

Monday, March 28th, 2011

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 Mrs. Agnes Pike on winning the Herbert D. Brett Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Economic Development.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize the Mount Pearl Seniors' Independence Group.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to recognize Michaela Silver for her efforts in raising money to support Parkinson's research.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Forsey) made a Statement to recognize the hockey career and accomplishments of Gene Faulkner of Bishop's Falls.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement about the Violence Prevention Initiative's Annual Stakeholders' Conference.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to inform the House that the Departments of Education and Tourism, Culture and Recreation are providing each school in the Province with a framed, limited-edition reproduction of a commemorative print recognizing the achievements of Danny Cleary.

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 2011-017 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal year 2011-12 of \$8,000,000 and for fiscal year 2012-13 of \$6,485,000 to facilitate the awarding of a tender for construction associated with the new K-12 school in St. Anthony (CP2-construction);
- (b) Order in Council 2011-019 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit \$1,997,000 against its 2011-12 appropriations to facilitate an equity investment in Cottles Island Lumber Company Limited;
- (c) Order in Council 2011-020 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit funding of up to \$10 million per year against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal years 2011-12, 2012-13 and

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2013-14 to provide for the award of the Agency of Record contract for Tourism Marketing;

- (d) Order in Council 2011-021 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the early commencement and completion of major K-12 school maintenance/building envelope projects;
- (e) Order in Council 2011-029 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows:
 - i) \$23.0 M in 2011-12 for Igor Damage Repair;
 - ii) \$25.0 M in 2011-12 for the Provincial Roads Program; and
 - iii) \$25.8 M in 2012-13 for hard surfacing of Phase I of the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (f) Order in Council 2011-030 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$21,700,000 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations, \$26,000,000 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations and \$6,900,000 against its 2013-14 budgetary appropriations in order to facilitate the award of the contract for the Labrador West Health Care Centre to Pomerleau Inc.;
- (g) Order in Council 2011-031 which authorized the Office of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading to pre-commit funds of \$180,800 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of three consulting contracts in relation to climate change;
- (h) Order in Council 2011-032 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit funds of \$49,200 against its 2011-12 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a consulting contract in relation to climate change;
- (i) Order in Council 2011-034 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$943,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2011-12 to facilitate the West Block Interior Lighting Upgrade construction contract;
- (j) Order in Council 2011-038 which authorized the Department of Justice to pre-commit funds of \$54,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 to facilitate the award of the tender for the closed circuit television surveillance system for George Street;

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- (k) Order in Council 2011-059 which authorized the Department of Business to pre-commit funding of \$4 million against its budgetary appropriations under the Business Attraction Fund in each of the next three fiscal years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13) to facilitate project awards by the Business Attraction Fund Committee, subject to Ministerial approval, for projects valued at less than \$500,000 as follows:
 - i) \$1.0 million for grants under Special Initiatives – Investment Attraction relating to the Business Attraction Fund (Current); and
 - ii) \$3.0 million for loans, advances and investments under the Business Attraction Fund (Capital).

- (l) Order in Council 2011-066 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$9.5M in each of the fiscal years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the awarding of three year contracts to provide Government's Information Technology and Information Management professional services beginning April 1, 2011 as follows:
 - i) Bell Canada Inc. with a pre-commitment up to \$5M per year;
 - ii) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP with a pre-commitment up to \$3M per year; and
 - iii) Plato Consulting Inc. with a pre-commitment up to \$1.5M per year.

- (m) Order in Council 2011-083 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development to pre-commit funds of \$2.5M per year against its budgetary appropriations in 2011-12 and 2013-14, inclusive of Federal funding from the Gateways and Border Crossings Fund, to enable the Department to facilitate project approvals;

- (n) Order in Council 2011-084 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds of \$11.64M in 2012-13 and \$12.16M in 2013-14, inclusive of Federal funding from the Gateways and Border Crossings Fund, to enable the Department to facilitate project approvals;

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the Report of the Citizens' Representative Investigation of Psychiatric Services in Provincial Correctional Facilities.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Kelly) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this House affirms that the development of the hydropower potential of Muskrat Falls is vital for the achievement of energy security in

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Newfoundland and Labrador and vital for fueling industrial development and economic growth in Labrador and on the Island.”

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act” (Bill No. 21).

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 Petroleum And Natural Gas Act” (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Practice Of Medicine In The Province” (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and 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 Sheriff’s Act, 1991” (Bill No. 11);

A Bill, “An Act To Repeal The Regulatory Reform Act” (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, “An Act To Repeal The Subordinate Legislation Revision And Consolidation Act” (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act” (Bill No. 14);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Support Orders Enforcement Act, 2006” (Bill No. 16);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting The Mandatory Reporting Of Gunshot And Stab Wounds” (Bill No. 17).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. Harding) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 20).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O’Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2” (Bill No. 18);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000” (Bill No. 19).

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 the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Correctional Services” (Bill No. 9);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act” (Bill No. 10).

On motion it was ordered the above-noted Bills 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 Public Accountants Act” (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Accountants Act” (Bill No. 4) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Standard Time Act” (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Standard Time Act” (Bill No. 6) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999” (Bill No. 7) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005” (Bill No. 5) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 7) 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, March 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.