

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Goward Heath, a Royal Navy Second World War veteran.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Stelman Flynn on the success of his company Labrador Preserves.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate Tracey Fancey on being named Volunteer Firefighter of the year for the Bishop's Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Lions Club on its 44<sup>th</sup> Charter anniversary and Mr. Walter Baggs the only member to have 44 years of continuous service in the club.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the Town of Witless Bay and the Bay Bulls - Bauline Regional Games Committee for their efforts in hosting the second Regional Games for this region in the past two years.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to recognize Frances Ennis who received a Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement respecting the Business Retention and Expansion Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador Affairs (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement respecting the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Labrador Creative Arts Festival.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy), in accordance with sub-section 26(5) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of the following Orders in Council relating to funding pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2008-161 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit \$6,890,000 against its 2009-10 and 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to cover cost-shared agreements with Abitibi/Bowater and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. related to inventory management and silviculture development;
- (b) Order in Council 2008-163 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit \$3,240,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary

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appropriations in order to cover cost-shared inventory agreements with Abitibi/Bowater and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. related to inventory management;

- (c) Order in Council 2008-198 which authorized the Public Service Secretariat to pre-commit \$295,000 against its appropriations for fiscal year 2009-10 and to pre-commit \$130,000 against its appropriations for fiscal year 2010-11 to facilitate the award of a contract to Deloitte Inc. for the provision of consulting services and a new Job Evaluation System;
- (d) Order in Council 2008-203 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit up to \$55,000 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriations to enable the department to retain Trinity International consultants Inc. for the 2009-10 fiscal year;
- (e) Order in Council 2008-205 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds to a maximum of \$70,000 in 2007-08 and 2008-09 for the award of a contract for the chemical analysis of Voisey's Bay nickel concentrates;
- (f) Order in Council 2008-206 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds of \$51,600 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriations in order to award the contract to perform air quality monitoring to AMEC Earth and Environmental;
- (g) Order in Council 2008-207 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds up to \$250,000 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the planning of the 2009 Mines and Energy Ministers' meeting to be held in St. John's in September 2009;
- (h) Order in Council 2008-208 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds of \$8,700,000 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriation for construction of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (i) Order in Council 2008-209 which authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit funds of approximately \$1,517,300 in 2009-10; \$103,000 in 2010-11; \$36,000 in 2011-12; and \$43,000 in 2012-13 to Other Ocean Group to facilitate the establishment of a video game development facility in the province;

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- (j) Order in Council 2008-236 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds of \$120,867 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriations to enter into the federal/provincial agreement on substance use in the workplace;
- (k) Order in Council 2008-239 which authorized the Department of Environment and Conservation to pre-commit annual funds of \$100,000 against its 2009-10 and 2010-11 budgetary appropriations in order to facilitate the awarding of a contract to the Nature Conservancy of Canada;
- (l) Order in Council 2008-241 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit funds up to \$300,000 against its 2009-10 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the planning of the Southeastern United States – Canadian Provinces Alliance Conference to be held in St. John's in July, 2009.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) tabled a Special Warrant as authorized by Order in Council 2008-196 under sub-section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$1,544,600 to be expended under the Department of Finance and President of Treasury Board Head of Expenditure.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-assess their decision to drop Conception Bay North on the priority list for a long-term care facility and commit to all residents of the area that the assessment of 2000-2001 will be implemented and a new facility will be built in the Conception Bay North area.

Debate continued on the point of privilege raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) raised a point of order respecting the rota for Private Members' Day.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.