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The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate Shawn Kavanagh of Calvert on being awarded the Leida Finlayson Memorial Scholarship.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Selby Noseworthy who recently received the Coaching Service Award at the School Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Awards Banquet held in St. John's on June 4.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate Beachside native Warrant Officer Dale Verge who was awarded the medal of Military Valour in Ottawa recently.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Joe Maynard who has received the Order of Merit Atlantic Award from Hockey Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to inform the House that Government had increased the number of moose licenses that are made available to provincially-registered charities and non-profit organizations.

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 2010-166 which authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit \$300,000 against its budgetary appropriations under the Business Attraction Fund in 2011-12 to facilitate a non-repayable contribution to Compusult Limited;
- (b) Order in Council 2010-167 which authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit \$282,000 against its budgetary appropriations under the Business Attraction Fund Special Incentives Grants and Subsidies in 2011-12 to facilitate the completion of a contract with Gladstone Systems Solutions;
- (c) Order in Council 2010-168 which authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit \$118,400 against its budgetary appropriations under the Business Attraction Fund Special Incentives Grants and Subsidies in

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- 2011-12 to facilitate the completion of a contract with Bit Trap Studios Canada;
- (d) Order in Council 2010-170 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit \$6,000,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary allocations in order to purchase timber rights from Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited as noted in the Minister's Submission.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Topsail (Mr. Davis):

"WHEREAS archaeologist Bill Gilbert and his team from the Baccalieu Trail Heritage Corporation in 1995 discovered the original site of John Guy's 1610 Cupers Cove Plantation and, since that time, more than 145,000 artifacts have been catalogued and important 17th century structures have been identified;

AND WHEREAS Cupids, the oldest English settlement in what is now Canada, is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year;

AND WHEREAS in November, Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited our Province to launch the year-long Cupids 400 celebration;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government last June announced an additional \$1.8 million to help fund the construction of the Cupids 400 Legacy Centre, bringing the Province's total commitment to the Cupids celebration and related infrastructure to over \$3.8 million:

AND WHEREAS this legacy centre will house more than 110,000 artifacts uncovered since the discovery of the original site, and will also include a history/genealogical resource centre, a multi-purpose hall and an archaeology lab where visitors will learn about the processes of archaeology;

AND WHEREAS events throughout the year, culminating in the week of August 17-22, will inject an estimated \$15 million into the provincial economy while providing important and enduring tourism benefits to Cupids and the entire region;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly congratulates Cupids on its 400th anniversary and invites the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and tourists from across Canada and around the world to join the people of Cupids in celebrating this important historic occasion, strengthening our tourism industry and providing lasting benefits to many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in the process".

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June $17^{\rm th}$ at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.