

Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Buckingham) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Anne Whelan recipient of the RBC Momentum Award.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize and show appreciation for the volunteer firefighters in the District of Lewisporte.

By leave the Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Denine) made a Statement to recognize the Mount Pearl Seniors' Independence Group.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Conception Bay South for winning the title of Kraft Hockeyville 2011.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House about initiatives taken by Government to address housing needs through the Provincial Social Housing Plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> as International Adult Learners' Week.

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 2011-103 which authorized the Department of Transportation & Works to pre-commit funding of \$9,064,200 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 and \$6,971,500 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2014-15 and 2015-16 to facilitate the award of the contracts for the provision of Passenger/Freight/Vehicle Ferry Services to Coastal Labrador communities of Black Tickle, Cartwright, Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale, Natuashish and Nain from Goose Bay and Lewisporte;
- (b) Order in Council 2011-098 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit total funds of \$57,600 (\$US) against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract for the provision of in-market consulting services relating to the economic developments of Newfoundland and Labrador's ocean technology industry in the United States, specifically in the New England region, to Trinity International Consultants Inc.;

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- (c) Order in Council 2011-097 which authorized the Department of Human Resources, Labour & Employment to pre-commit funds up to \$66.5M for 2011-12 and 2012-13 for programs and services provided through the Labour Market Development Agreement and up to \$6.0M in 2011-12 and up to \$4.25M in 2012-13 for programs and services provided through the Labour Market Agreement;
- (d) Order in Council 2011-096 which authorized the Department of Human Resources, Labour & Employment to pre-commit funds of \$7.0M against its 2011-12 and 2012-13 budgetary appropriations for programs and services administered under Employment Development Programs, Employment Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Program and Youth and Student Services Program;
- (e) Order in Council 2011-099 which authorized the Department of Transportation & Works to pre-commit \$884,900 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of the tender for the operation of the Southern Labrador Ferry Service to Williams Harbour and Norman Bay to Puddister Trading Company Limited.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Skinner) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Crop Insurance Act And The Livestock Insurance Act” (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill No. 24);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Public Trustee Act, 2009” (Bill No. 25);

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice on behalf of the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** free and open communication is critical to sound public policy, essential to good governance and a cornerstone of an open and democratic society;

**AND WHEREAS** public servants have a higher loyalty to the people of the Province than to the security and convenience of their supervisors or political masters;

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**AND WHEREAS** whistleblower protections already exist for the House of Assembly Service and statutory offices but the same protections are denied to public servants within government departments and related agencies such as health and education authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** this Government promised to introduce whistleblower legislation almost four years ago;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Government consider the immediate extension of whistleblower protection to all provincial and municipal public servants in order to ensure their ability to freely disclose information about something they believe to be harmful to the public's interest without fear of workplace retribution or retaliation."

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide additional funding for improvements to Route 510 and connecting branch roads of the Trans-Labrador Highway.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to construct and operate a waiting room/restroom facility at the Town of Rose Blanche-Harbour Le Cou such that all users of the provincial ferry service may be able to utilize such waiting area/washroom facilities.

Pursuant to notice and on motion a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 20) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the Bill No. 20 be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read the second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 10) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credit Act" (Bill No. 3) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be read the second time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credit Act” (Bill No. 3) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.3 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.