

Thursday, May 10th, 2007

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

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to pay tribute to Captain Christine Matthews of Grand Bank, recently returned from a tour of duty in Kandahar, Afghanistan who was honoured at the Nursing Sisters' Memorial on Parliament Hill in Ottawa by the Canadian Nurses Association.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to congratulate the Pearce Junior High School Choir which placed second in the Atlantic Band Festival held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Julie Pink of Burgeo, winner of the Canada Day Poster Challenge for 2007.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of the entertainment for seniors known as "A Singing Kitchen".

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Louanne Crocker and Adam Comerford of Carbonear and Melissa Peddle of Harbour Grace who won first, fifth and fourth place respectively in the Brain Storm Competition held in St. John's.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to congratulate the winners of a variety of awards who were honoured at the City of Mount Pearl 2006 Annual "Focus on Youth" Awards Banquet.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House of the official launch of the Regional Coordinating Committee of the Violence Prevention Initiative for the Gander and New-Wes-Valley area.

The Honourable the Minister of Business (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to inform the House of an investment of \$32 million to attract new business to Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate winners and nominees of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council Awards held on May 5th in Corner Brook.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) tabled the following Special Warrants for 2006-2007:

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-043 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$2,030,000 to be expended under the Department of Justice; and
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-045 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$338,500 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), pursuant to section 28(3)(b) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled Order in Council 2007-046 authorizing the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to create the following Capital Account Subhead for fiscal year 2006-07: Subdivision 1.2.02 General Administration-Administrative Support (Capital).

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

- (a) Order in Council 2006-522 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$ 60,000,000 against its 2007-08 appropriations for the Provincial Roads Program;
- (b) Order in Council 2006-523 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$17,000,000 against its 2007-08 appropriations for Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (c) Order in Council 2006-574 authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funding up to \$3,440,000 for fiscal years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 for its operational requirements under a contract beginning April 1, 2007 with Xwave Solutions Inc. to manage and operate Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Government's data center requirements in government's data centre located at 40 Higgins Line;
- (d) Order in Council 2006-575 authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funding and enter into separate three (3) year contracts beginning April 1, 2007 with Xwave Solutions Inc. valued up to \$7,000,000 per year, MTS Allstream Inc. valued up to \$4,000,000 per year and Deloitte Inc. valued up to \$1,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2007-

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08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 to provide government's Information Technology and Information Management professional services;

- (e) Order in Council 2007-010 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds totaling \$167,000 against its 2007-08 appropriations to complete the forest industry competitiveness and strategy study;
- (f) Order in Council 2007-011 authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit up to \$1,000,000 against its 2007-08 appropriations for the purposes of tourism advertising in the fiscal year 2007-08;
- (g) Order in Council 2007-013 authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit funds totaling \$110,000 against its 2007-08 appropriations for the purposes of completing the local component of the Provincial Investment Attraction Strategy;
- (h) Order in Council 2007-031 authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funds of \$6.22 million for 2007-08 and \$800,000 for 2008-09 against capital accounting appropriations for construction of the new Mobile Central High School;
- (i) Order in Council 2007-038 authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit up to \$5.3 million against its 2007-08 appropriations for the purpose of purchasing textbooks and other related school supplies and equipment;
- (j) Order in Council 2007-061 authorized the Departments of Transportation and Works, Natural Resources and Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds totaling \$4,560,250 against their budgetary appropriations over the two year period commencing with the signing of the helicopter services contract in February 2007;
- (k) Order in Council 2007-068 authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$2.5 million for fiscal year 2007-08 for the construction of an extension and renovations to Exploits Valley Intermediate School;
- (l) Order in Council 2007-146 authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$23.6 million for the 2007/08 fiscal year, \$26.4 million for the 2008/09 fiscal year and

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\$8.5 million for the 2009/10 fiscal year for purposes of the Corner Brook Long Term Care Project;

- (m) Order in Council 2007-148 authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds starting in the 2007-08 fiscal year to award up to a five year lease agreement for Government's printing requirements, up to a total value not to exceed \$585,000;
- (n) Order in Council 2007-138 authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit funds totaling \$200,000 in the 2007/08 fiscal year to complete the development and execution of a marketing strategy to promote business investment in the province;
- (o) Order in Council 2007-194 authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its current account appropriations in the amount of \$75,000 for 2008/09 in order to facilitate a contract award to upgrade the domestic water lines on the theatre side of the Arts and Culture Centre, Gander; and
- (p) Order in Council 2007-202 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds totaling \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10, for purposes of a contract extension for a strategic advisor on energy.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Taylor) tabled a letter to the Premier from Dean MacDonald and a letter to the Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities) from the Premier.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that the House concur in the report of the Government Services Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.