

Monday, March 31st, 2014

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) rose on a point of order to correct an error in the Estimates document.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) rose on a point of order to withdraw erroneous comments he had made and apologized for same.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Clarence Ford on his retirement from the Jackson's Arm ambulance service.

The Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) made a Statement to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the raising of the Labrador flag.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Sandy Collins) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Kevin Stroud for his contribution to his community.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Cornect) made a Statement to congratulate the Junior Women's and Junior Men's curling teams from the Caribou Curling Club on winning their respective Under-18 Provincial Championships in Gander.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate the Junior Canadian Rangers, Port Saunders Patrol, on a successful cultural exchange hosted in Plum Point.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) made a Statement to congratulate the Tricentia Timberwolves male volleyball team winners of a silver medal at the 2014 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. McGrath) made a Statement to inform the House about the Provincial Road Improvement Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to inform the House about the newly implemented Community of Natuashish Service Enhancement Programme.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Johnson) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2014-16 Activity Plan for the Government Money Purchase Pension Plan;
- (b) the 2014-16 Activity Plan for the Pensions Investment Committee.

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

- (a) Order in Council 2014-010 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$10,480,000 against its 2014-15 budget appropriations and \$22,847,500 against its 2015-16 budget appropriations to facilitate the purchase of two waterbombers from Bombardier;
- (b) Order in Council 2014-072 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amounts of \$10,390,500 in 2014-15, \$10,731,500 in 2015-16 and \$5,043,500 in 2016-17 to facilitate the award of a contract to Labrador Marine Inc. for the operation of the Labrador Straits ferry service.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Hutchings) tabled the following:

- (a) the 2014-2016 Activity Plan for The Appeal Board of the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board;
- (b) the 2014-2016 Activity Plan for The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board;
- (c) the Fish Processing Licensing Board Activity Plan for 2014-16.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) tabled the following:

- (a) the Eastern Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan;
- (b) the Western Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan;
- (c) the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan;
- (d) the Central Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan;
- (e) the Discovery Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan;
- (f) the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board 2014-16 Business Plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) tabled the Nalcor Energy Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro 2014-2016 Strategic Plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the Private Training Corporation Activity Plan for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016.

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The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Crummell) tabled the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission 2014-16 Strategic Plan.

In accordance with subsection 20(7) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) tabled an amendment to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* approved by the House of Assembly Management Commission on Thursday, March 13th, 2014.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the period November, December 2013 and January 2014.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Kent) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Establish And Implement A Province-Wide 911 Telephone Service For The Reporting Of Emergencies" (Bill No. 14).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS subsection 20(7) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that a change to the level of amounts of allowances and resources provided to Members not be made except in accordance with a rule that has been first laid before the House of Assembly and adopted by resolution of the House;

AND WHEREAS an amendment to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, which would change the level of the amounts of allowances and resources has been laid before the House by the Speaker;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly adopt the amendment to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, as approved by the Management Commission of this House on March 13, 2014 and tabled by the Speaker of this House on March 31, 2014".

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly urge Government to immediately repeal Bill 29."

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which he had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 2nd.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Murphy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reduce the maximum speed limit on TCH Route 1 through the Pynn's Brook area from the present 100 km/hour to 60 km/hour.

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 commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

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 reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

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 allocate funds under the provincial roads program to pave a section of Route 430.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide cell phone coverage along the Trans Labrador Highway and to all communities in coastal Labrador.

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.

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

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- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Health Professions Act” (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act” (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act” (Bill No. 10).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion “That This House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech).

During the debate the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) moved, seconded by the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons), the following amendment to the Budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

“That all the words after “that” be struck out and the following substituted:

this House condemns the Government for its failure to present a fiscally responsible program which addresses the immediate economic problems of rural areas of the Province as well as the serious social needs that exist in this Province and its failure to create a climate of sustainable economic growth within the Province.”

The Speaker suspended the proceedings at 5:13 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) 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, April 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.