

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate Artistic Fraud of Newfoundland which marks its twentieth anniversary with a sold-out run of The Colony of Unrequited Dreams.

The Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to congratulate the Springdale Branch of the Women's Institute on their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Chris Vincent who is the recipient of the Austin Anthony Making Waves Award in recognition of his promotion of safe paddling in the Province.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to thank the Centreville-Wareham-Trinity and Indian Bay Festival committee for another successful winter Carnival.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to recognize St. Michael's High School which has been recognized as the most improved High School in Atlantic Canada.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate Kaetlyn Osmond on her continued success as a figure skater.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to inform the House of Assembly about Government's decision to make additional Crown lands available for agricultural use.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Crime Stoppers.

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

- (a) Order in Council 2017-023 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$11,081,700 in 2017-18 and \$2,985,800 in 2018-19 to facilitate the extension of ferry contracts within the Province;
- (b) Order in Council 2016-281 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds of up to \$500,000 against its

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budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to facilitate the award of a two-year contract with Electronic Warfare Associates – Canada Limited for the provisioning of information protection and security services for Government's electronic information assets and information technology infrastructure;

- (c) Order in Council 2016-282 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$950,000 against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal year 2017-18 to facilitate the award of a contract to DMG Consulting Limited, to perform project management and materials testing for two provincial roads projects on the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (d) Order in Council 2016-283 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$2,435,700 against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal year 2017-18, to facilitate the award of a contract to Newdock St. John's Dockyard Limited, for the rehabilitation of the MV Sound of Islay;
- (e) Order in Council 2017-008 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$300,000 in 2017-18; \$300,000 in 2018-19 and \$150,000 in 2019-20 to facilitate the award of a contract to the Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare to continue to provide laboratory accreditation;
- (f) Order in Council 2017-021 which authorized the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development to pre-commit funding up to \$180,000 in each of fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, to facilitate the award of a contract to Telelink Call Centre Inc. for contract management services for Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse its decision to cancel the new school planned for the Witless Bay/Mobile school system and construct the proposed school.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage and an annual adjustment to the minimum wage, beginning in 2016, to reflect the Consumer Price Index.

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The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge the Federal Government not to implement a cost or fees for those participating in the recreational ground fishery in 2017.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to increase mental health services and programmes in our province's K-12 school system.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act" (Bill No. 69) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster 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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act” (Bill No. 67) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act” (Bill No. 67) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act” (Bill No. 67).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster 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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Public Safety Act” (Bill No. 67) without amendment.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 67 be read the third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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