

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to pay tribute to War Veterans.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to congratulate James and Yvonne Lane for establishing the Wyatt's Stars Project in memory of their son.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Charlene Shears who has won the Canadian Teaching Excellence Award for Physical Education.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate Stephen Knight who has been awarded a Governor General's Medal of Bravery on two occasions for acts of valour performed within a three-month period.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Tony Reardon on his being inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize Mr. George Beck for his contribution to his community as a volunteer.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to emphasize the role that all citizens play in ensuring that maltreatment of children and youth is reported to the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services or the police.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to commend forest fire management staff for the work they do to protect the forests and people of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) tabled pursuant to paragraph 25(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2013-329 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$2.0M against its budgetary appropriations for 2014-15 and up to \$2.0M against its budgetary appropriations for 2015-16 to facilitate the extension of a contract with Bell

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Aliant Regional Communications Limited Partnership for the provisioning of Government's wide area data network;

- (b) Order in Council 2013-330 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in 2014-15 up to \$30,775,800 and in 2015-16 up to \$17,952,600 to facilitate the execution of a contract with Damen Shipyards of the Netherlands for the provision of an 80-metre ferry vessel.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Act, 2010" (Bill No. 25).

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Family Violence Intervention Court provided a comprehensive approach to domestic violence in a court setting that fully understood and dealt with the complex issues of domestic violence;

**AND WHEREAS** domestic violence continues to be one of the most serious issues facing our Province today;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of the impact of domestic violence is great both economically and in human suffering;

**AND WHEREAS** the Family Violence Intervention Court was welcomed and endorsed by all aspects of the justice system including the police, the courts, prosecutors, defence counsel, Child, Youth and Family Services, as well as victims, offenders, community agencies and women's groups;

**AND WHEREAS** the recidivism rate for offenders going through the court was 10 percent compared to 40 percent for those who did not;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge Government to consider reinstating the Family Violence Intervention Court."

The Leader of The Third Party (Ms. Michael) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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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 extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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 road between Channel-Port aux Basques and Stephenville in the 24-hour snow clearing project.

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 change the outdated 1.6 km school busing eligibility policy in order to ensure safe travel to school for primary and elementary school children.

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 the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to repeal Bill 29.

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 assist providers to ensure that St. Anthony Bight is in receipt of broadband internet service.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill No. 12);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act" (Bill No. 19).

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.

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

A Bill,            “An Act To Remove The Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law”  
(Bill No. 11);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend the Judicature Act” (Bill No. 14);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act” (Bill No. 15);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill No. 16);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Law Society Act, 1999” (Bill No. 23).

On motion it was ordered that 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 Highway Traffic 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 Highway Traffic 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 Respecting Food Safety In Food Premises” (Bill No. 22) 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, November 19<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.