

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to recognize the public speaking abilities of participants in the Coast of Bays region 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Speakoff hosted by the St. Alban's and Milltown Lions Clubs.

The Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Pollard) made a Statement to congratulate the Baie Verte and Area Royal Canadian Legion Branch 40 upon the celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to recognize the contribution of social workers.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to congratulate the Labrador Woodward's Selects hockey team on their winning Gold at the Canadian Cup International Hockey Tournament.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to congratulate five young people from Harbour Grace who participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to congratulate Junior and Dwight Eveleigh and all the employees of Triple E. Farms which was awarded certification by the Canada GAP Food Safety Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to recognize Purple Day for Epilepsy.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. King) made a Statement to inform the House about the significant accomplishments of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) requested that the Premier table a document from which he had quoted.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. McGrath) tabled a list of expenditures relating to the M.V. Norcon Galatea.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

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- (a) Order in Council 2013-370 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit up to \$24,775,200 and up to \$22,693,680 against its budgetary appropriations for 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively, to facilitate execution of a contract with Damen Shipyards of the Netherlands for the provision of a second 80-metre ferry vessel;
- (b) Order in Council 2013-375 which authorized the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to pre-commit up to \$790,000 against its 2014-15 tourism marketing budget in order to commit and book advertising space from April 2014 to July 2014;
- (c) Order in Council 2014-009 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 against its 2014-15 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Johnsons Construction Ltd. for the replacement of the Sandy Narrows Bridge;
- (d) Order in Council 2014-022 which authorized the Department of Finance to pre-commit funding of up to \$500,000 in 2014-15 against its budgetary appropriations to complete the renovations of office space at Mews Place in order to accommodate the relocation of the Economics and Statistics Branch;
- (e) Order in Council 2014-032 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$845,830 against its 2014-15 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Baraco Atlantic Corp. related to the garage/office building for the Transportation Depot in Whitbourne;
- (f) Order in Council 2014-036 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$865,000 against its 2014-15 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Rocan Mechanical Ltd. related to the Bio-Safety Hood Ventilation Modifications associated with the Labrador West Health Care Centre;
- (g) Order in Council 2014-038 which authorized the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services to pre-commit funds totaling \$39,000,000 against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$25,700,000 in 2014-15; \$9,000,000 in 2015-16 and \$4,300,000 in 2016-17 to facilitate the award of contracts to Blue Sky Limited, Waypoints, Shalom and Key Assets for the delivery of Level 4 staffed residential care.

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The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) tabled a document relating to the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority and six documents relating to the Northeast Avalon Regional Plan Development Oversight Committee.

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 follow through on its 2011 General Election commitment to replace the provincial student loan programme with a system of upfront needs-based grants.

The Member for Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to intervene in the matter and advise Eastern Waste Management to withdraw their proposal for a waste recovery facility in the Peak Pond – Reids Pond area and find a more suitable location for the facility.

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 in partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Humber West (Mr. Granter):

**“WHEREAS** senior officials of our Government have been involved in oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project at every stage;

**AND WHEREAS** our Government has just announced further mechanisms to provide oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada provides oversight of the project through its role as guarantor of the \$5 billion in project financing;

**AND WHEREAS** our Government has subjected this project to a greater level of scrutiny than has been brought to bear on any other project in our history;

**AND WHEREAS** the board of directors provides oversight of Nalcor, and Nalcor is also required to account through its internal audit departments, its regular reports to the Government, its regular audited financial statements and its public annual general meetings;

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**AND WHEREAS** these oversight mechanisms reflect our Government's commitment to ensure the public is provided with as much information on the Muskrat Falls Project as possible without jeopardizing commercial interests;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House supports the Government's actions to provide greater oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project."

During the debate the Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) moved, seconded by the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) to amend the Resolution as follows:

by adding the word "and" to the last recital followed by the words

**"WHEREAS** the people of Newfoundland and Labrador deserve to have complete openness and transparency regarding oversight of the Muskrat Falls Project"

and deleting the full stop at the end of the Resolution clause and adding the words

**"THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House also urge Government to engage the Auditor General, pursuant to section 16 of the *Auditor General Act* to undertake a special oversight review of the Muskrat Falls Project."

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) suspended the proceedings at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker (Mr. Verge) resumed the Chair at 3:51 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. King, Ms. Shea, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Davis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Verge, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Dalley, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. French, Mr. Kent, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Cross, Mr. Little, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Granter, Mr. Sandy Collins, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Russell.

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Against: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lane, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Michael, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Rogers.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker then adjourned the House without question put pursuant to Standing Order 9.

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