

Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to recognize the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Springdale Women's Institute.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to recognize those who work for human rights in the Province.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to recognize the communities of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River and Sheshatshiu, the staff of the Fire and Emergency services division of the Department of Natural Resources and all those who volunteered to fight the forest fire that threatened Sheshatshiu and North West River in June for their work in protecting their endangered communities.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to recognize the Dildo Playground Committee for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to commend the Council of Independent Community Pharmacy Owners, this year's recipients of the Pharmacy Practice and Drugstore Canada magazine's Lifetime Service Award.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to acknowledge and commend women's groups in the District of St. Barbe for their contribution to their communities.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) made a Statement to recognize International Human Rights Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement about the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) in accordance with section 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2012-164 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funding of \$200,000 against its budgetary appropriation in 2013-14 to facilitate the awarding of a contract to manage the process of bringing the Julienne Lake iron ore deposit to market, and to assist in negotiating terms of disposal;

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- (b) Order in Council 2012-165 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$162,000 in 2013-14 and \$50,000 in each of 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 to facilitate the awarding of the contract to implement and support a Laboratory Information Management System for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- (c) Order in Council 2012-166 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit funds of \$478,800 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2013-14 and 2014-15 to provide for the renewal of the Atlantic Canada Agreement on Tourism;
- (d) Order in Council 2012-213 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations to provide for the award of a contract to Accela Inc. for the purchase and implementation of a Fisheries and Aquaculture Licensing System as follows: \$392,300 in 2013-14, \$49,700 in 2014-15, \$49,700 in 2015-16 and \$49,700 in 2016-17 with funding of \$633,100 available in the Office of the Chief Information Officer's 2012-13 budget for this purpose;
- (e) Order in Council 2012-218 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$8,000,000 in 2013-14, \$8,000,000 in 2014-15 and \$1,500,000 in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Baraco Atlantic Corporation for the Redevelopment Construction of Roncalli Elementary;
- (f) Order in Council 2012-224 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$1,046,416 against its budgetary appropriations in 2013-14 to facilitate the award of a contract to Enercon Builders Inc. to facilitate construction of a New Discovery Centre at Salmonier Nature Park;
- (g) Order in Council 2012-240 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds of up to \$4,200,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to facilitate the award of a contract to Bell Aliant for the provision of services required to manage and operate Government's data centre;
- (h) Order in Council 2012-245 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding of \$1,495,100 in 2013-14 and \$664,100 in 2014-15 against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate

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the award of the contract to Norcon Marine Services Ltd. for ferry service between Petit Forte and South East Bight;

- (i) Order in Council 2012-259 which authorized the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to pre-commit funds of \$75,000 US in each of 2013-14 and 2014-15 against its budgetary appropriations to provide for the contract for exhibition booth services at the International Boston Seafood Show;
- (j) Order in Council 2012-263 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$6,368,300 against its budgetary appropriations in 2013-14 and \$3,702,500 in 2014-15 to facilitate the award of a contract to Pomerleau Inc. for construction of the St. Teresa's Elementary New School;
- (k) Order in Council 2012-307 which authorized the pre-commitment of \$1,500,000 in 2013-14 as an equity investment for the production of the CBC television series "Republic of Doyle" Season IV.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. French) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act" (Bill No. 54).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Provincial Offences Act" (Bill No. 55).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ball) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the electricity market of Newfoundland and Labrador is a monopoly where ratepayers have no choice in their preferred electricity supplier;

**AND WHEREAS** robust, independent regulation assures ratepayers that they will have access to electrical power at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service;

**AND WHEREAS** electricity is an essential commodity for domestic and commercial use and the oversight of the cost of its service is in the public interest;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House endorses the principle of independent electrical utility regulation for the establishment of electricity rates in the Province to protect the interests of provincial ratepayers.”

The Opposition House Leader (Ms. Jones) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to partner with the private sector to provide High Speed internet services to Bird Cove.

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 include the section of the Trans Canada Highway from Channel-Port aux Basques to Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reject the Encanex proposal for a wastewater treatment facility owing to its inappropriate location.

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 ensure that the Eastern School District is provided with adequate funds to maintain Swift Current Academy as a K-6 school.

The Member for St. John’s Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to amend the *Human Rights Act* to include gender identity and gender expression in the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to re-invest in rural broadband initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 And The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994” (Bill No. 53) was introduced and read the first time.

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On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bill 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 Amend The Trust And Loan Corporations Act” (Bill No. 48);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Young Persons Offences Act” (Bill No. 49).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be passed 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 commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill No. 51) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Pension Benefits Act, 1997” (Bill No. 51) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) 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 on a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 39) and ask leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.