



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY session *moves provincial business forward*

The fall session of the House of Assembly was very productive and key pieces of legislation were passed, allowing government to move forward with its social and economic agendas.

There were 20 bills introduced in this session and 19 passed, noted Government House Leader Tom Lush. The Tobacco Health Care Costs Recovery Act did not pass in this session; however, Mr. Lush said he is confident that government will be able to move forward with the bill in the future.

Following is a list of bills which were introduced and passed:

- Health and Post-secondary Education Tax Act (amendment)
- Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (amendment)
- Labour Standards Act (amendment)
- Highway Traffic Act (amendment)
- Supplementary Supply Act, 1999-00
- Loan Act, 2000
- Income Tax Act, 2000
- Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957 (amendment)
- Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992 (amendment)
- Holocaust Memorial Day Act
- Trustee Act (amendment)
- Smoke-Free Environment Act (amendment)
- Tobacco Control Act (amendment)
- Services Charges Act (amendment)
- Family Law Act (amendment)
- Schools Act, 1997 (amendment)
- Prepaid Funeral Services Act (amendment)
- Liquor Control Act (amendment)
- Liquor Control Act No. 2 (amendment). ☞

DRIVERS urged to be **INFORMED**

Winter driving is familiar to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians as a part of life in the province. Often, accidents are caused by dangerous driving conditions which are a result of rapidly changing weather patterns and temperature fluctuations.

In an effort to help prevent accidents and save people's lives, the Department of Works, Services and Transportation is providing the public with information about the conditions of the province's highways. The department has installed Internet highway cameras at five points along the Trans Canada Highway: Foxtrap, Goobies, Grand Falls-Windsor, Pynn's Brook and Port aux Basques. Motorists can check current road conditions 24 hours a day by visiting www.gov.nf.ca/roads.

Motorists can call 1-900-451-3300 (\$.75 fee) or one of the following numbers in their area (long distance charges apply) for more information about road conditions:

Avalon Region (709) 729-7669
Eastern Region (709) 466-4160
Central Region (709) 292-4444
Western Region (709) 635-4144
Labrador Region (709) 896-7888

"I sincerely hope motorists will use these services to become better informed of road conditions before they drive," said Minister Rick Woodford. "Also, motorists need to slow down and exercise caution while driving on our roads and highways, especially during the winter." ☞



Merry Christmas ...from the Premier



Christmas is a joyous time of the year; a time to celebrate the blessings of the past and the promises of the future. For many in this province, it is also a time of giving and great charity. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have a proud tradition of caring, not just now, but throughout the year. It is this generosity which epitomizes the true spirit of Christmas.

I believe the caring in the hearts of every Newfoundlander and Labradorian is a reflection of our tremendous strength of

character and our innovative spirit. Our resolve is to overcome the challenges of the past and I invite all residents of this province to work together to realize the promise we now hold in our hands.

This Christmas season, I would like to extend the warmest greetings for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season to your family from mine.

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