

Wednesday, December 17th, 2008

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

The Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Joyce Samms of Port aux Basques who is a recipient of a Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate the pupils of Cowan Heights Elementary and Mr. Loyola Fitzpatrick, the school's physical education teacher, on being awarded a gold banner by the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Dance.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate Dalton Council 1448 Knights of Columbus on their centennial which will occur in 2009.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate Mike Howlett, Sean Edwards and Blair Aylward, award winners and teammates on the St. Lawrence Laurentians soccer team.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape LaHune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Joshua Sheppard who placed first among students in the Province who wrote the Canadian Association of Physicists' exam.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate the nominees for and winners of the 2008 Pearl Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Ms. Whalen) made a Statement to inform the House about the Shad Valley programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador Affairs (Mr. Hickey) made a Statement to inform the House about the status of the Department's administration of the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(c) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of the following Orders in Council relating to funding pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2008-346 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$1,900,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2009-10 and 2008-09 to facilitate the extension of a contract for the provisioning of strategic enterprise software products;

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- (b) Order in Council 2008-343 which authorized the Department of Forestry and Agrifoods Agency to pre-commit funds of \$42,000 against its 2009 -10 budget appropriations in order to meet the financial commitments for the National Forest Pest Project – Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Project;
- (c) Order in Council 2008-344 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit funds in the amount of up to \$1,600,000 against its 2009-2010 budgetary appropriations for the funding of tourism advertising in the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) advised the House that leave had been granted to forgo Private Members' Day.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience" (Bill No. 73) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience" (Bill No. 73) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 66 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 66 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Collins took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Fire Protection Services In The Province" (Bill No. 60);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience" (Bill No. 73).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Collins) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Fire Protection Services In The Province" (Bill No. 60);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience" (Bill No. 73).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a third time presently and that Bills No. 66 and 73 be read a third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 And To Repeal the Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 38);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act" (Bill No. 39);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend the Arts Council Act" (Bill No. 40);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Pickersgill Fellowship Act" (Bill No. 41);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Memorial University Foundation Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Corporations Guarantees Act" (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Certified Public Accountants Act" (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Chartered Accountants And Certified Public Accountants Merger Act" (Bill No. 45);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Linerboard Limited Agreement Act, 1979" (Bill No. 47);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Labrador Linerboard Limited Agreement (Amendment) Act, 1979" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Certified Management Accountants" (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act No. 2" (Bill No. 52);
- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 53);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The School Boards' Association Act" (Bill No. 54);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Homes For Special Care Act" (Bill No. 55);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Midwifery Act" (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Private Homes For Special Care Allowances Act" (Bill No. 57);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Venereal Disease Prevention Act" (Bill No. 58);
- A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Organization And Administration Of Emergency Services In The Province" (Bill No. 59);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice of Dentistry" (Bill No. 61);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 62);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Management Of Information Act" (Bill No. 63);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Rooms Act" (Bill No. 64);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 68);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Chartered Accountants" (Bill No. 69);
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Research And Development Council" (Bill No. 70);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Rooms Act No. 2" (Bill No. 71);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Certified General Accountants" (Bill No. 72);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Fire Protection Services In The Province" (Bill No. 60).

By leave pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 66);

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A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Practice Of Engineering And Geoscience”
(Bill No. 73).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke), the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones), the Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) and the Premier (Mr. Williams) extended Christmas Greetings to Members and staff of the House.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.