

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015

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

The Member for St. George's - Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Fred Madore.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to acknowledge the Social Work class of 2015.

The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to congratulate Zoe Hamilton for winning the 2013-14 National Award for Teaching Excellence in Physical Education.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of the 3rd Annual Snow Ride for Autism.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Ms. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize Bethany Downer for the contribution she is making to those in need through her "One Step Recycling" organization.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate Kaylee Gerrow for being selected for the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Hockey Team which competed at the Canada Winter Games.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to inform the House about the substantial infrastructure investments Government has made in communities in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement to inform the House about *Switch On Your Life*, the educational initiative developed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland and Labrador Power in partnership with Government.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement to inform the House about the work of the Centre for Distance Learning.

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 2015-035 which authorized the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pre-commit funding up to the amount

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of \$97,800 against its 2015-2016 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Gander Electrical & Mechanical Limited for an electrical upgrade at Fitzgerald Academy, in English Harbour West;

- (b) Order in Council 2015-034 which authorized the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pre-commit funding up to the amount of \$432,900 against its 2015-2016 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to J & T Construction Limited for the replacement of windows at St. John Bosco School;
- (c) Order in Council 2015-033 which authorized the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pre-commit funding up to the amount of \$992,600 against its 2015-2016 budgetary appropriations as follows:
 - (a) \$453,600 to facilitate the award of a contract to LSG Construction Limited for a roofing replacement at Woodland Primary, in Grand Falls-Windsor; and
 - (b) \$539,000 to facilitate the award of a contract to Tech Construction (2012) Ltd. for a building envelope upgrade at LeGallais Memorial, in Isle aux Morts;
- (d) Order in Council 2015-031 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds, up to \$500,000 annually against its budgetary appropriations for the 2015-16 fiscal year and a portion of the 2016-17 fiscal year, up to August 31, 2016, respecting the Electronic Warfare Associates – Canada Limited Agreement;
- (e) Order in Council 2015-030 which authorized the Department of Justice and Public Safety to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$325,000 against its budgetary appropriations for the 2015-16 fiscal year, respecting the Biology Casework Analysis Agreement;
- (f) Order in Council 2015-029 which authorized the Department of Environment and Conservation to pre-commit funding of \$198,400 against its budgetary appropriation in each of fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, respecting a contract with Aivek-Stantec Limited Partnership to provide environmental consulting services associated with site remediation at the former United States of America military facility at Hopedale, Labrador;
- (g) Order in Council 2015-028 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds against its budgetary

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appropriations in the amount of \$3,986,000 in 2014-15, \$1,938,000 in 2015-16, \$546,000 in 2016-17, \$581,000 in 2017-18 and \$581,000 in 2018-19 respecting contracts with Bell Canada for the procurement and implementation of an Integrated Service Management System for the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services; and for support and maintenance over a three year period, for the Integrated Service Management System;

- (h) Order in Council 2015-027 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$4,164,000 in 2015-16, \$4,236,000 in 2016-17, \$4,451,000 in 2017-18, \$4,894,000 in 2018-19 and \$5,000,000 in 2019-20, respecting the contract to Bell Aliant for the provision of services required to manage and operate government's data centre and related information Technology services;
- (i) Order in Council 2015-021 which authorized the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development to pre-commit funding up to the amount of \$1,200,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2015-16 to commit and book advertising space from April 2015 to July 2015;
- (j) Order in Council 2015-003 which authorized the Department of Justice and Public Safety to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations, in the amount of \$55,000 in each of fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, to facilitate the award of a contract with Bulletproof Solutions Inc. for the service and support of video surveillance services;
- (k) Order in Council 2014-355 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit additional funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$1,250,000 in 2015-16 to enable the Department of Transportation and Works to increase the award of a contract to Corner Brook Care Team;
- (l) Order in Council 2015-047 which authorized the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pre-commit up to \$141,400 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate a contract award for electrical upgrades at Lumsden Academy, in Lumsden, to Industrial Commercial Maintenance Limited;
- (m) Order in Council 2015-075 which authorized (a) the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$2,472,300

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against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$576,500 in 2015-16, \$603,300 in 2016-17, \$631,500 in 2017-18 and \$661,000 in 2018-19; and (b) the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pre-commit funding in the amount of \$95,100 against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$22,100 in 2015-16, \$23,200 in 2016-17, \$24,300 in 2017-18 and \$25,500 in 2018-19 to facilitate a four-year agreement valued up to \$2,567,400 with Environmental Systems Research Institute Canada for Geographic Information System software;

- (n) Order in Council 2015-076 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$10,848,600 in 2015-16 and \$6,329,293 in 2016-17 to facilitate the award of a contract to Pomerleau Inc. to construct the new Paradise K-6 School.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) tabled the 2014 Business and Financial Report for Nalcor Energy as well as the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Kirby) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to direct the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to find a more suitable alternative to the proposal which would see pupils from Holy Family School to the former School for the Deaf.

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 Humber East (Mr. Flynn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ask the Department of Education to provide free text books to all pupils who attend any school that follows the requirements of the *Schools Act, 1997*.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take action to attract a permanent doctor or make other arrangements to improve health care service in the Heatherton to Highlands area.

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

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cease the use of chemicals covered under the pesticide ban and begin using safer methods of brush clearance.

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 implement a review of the ABA programme giving consideration to alternate programming options, and to extend Autism programming beyond Grade 3.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 44 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.