

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

The Member for Topsail (Ms. Marshall) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of Mr. Evan Ash to the Special Olympics movement.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Elizabeth Penashue who was recently presented with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in Environment & Natural Resources.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the nominees for the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Awards for 2007.

The Member for Burgeo - LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Channel – Port aux Basques and the Port aux Basques Minor Hockey Association and the competition organizing committee on being selected one of the five finalists in the 2008 Kraft Hockeyville competition.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize the achievements of Kristen Francis, a level 2 pupil at John Burke High School in Grand Bank.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize the achievement of Robert Slaney of Upper Island Cove who has been 'short-listed' for the Marcel Robert Trophy.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize Social Work Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement respecting the Telegram's Newspaper in Education program.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to section 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under section 48 of the Act since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act** reported that there had been no guaranteed loans paid out by the Province since the last annual report.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) pursuant to section 55.1(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** reported that there had been no guaranteed debt of any Crown Corporation or agency assumed by the Province since the last annual report.

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

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-303 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$1,283,000 to be expended under the Department of Municipal Affairs Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-349 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$3,844,900 to be expended under the Department of Justice Head of Expenditure;
- (c) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-358 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$563,600 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-490 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$3,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Municipal Affairs Head of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2007-489 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$2,008,700 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), in accordance with section 28(3)(b) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled new Activity Expenditures under the Department of Transportation and Works as authorized by Orders in Council 2008-008.

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 Order in Council relating to the following funding pre-commitments for the year 2008-2009:

1. Order in Council 2007-297 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$1,044,431 against its 2008-09 appropriations for the Provincial Roads Improvement Program and

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authorized the Department of Municipal Affairs to pre-commit \$1,044,430 against its 2008-09 appropriation for Municipal Infrastructure;

2. Order in Council 2007-301 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$2,564,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for Subhead 3.2.02 – Health Care Facilities for the purpose of construction of the new Grand Bank Clinic and renovations to the Blue Crest Nursing Home;
3. Order in Council 2007-302 which authorized the Department of Justice to pre-commit funds against capital account appropriations Court Facilities – Capital 3.3.01 in the amount of \$9 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year to award the design build contract and fund other project related expenses for the Corner Brook Law Courts;
4. Order in Council 2007-307 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$1,698,950, \$1,698,950, \$1,698,950 and \$368,317 against its 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgetary appropriations respectively to facilitate an award of contract for summer and winter maintenance of the Trans Labrador Highway between Churchill Falls to Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Northwest River;
5. Order in Council 2007-322 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$410,000 against its 2008-09 current account budgetary appropriations for the purpose of awarding a contract to replace the Heating/Ventilation Unit #3 at the College of the North Atlantic, Grand Falls-Windsor;
6. Order in Council 2007-355 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$157,700 in each of fiscal years 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to facilitate the award of a six year contract with Xerox to a total of \$946,200 for two micro-enabled printers with year one funding being provided in the 2007-08 budget;
7. Order in Council 2007-356 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit annual funding of \$6,984,914 against its appropriations in fiscal years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respecting the St. Barbe-Blanc Sablon Ferry Service;
8. Order in Council 2007-359 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds in the amounts of \$347,738 against its

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2008-09 appropriations and \$307,605 against its 2009-10 appropriations to facilitate the award of contract for project management of the preliminary rehabilitation work at major abandoned mine properties in the Baie Verte area;

9. Order in Council 2007-372 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funding against capital account appropriations under 3.2.02 in the amount of \$13.4 million for 2008-09 and \$3.6 million for 2009-10 to award the design build contract and fund other project-related expenses for the construction of the Long Term Care Facility, Happy Valley-Goose Bay;
10. Order in Council 2007-373 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$4,500,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway;
11. Order in Council 2007-453 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$7,869,200 and \$5,942,900 against its budgetary appropriations for 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively to facilitate renewals of contracts with Labrador Marine Inc. for the operation of ferry services as well as the management of freight/administrative services;
12. Order in Council 2007-454 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$90,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations to complete a clinical review of the Child, Youth and Family Services Program;
13. Order in Council 2007-468 which authorized the Department of Justice to pre-commit \$10,393,743 for 2008-09 in place of the \$9 million previously approved by OC2007-302 for 2008-09 for the Corner Brook Law Courts;
14. Order in Council 2007-474 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$110,000 against its appropriations for 2008-09 to facilitate the extension of the contract to iMIRADOR Inc.
15. Order in Council 2007-475 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$5.3 million for the fiscal year 2008-09 against capital account appropriations under 3.1.08 (School Facilities – New Constructions and Alterations to Existing Facilities) for the Herdman Collegiate Redevelopment Project;

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16. Order in Council 2007-494 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit \$1,200,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for tourism advertising in the fiscal year 2008-09;
17. Order in Council 2007-526 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$2,677,700 against its 2008-09 appropriations to complete renovations to the hospital and other projects relating to the construction of the long term care home in Clarenville;
18. Order in Council 2007-527 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$4,200,000 for fiscal year 2008-09 in place of the \$2,564,000 previously approved by OC2007-301 against its 2008-09 capital account appropriations for Health Care Facilities for the Grand Bank Health Care Centre and Blue Crest Nursing Home project;
19. Order in Council 2007-528 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$66.5 million against its 2008-09 appropriations for the 2008-09 Provincial Roads Improvement Program;
20. Order in Council 2007-529 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$45 million against its 2008-09 appropriations for the 2008-09 Trans Labrador Highway (Phase I);
21. Order in Council 2007-530 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$33.8 million against its 2008-09 appropriations for the 2008-09 Trans Canada Highway/National Highway System projects;
22. Order in Council 2007-531 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$12.5 million towards Trans Labrador Highway (Phase III) construction against its 2008-09 appropriations, in addition to an already approved pre-commitment of \$4.5 million (OC2007-373 refers), for a total program expenditure of \$17 million;
23. Order in Council 2007-532 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$7 million against its 2008-09 appropriations towards construction of the Torbay By-Pass Road;
24. Order in Council 2008-007 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit \$1.5 million against its 2008-

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09 allocation for the Regional/Sectoral Diversification Fund for a total pre-commitment authority of \$2.5 million;

25. Order in Council 2008-009 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$705,200 against its appropriations for 2008-09 to facilitate the completion of the Uninterruptible Power Supply system/upgrade at the Office of the Chief Information Officer Building, 40 Higgins Line, St. John's;
26. Order in Council 2008-014 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$160,000 against its 2008-09 budget allocation in order to complete Phase II of the Geological Files Scanning Project;
27. Order in Council 2008-018 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$5,394,261 against its 2008-09 appropriations under Equipment Acquisitions to facilitate the purchase of 32 Tandem Axle Snow Plows;
28. Order in Council 2008-019 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$158,500 and \$39,700 for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10 appropriations respectively for Airstrip Maintenance, to facilitate the awarding of the contract and the continued maintenance and snow removal on the Natuashish Airstrip;
29. Order in Council 2008-028 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$538,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations under the Alterations and Improvements in Existing Facilities Block Funding Allocation, to facilitate an award of contract for over-cladding of the Arts and Culture Centre, Stephenville;
30. Order in Council 2008-040 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$5,000,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations to facilitate the early commencement and completion of major maintenance/building envelope projects;
31. Order in Council 2008-042 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit \$610,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for the contracting of architectural and engineering design work for the Colonial Building and funding of \$20,000 for the completion of interpretive planning contracts for the Point Amour and Beothuck Interpretation Centre Provincial Historic Sites;

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32. Order in Council 2008-065 which authorized the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment to pre-commit \$2,500,000 against its 2009-10 appropriations under Youth and Student Services to facilitate the delivery of student programs and services;
33. Order in Council 2008-066 which authorized the Public Service Secretariat to pre-commit \$25,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for the provision of consultant services related to public sector compensation services;
34. Order in Council 2008-067 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$778,000 against its 2008-09 appropriations for Alterations and Improvements to Existing Facilities to facilitate awarding a contract for the upgrading of the fire alarm system in Confederation Building.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) tabled the following:

- (a) the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the By Election held in the District of Placentia – St. Mary's on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and
- (b) the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved, seconded by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons), that the following Members comprise the Striking Committee:

- (a) The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Rideout)
- (b) The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Ms. Burke)
- (c) The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Byrne)
- (d) The Member for Burgeo – LaPoile (Mr. Parsons)
- (e) The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler).

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

The Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to establish a long-term drug and alcohol addictions treatment facility in the Province.

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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 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.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) 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:

“10 March, 2008

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 2009, 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.

Sgd. **John Crosbie**  
Lieutenant Governor”.

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. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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.



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The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they 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, Wednesday, March 12<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.