

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) raised a point of privilege respecting alleged intimidation of a Member by way of a telephone call to her constituency office.

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 1:39 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the matter.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:08 o'clock in the afternoon, entertained some commentary on the Point of Privilege and took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Madelyn Kelly who has received the Wayne Earle Community Service Award.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Terri-Lynn Loder Gillett of the Summerside 4-H Rockets, who has received the 4-H Canadian Council Leader of the Year award for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize Mount Pearl Intermediate School and the "Character Counts" programme.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) made a Statement to congratulate the participants in the 2012 CanSpell competition, in particular Aaron Sarkar and Brandon Tilley of St. Andrews Elementary School.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) made a Statement to congratulate the City of Mount Pearl, the Frosty Festival Board of Directors and all who contributed to the success of Frosty Festival 2012.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Little) made a Statement to congratulate Captain John Russell who celebrated his 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 11, 2011.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to recognize International Women's Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to inform the House that the Find Yourself marketing campaign was recently honoured by the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International in New York City with ten Adrian Awards.

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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 2011-195 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funding up to a maximum of \$50,000 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract for the exploration and assessment of the Julienne Lake iron deposit to Behre Dolbear;
- (b) Order in Council 2011-196 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$3,000,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years, to facilitate the award of a three-year agreement with Microsoft for the provisioning of strategic enterprise software products;
- (c) Order in Council 2011-222 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$500,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14 to facilitate the award of a contract to Electronic Warfare Association – Canada Limited for the provision of information protection services for Government's electronic information assets and information technology infrastructure;
- (d) Order in Council 2011-223 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its future year's budgetary appropriations as follows, \$279,058 for 2012-13, \$229,510 for 2013-14 and \$36,600 for 2014-15 to facilitate the award of various building service contracts as noted in Annex B of the Minister's Submission;
- (e) Order in Council 2011-225 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$3,676,400 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 and \$743,600 in 2016-17 to facilitate the awarding of road maintenance contracts for the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (f) Order in Council 2011-239 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit \$450,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14 to facilitate the award of a contract for the provision of audit support and advisory services to Grant Thornton;

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- (g) Order in Council 2011-240 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit \$3,440,000 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the extension of Government's data centre contract with Bell Aliant;
- (h) Order in Council 2011-252 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$5.82M for 2012-13 and \$6.08M for 2013-14 to facilitate project approvals;
- (i) Order in Council 2011-268 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit up to \$100,000 against its budgetary appropriations for each of fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to facilitate the award of a contract for travel agency services for the period January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015 for the Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP);
- (j) Order in Council 2011-269 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to KE Software Inc. for the purchase, implementation and support of a Rooms Collection Management System as follows: \$76,611 in 2012-13, \$23,676 in 2013-14, \$24,157 in 2014-15 and \$24,643 in 2015-16;
- (k) Order in Council 2011-270 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$8.75 million against its budgetary appropriations in 2012-13 and \$3.35 million against its budgetary appropriations in 2013-14 to facilitate the award of a contract for the construction of the new Davis Elementary School in Carbonear to Marco Services Limited;
- (l) Order in Council 2011-276 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$800,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2012-13 to facilitate the award of a contract for Phase I of the Exploits Valley High School Redevelopment (New Gym Construction) in Grand Falls-Windsor to Bluebird Investments Limited;
- (m) Order in Council 2011-379 which authorized the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development to pre-commit \$2 million against budgetary allocations in 2012-13 to allow for completion of approved projects under the Rural Broadband Initiative;
- (n) Order in Council 2012-016 which authorized the Office of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading to pre-commit up to a maximum

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of \$135,000 against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal year 2012-13 to facilitate the award of a contract to AMEC to complete a study titled "A Study to Identify Greenhouse Gas Reduction Opportunities and Competitiveness Implications Offshore Oil and Gas";

- (o) Order in Council 2012-017 which authorized the Office of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading to pre-commit up to a maximum of \$54,000 against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal year 2012-13 to facilitate the award of a contract to ICF Marbek to compete a study titled "A Study to Identify Greenhouse Gas Reduction Opportunities and Competitiveness Implications: Iron Ore Mining";
- (p) Order in Council 2012-018 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations of up to \$31 million in 2012-13 and up to \$10 million in 2013-14 to facilitate planning and early tendering processes for the Provincial Roads Program;
- (q) Order in Council 2012-030 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Ellis Don Corporation Ltd. in relation to the Carbonear Long Term Care Facility as follows: \$18,000,000 in 2012-13, \$42,000,000 in 2013-14, \$12,000,000 in 2014-15 and \$399,159 in 2015-16;
- (r) Order in Council 2012-034 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$4.275M against its budgetary appropriations in 2012-13 to facilitate the award of a contract to Newfoundland Electric Ltd. for the supply and installation of generators, associated equipment and distribution for the Confederation Building Complex;
- (s) Order in Council 2012-035 which authorized the Department of Justice to pre-commit \$500,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to facilitate the award of contracts to Lawton's Drug Store Limited for the provision of pharmaceutical services for the Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre, Her Majesty's Penitentiary, Corner Brook Detention Centre and West Coast Correctional Centre for a three year period;
- (t) Order in Council 2012-046 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$10,000,000 against its 2012-13 budgetary appropriations

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to facilitate the early commencement of priority major repairs and maintenance projects;

- (u) Order in Council 2012-047 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Unisys Canada Inc. for the purchase, implementation and support of a Gasoline and Associated Products System as follows: \$394,400 in 2012-13, \$70,700 in 2013-14, \$71,300 in 2014-15 and \$72,000 in 2015-16;
- (v) Order in Council 2012-048 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the amendment of a contract with KE Software Inc. to implement and support an online solution for the Vital Statistics Division, Service NL, as follows: \$250,200 in 2012-13, \$50,000 in 2013-14 and \$50,000 in 2014-15;
- (w) Order in Council 2012-049 which authorized the Department of Advanced Education and Skills to pre-commit \$140,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2013-14 to facilitate the award of a contract to John Noseworthy for the completion of the business Transformation Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2010-11 Annual Report of the Chartered Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (b) the 2010-11 Annual Report of the Certified Management Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (c) the 2010-11 Annual Report of the Certified General Accountants Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 and The Urban And Rural Planning Act, 2000" (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act" (Bill No. 10).

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By leave the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) apologized to the House for comments he had made which led to the raising of the Point of Privilege earlier in the sitting.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to conduct a review of school bus transportation policies and school restructuring to ensure safe and quality education for all school children in the Province.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allow women aged 40-49 to be eligible for breast cancer screening and to allow all women to self-refer through Newfoundland and Labrador's screening programme.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the residents of Ramea, Grey River and Francois in their request to have adequate health care/nursing services available at the Ramea and coastal clinics.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Enduring Powers of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 3);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Ms. Burke), that the following Members comprise the Striking Committee:

- (a) The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. King)
- (b) The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil)
- (c) The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons)
- (d) The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones)
- (e) The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby).

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and that they Report to the House within 20 days the composition of the following Committees:

- (a) the Government Services Committee
- (b) the Social Services Committee
- (c) the Resource Committee
- (d) the Public Accounts Committee
- (e) the Privileges and Elections Committee
- (f) the Standing Orders Committee
- (g) the Miscellaneous and Private Bills Committee.

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and a Bill for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Verge took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Kent) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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