

Tuesday, March 30th, 2010

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Elementary Kids Eat Smart Club on a successful breakfast celebration to mark nutrition month.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the contestants in the Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant and in particular the winner Miss Somaria Balram.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Bill O'Gorman on the release of his second book entitled: *"Lest We Forget: The Life and Times of Veterans from the Port au Port Peninsula – WW1"*.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate David Yetman, a native of Red Bay, on receiving the MUN President's Award for Exemplary Service.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Keith Hogan and District Drugs for winning the Small Business Award for the Town of Torbay.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to acknowledge the contributions to the Bonavista region made by the firemen of Centreville, Wareham, Trinity and Indian Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to inform the House about a decision of the Public Utilities Board relating to the establishment of a water management agreement on the Churchill River between Nalcor Energy and the Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Jessica Grant, winner of the 2009 Winterset Award.

During Oral Questions the Speaker asked the Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) to withdraw unparliamentary words. The Member refused to withdraw after three requests to do so whereupon the Speaker named Mr. Marshall Dean and suspended him from the service of the House for the remainder of the sitting day.

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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 funding pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2009-394 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds of \$125,000 against its 2010-11 appropriations to facilitate hotel contracts required by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency to host the Canadian Councils of Resource Ministers and Deputy Ministers' meetings;
- (b) Order in Council 2010-015 which authorized the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to pre-commit \$4,204,900 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of contracts for the construction of aquaculture inflow wharfs at Pool's Cove and Hermitage;
- (c) Order in Council 2010-016 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amounts of \$1,389,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of a tender for the roofing replacement and repairs contract of the Prince Philip Drive Campus of the College of the North Atlantic;
- (d) Order in Council 2010-035 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding of \$50,340,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations, \$36,458,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations and \$1,374,000 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations for the acquisition of four (4) waterbombers from Bombardier Inc.;
- (e) Order in Council 2010-036 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit up to an additional \$2.3 million against its 2010-11 budgetary allocations to cover multi-year project approvals under its Regional/Sectoral Diversification Fund bringing the total amount of funds that can be pre-committed for the purpose of this initiative to \$4.8 million in 2010-11;
- (f) Order in Council 2010-049 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds of up to \$1,950,000 against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2010-11 to facilitate a contract extension with Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc.;
- (g) Order in Council 2010-053 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit funding of \$77,750 against its 2010-

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11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of a contract with InterVISTAS Consulting Inc.;

- (h) Order in Council 2010-054 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funding of \$5,440,600 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a structural steel contract to the lowest compliant bidder, Pomerleau Inc.;
- (i) Order in Council 2010-055 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$1,137,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of a tender to Brook Construction (2007) Inc. for Canon Richards High School – Redevelopment, Phase III;
- (j) Order in Council 2010-056 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$400,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations related to transportation depot projects at Cartwright Junction and Crook’s Lake;
- (k) Order in Council 2010-069 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amounts of \$25.5 million in 2010-11, \$35.0 million in 2011-12, \$35.1 million in 2012-13, \$22.7 million in 2013-14 and \$1.5 million in 2014-15 to provide for the renovations to existing residences and construction of new residences at Memorial University in St. John’s and Corner Brook;
- (l) Order in Council 2010-072 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds up to \$9,000,000 against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2010-11 to facilitate the one year extension of Information Technology and Information Management professional services contract to March 31, 2011 as follows: Xwave Solutions Inc. (up to \$4,000,000). PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada (up to \$4,000,000) and Deloitte Inc. (up to \$1,000,000);
- (m) Order in Council 2010-077 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit funding of up to \$120,000 in each of fiscal years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 in support of the contract for a new contact management centre.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following Resolution:

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“WHEREAS section 42.1 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that the Information and Privacy Commissioner is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS section 42.2 of the Act states that a commissioner may be reappointed;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of the current commissioner, Mr. Ed Ring, expires on April 10, 2010;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that Mr. Ring be reappointed as the commissioner for a term of 2 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Ed Ring, be reappointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a term of 2 years”.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion “That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech).

During the debate the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

“That all the words after “that” be struck out and the following substituted:

“This House condemns the government for its failure to develop and present fiscally responsible programs to address the economic problems of rural areas of this Province and bring forward a plan that generates sustainable economic growth that builds on the projects developed by previous Administrations.”

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:23 o’clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:25 o’clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke), the House adjourned *sine die*.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.