

Monday, May 10th, 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 pay tribute to the late Michael Dinn.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to congratulate Robyn Langdon, who will represent the Province at a competition in New Brunswick, for her success in the discipline of public speaking.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Kayla Carroll, of St. Lunaire-Griquet, who was one of eight recipients of an inaugural URock Volunteer Award.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to congratulate the Botwood Collegiate Robotics team on winning gold in their category at the Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador competition.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Katie Flynn from Forteau who is the recipient of the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize National Police Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Innovation, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Skinner) made a Statement about the Provincial Government's Community Capacity Building program.

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 2010-109 which authorized the Voluntary and Non-Profit Secretariat to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$280,000 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the completion of a contract with M5 Marketing Communications Inc. for the purpose of implementing the Who Cares? communications campaign;
- (b) Order in Council 2010-114 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$295,450 in 2010-11 and \$323,868 in 2011-12

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to facilitate the province entering into a contribution agreement with Health Canada to enhance drug treatment services for youth;

- (c) Order in Council 2010-115 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$542,000 in 2010-11, \$562,000 in 2011-12 and \$542,000 in 2012-13 to facilitate the province entering into a contribution agreement with Health Canada to enhance the addictions treatment system in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (d) Order in Council 2010-122 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$7,700,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the replacement of Virginia Park Elementary;
- (e) Order in Council 2010-123 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture & Recreation to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$212,650 against its 2010-11 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the purchase and installation of the seats at the Gander Arts and Culture Centre;
- (f) Order in Council 2010-143 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$1,742,697 for 2011-12, \$1,011,877 for 2012-13, \$55,160 for 2013-14 and \$42,200 for 2014-15.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Jones) that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS drilling and production in our offshore areas brings not only economic benefits, but real risks of environmental disaster, as we have seen with the Louisiana oil catastrophe, which will have impacts for decades to come;

AND WHEREAS the offshore oil industry polices itself through the CNLOPB and there are concerns on their lack of transparency in addressing oil spills, as well as resources available to address a major emergency event;

AND WHEREAS there is no comprehensive safety regime or work plans for oil spills, no independent monitors on rigs and oil extraction is exempt from the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *Fisheries Act* and the *Canada Shipping Act*;

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AND WHEREAS Chevron is currently drilling in deep waters without immediate backup plans and oil analysts say it could take up to 3-4 months for back-up rigs to become operational;

AND WHEREAS the Grand Banks represents one of the richest fishing banks and fragile ecosystems in the world and thousands of Newfoundlanders could be gravely impacted should a major oil spill occur;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia and the Pacific States have a combined oil spill task force in place with annual work plans – notwithstanding a moratorium of offshore drilling on the west coast;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly encourages the Provincial Government to immediately put into place a Task Force to examine the current environmental and safety procedures, policies and processes; make recommendations for “best practices and technology” changes; review the industry on an annual basis; review protocols for potential oil spills in Placentia Bay; produce an Annual Work Plan to enhance oil spill preparedness and response capabilities throughout all drilling areas and oil transport routes near Newfoundland and Labrador to avoid and/or mitigate the effects of a possible oil spill that could devastate the waters off our coast for decades to come.”

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Practice Of Social Work” (Bill No. 20).

Pursuant to notice and on motion a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Insurance Companies Act No. 2” (Bill No. 19) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read the second time on tomorrow.

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

- A Bill, “An Act To Provide Liability Protection On Portions Of Pedestrian Trails” (Bill No. 5);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Grand Concourse Authority Act” (Bill No. 12);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act” (Bill No. 13);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services Act” (Bill No. 14).

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget motion and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill No. 4) 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, Tuesday, May 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.