

Tuesday, April 20th, 2010

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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the Port Hope Simpson and Mary's Harbour Junior Canadian Ranger Patrols which won the first and second place awards at the JCR Provincial Air Rifle Marksmanship Competition and to recognize Maria Russell and Daniel Johnson the individual winner and runner-up respectively.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Bishop's College on its 50th anniversary.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to congratulate Phillipa Gosine, a pupil at Gonzaga High School, for her success in academic and extra-curricular activities in the past year.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Barbara Barrett of Arnold's Cove a long time volunteer in her community.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement to congratulate representatives of the Province's craft industry for their contribution to the community and the economy.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister Responsible for the Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of the volunteer and non-profit sectors to the Province.

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 2010-098 which authorized the Department of Justice to pre-commit up to \$75,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2010-11 for the purpose of engaging Mr. John Cummings to complete a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, as required by section 74 of that Act;
- (b) Order in Council 2010-099 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$1,870,000 against its budgetary appropriations as follows: 2010-11 - \$440,000, 2011-12 - \$440,000, 2012-13 - \$330,000, 2013-14 - \$330,00, 2014-15 - \$253,000, and 2015-16 - \$77,000;

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- (c) Order in Council 2010-101 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations as follows:
- (i) \$39.5 million for new projects, including the federal share of stimulus program projects, and additional funding of \$10.5 million to complete carryover work from 2009-10 under the 2010-11 Provincial Roads Improvement Program for a program total of \$60 million. Authority is also provided for a pre-commitment of \$10 million against the 2011-12 appropriation to complete any carry-over work from 2010-11;
 - (ii) \$35.7 million in 2010-11 to complete carry-over projects and \$25.0 million in 2011-12 for new widening and hard surfacing projects on Phase I of the Trans Labrador Highway;
 - (iii) \$10.3 million in 2010-11 to complete carry-over projects for the construction of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Cartwright;
 - (iv) \$2.0 million for carry-overs and \$28.0 million for new projects in 2010-11, and \$12.5M in 2011-12 for new projects in the Major Infrastructure Component of the Building Canada Fund;
 - (v) \$2.0 million in 2010-11, \$9.0 million in 2011-12 and \$6 million in 2012-13 for replacement of the Placentia Lift Bridge and Kenmount Road Overpass under the Building Canada Fund;
 - (vi) \$7.7 million in 2010-11, \$2.1 million in 2011-12 and \$4.8 million in 2012-13 under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund for construction of the Conception Bay South Bypass and completion of construction of the Torbay Bypass;
 - (vi) \$15 million in 2011-12 for construction of the Team Gushue Highway;
- (d) Order in Council 2010-103 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the early commencement and completion of major maintenance/building envelope projects.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald), in compliance with the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the Public Tender Exceptions for the months of December, 2009 and January and February, 2010.

By leave, the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Provincial Government, on June 5th last year, released “Oceans of Opportunity”, a five-year, \$28 million strategy to expand our Province’s ocean technology sector;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador’s ocean technology sector is a cluster of more than 50 world-class institutions, companies and industry organizations which are harnessing the power of innovation and entrepreneurship to achieve the common goal of growing the industry’s value by 600 per cent to \$1 billion with more than 6,600 employees by 2015;

AND WHEREAS this strategy builds on the Province’s investments in the School of Ocean Technology at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University to advance technology transfer and applied research in ways that provide opportunities for both our graduates and our Province to take a leadership role in this sector;

AND WHEREAS this strategy includes provisions for the Ocean Technology Development Fund with components to advance the work of private sector enterprises, post-secondary institutions and industry associations; International Marketing Assistance; the Polaris Program; Business Incubation; and the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Observation System Partnership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House expresses confidence in the Government’s initiative to position Newfoundland and Labrador as a global leader in ocean technology by putting into action “Oceans of Opportunity: Newfoundland and Labrador’s Ocean Technology Strategy”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) moved, by leave, pursuant to Standing Order 65(1) (a), (b) and (c) that the composition of the Government Services, Resource and Social Services Committees be as follows:

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Harry Harding – Member for Bonavista North

Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – La Poile

Mr. Ray Hunter – Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South

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Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi
 Mr. Derrick Dalley – Member for The Isles of Notre Dame
 Mr. Marshall Dean – Member for The Straits – White Bay North
 Mr. Jim Baker – Member for Labrador West
 Mr. Wade Verge – Member for Lewisporte

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Clayton Forsey – Member for Exploits
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi
 Mr. Kelvin Parsons – Member for Burgeo – La Poile
 Mr. John Dinn – Member for Kilbride
 Mr. Roland Butler – Member for Port de Grave
 Mr. Terry Loder – Member for Bay of Islands
 Mr. Marshall Dean – Member for The Straits – White Bay North
 Mr. Ed Buckingham – Member for St. John's East
 Mr. Kevin Pollard – Member for Baie Verte – Springdale

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Keith Hutchings – Member for Ferryland
 Mr. Roland Butler – Member for Port de Grave
 Ms. Yvonne Jones – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi
 Mr. Marshall Dean – Member for The Straits – White Bay North
 Mr. Bob Ridgley – Member for St. John's North
 Mr. Tony Cornect – Member for Port au Port
 Mr. Wallace Young – Member for St. Barbe
 Mr. Kevin Parsons – Member for Cape St. Francis.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) further moved, by leave, pursuant to Standing Order 74(1), that

- (a) The following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Resource Committee**:

Business
 Environment and Conservation

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Fisheries and Aquaculture
Innovation, Trade and Rural Development
Newfoundland and Labrador Research Development Council
Rural Secretariat
Natural Resources
Status of Women
Tourism, Culture and Recreation

- (b) The following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Social Services Committee**:

Child, Youth and Family Services
Human Resources, Labour and Employment
Municipal Affairs
Justice
Education
Health and Community Services

- (c) The following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Government Services Committee**:

Finance
Public Service Commission
Office of the Chief Information Office
Government Services
Government Purchasing Agency
Transportation and Works
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
Intergovernmental Affairs
Non-Profit Sector.

The Speaker put the questions on the motions and declared the motions carried.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to support and maintain the Air Ambulance service in the St. Anthony area.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.