

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

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

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to thank the Lumsden Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years of service to their community.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to recognize the 75th anniversary of the sinking of four ore carriers off Lance Cove, Bell Island by German U-Boat 513.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to thank Ms. Judy Foote for her years of service and wish her well in her retirement.

The Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Church Lads' Brigade.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate Nicholas Quinn who won six medals at the World Dwarf Games.

The Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Lloyd Seaward who celebrated his 100th birthday on October 3rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to inform the House that the Government will introduce amendments to the *Vital Statistics Act 2009* which will remove the requirement to submit a statement from a medical professional prior to a change in sex designation.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) made a Statement to congratulate Michael Bartellas who is the recipient of the 2017 Charles Tabachnick Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award for future leadership and innovation in Canadian health care.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to subsection 4(5) of the **Supply Act, 2017**, Order in Council 2017-312 which authorized the transfer of \$165,000 from the Contingency Reserve to the Department of Justice and Public Safety, Subdivision 2.1.01.09 – Civil Law Allowances and Assistance for the settlement of litigation file 2010 01T 1157.

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

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- (a) Order in Council 2017-296 which authorized the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development to pre-commit funds up to \$191,000 annually for fiscal years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 to facilitate a five-year lease of 4,908 square feet of office space at the Mary May Healing Centre in Sheshatshiu;
- (b) Order in Council 2017-275 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$1,325,900 in 2017-18 for system implementation and support costs; \$280,900 in 2018-19, \$188,100 in 2019-20 and \$138,200 annually beginning in 2020-21 for licensing, training, support and maintenance of the Shared Atlantic Apprenticeship Management System in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- (c) Order in Council 2017-270 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$6,071,000 in 2018-19; \$6,025,200 in 2019-20; \$5,755,800 in 2020-21; \$5,421,400 in 2021-22 and \$1,555,500 in 2022-23 to facilitate the award of a five-year contract to Johnson's Construction Limited for road maintenance of the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (d) Order in Council 2017-269 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations of up to \$1,316,900 in 2018-19 and \$400,000 in 2019-20 to facilitate the award of a contract with Ernst & Young for financial and procurement advisory services for the Corner Brook Acute Care Hospital;
- (e) Order in Council 2017-260 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$10,390,500 against its 2018-19 budget appropriations and \$4,754,000 against its 2019-20 budget appropriations to facilitate the extension of the current contract with Labrador Marine Inc. for the provision of ferry service across the Labrador Straits;
- (f) Order in Council 2017-209 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds up to \$1,786,000 against its 2018-19 budgetary appropriations to facilitate a contract award for the renovation and extension to St. Peter's Primary School to Marco Services Ltd.;
- (g) Order in Council 2017-192 which authorized the Department of Natural Resources to pre-commit funds up to a maximum of \$40,000 per year against its budgeting appropriations in fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20

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to hire an external expert advisor to provide advice for the Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Dam Safety Program while tailings dam design repairs and rehabilitation work is being completed;

- (h) Order in Council 2017-171 which authorized the Department of Justice and Public Safety to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations:
 - (a) \$118,090 per annum until November 30, 2021 to lease space in Mount Pearl;
 - (b) \$170,506 per annum until March 31, 2019 to lease space in Happy Valley-Goose Bay; and
 - (c) \$1,779,738 per annum until March 31, 2022 and \$2,050,488 per annum thereafter until March 31, 2027 to lease space in St. John's.
- (i) Order in Council 2017-109 which authorized the Department of Service NL to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$72,600 against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (or part thereof) to facilitate the lease of upgraded Xerox printing equipment and software for the Management Information and On-Line Ordering Systems for SNL's Printing and Micrographic Services Division.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Trimper), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March, April and May 2017.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 19).

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 undertake an immediate, complete and thorough assessment of the supports in place for DHH children.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure the safety of all children by removing the 1.6 km busing policy where safety is a concern.

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 Government to make representation to the Federal Government to encourage them to change policy

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regulations linking harvesting quotas to vessel length thus ensuring the safety of fish harvesters in the Province.

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 programs in our Province's K-12 school system.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the Orders of the Day were read.

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 15);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 16);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act No. 2" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 18).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 18th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.