 and 2008-09 appropriations to support the delivery of visitor information services by the St. John's International Airport;
- (g) Order in Council 2006-092 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend funds of \$390,100, \$652,300, \$531,600, \$91,300 and \$53,900 against Building Utilities and Maintenance for fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 to facilitate the awarding of various service contracts as denoted in the Minister's Submission;
- (h) Order in Council 2006-093 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend funds of \$1,313,575 against its 2006-07 appropriations to facilitate the refit of the vessel the MV Gallipoli (Ramea-Burgeo-Grey River Ferry Service); and
- (i) Order in Council 2006-094 authorized the Department of Justice to spend \$418,200 against its 2006-2007 appropriations for the purpose of purchasing operational equipment required for the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved by leave:

“That Motion No. 1 on today’s Order Paper, the Interim Supply Act, 2006 which was considered by the Committee of the Whole on Supply during the Second Session of the 45th General Assembly, be considered by this Honourable House at the same stage during this the 3rd Session of the 45th General Assembly and that the time used during the debate on the Bill in the 2nd Session in addition to the time used in further debate during the 3rd Session be deducted from the 75 hours allocated to the Estimate Procedure in accordance with Standing Orders 71(1) and (2).”

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“22 March, 2006

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2007, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly. This message replaces that dated 15 March 2006, as the Resolution moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board consequently was nullified by my Prorogation of the Second Session of the 45th General Assembly on 21 March 2006.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor”.

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 the Message together with 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.

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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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose, it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 27th 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.