

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to pay tribute to volunteer firefighters with the Spaniard's Bay Fire Department, Mr. Weldon Seymour and Mr. David Healy, who received the long service bar and certificate of recognition.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate A.J. Whiffen of Grand Falls-Windsor on his success with the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize Cynthia Colosimo Robbins of Forteau, Labrador who illustrated the book "How Dog Became A Friend" by Paul O'Neill.

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Buchans (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate the participants in the recent Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant, in particular Laura Woodworth, winner and LeDon Byrne, 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up winner respectively.

The Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Master Warrant Officer Stephen Jeans who was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) by the Governor General.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to congratulate the Special Olympics Team of Newfoundland and Labrador on their recent participation in the Winter Games in Quebec City.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to inform the House of the status of the Insulin Pump and supplies programme for children.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Allison Kelly of Howley who has won the Canadian Securities Administrators' Financial Fitness Challenge Contest.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of the following Orders in Council relating to the funding pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2008-092 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to spend \$553,000 against its 2008/09 budget allocation to

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facilitate the award of tender to construct a building extension for the veterinary office at Pynn's Brook;

- (b) Order in Council 2008-090 which authorized a pre-commitment of funds within the budget of the Public Service Commission totalling \$212,500 in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, for the development and implementation of a recruitment strategy;
- (c) Order in Council 2008-080 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to spend against its appropriations for Building Utilities and Maintenance as follows: \$3,055,000 for 2008-09, \$2,579,600 for 2009-10, \$1,993,500 for 2010-11 and \$12,800 for 2011-12 to facilitate the award of various service contracts;
- (d) Order in Council 2008-078 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to spend up to \$2.0 million against its 2009-10 budgetary allocations for the Regional/Sectoral Diversification Fund;
- (e) Order in Council 2008-089 which authorized the Department of Education to spend \$509,300 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations for the purposes of entering into a five-year end-user agreement with Persona Communications.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), in compliance with paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the Minutes of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for May to December, 2007 and January and February, 2008.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 65(e) that the following Members comprise the Privileges and Election Committee:

- (a) The Member for Baie Verte-Springdale (Mr. Rideout)
- (b) The Member for Burgeo-LaPoile (Mr. Parsons)
- (c) The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael)
- (d) The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham)
- (e) The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley)

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The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reassess 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act Respecting A Licensee Levy" (Bill No. 18);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 19);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lobbyist Registration Act" (Bill No. 14);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 15).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

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As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2008, by way of Supplementary Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **John Crosbie**  
Lieutenant Governor."

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On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 13 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Collins took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2008 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 13) and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Collins) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 13 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and ask leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time and adopted:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2008 the sum of \$10,700,200."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2008 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 13) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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By leave, first reading of Bill No. 19 “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” was rescinded.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved that the following Members comprise the Privileges and Elections Committee:

- (a) The Member for Baie Verte-Springdale (Mr. Rideout)
- (b) The Member for Burgeo-LaPoile (Mr. Parsons)
- (c) The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael)
- (d) The Member for St. John’s East (Mr. Buckingham)
- (e) The Member for The Isles of Notre Dame (Mr. Dalley)

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services” (Bill No. 5).

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 directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services” (Bill No. 5) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be now read a third time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Architects And The Provision Of Architectural Services” (Bill No. 5) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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