

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) ruled on a point of privilege raised by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) regarding comments made by the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce). The Speaker ruled that there was no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) made a Statement to congratulate Ascension Collegiate for their Free the Children Initiatives: "We Act" and "We Day".

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to congratulate the local businesses which support the Labrador West Food Bank.

The Member for Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Greta Warner, winner of the 2015 Telegram Spelling Bee.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to congratulate Breanna Clark for raising funds for the Janeway Children's Hospital.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to bid "A Brave Farewell" to Booth Memorial High School which will close in 2016.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to recognize the contribution and sacrifices made by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment as it celebrates its 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) made a Statement to recognize the work of Tata Steel Minerals Canada and their new mining project in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Crummell) made a Statement to inform the House that the Department of Environment and Conservation in partnership with rod and gun clubs in St. John's and Deer Lake will offer two Youth Hunter Skills Workshops next month.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) tabled, pursuant to subsection 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the list of Temporary Loans raised under section 48 of the *Act* since the last report to the House tabled on April 3, 2014.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) reported, pursuant to subsection 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, that there had been one guaranteed loan paid out by the Province since the last report to the House tabled on April 3, 2014.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) reported pursuant to Section 5 of the *Local Authority Guarantee Act, 2005*, that there had been no new guarantees provided to local governments during the fiscal year April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) reported, pursuant to subsection 55.1(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, that there had been no guaranteed debt of any Crown corporation or agency assumed by the Province since the last report to the House on April 3, 2014.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2015-108 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$7,802,700 against its 2016-17 budgetary appropriations and the amount of \$1,500,000 against its 2017-18 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Johnson's Construction Limited for the replacement of the Sir Robert Bond Bridge on the Trans-Canada Highway near Bishops Falls;
- (b) Order in Council 2015-109 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$829,700 against its 2016-17 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Puddister Trading Company Limited for the provision of ferry services to William's Harbour and Norman Bay;
- (c) Order in Council 2015-107 which authorized the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$478,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2016-17 and 2017-18 to facilitate the Atlantic Canada Agreement on Tourism.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Forestry and Agrifoods Agency (Mr. Granter) tabled a document entitled Forest Industry Employment & Sector Value.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid):

**“WHEREAS** the Government has made many expensive mistakes which have cost the taxpayers of this Province millions of dollars;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has not provided leadership in establishing proper processes and management practices that would result in the prudent expenditure of tax dollars;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly condemns the current Government's wasteful inept mismanagement of taxpayers' money.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

The Speaker then adjourned the House until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9.

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