

JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS
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of the
FORTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND
2000

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, Two Thousand, being the Forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A. M. House, having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th day of March, 2000, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Snow took the Chair.

Tuesday, March 14th, 2000

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A. M. House, had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech From the Throne.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Members of the House of Assembly and directed the pages to distribute copies to all Members.

It was moved by the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) and seconded by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in reply to the Gracious Speech with which He had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft the Address In Reply.

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The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) and the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), in the absence of the Honourable the Premier, spoke to the motion.

The motion was adopted by the House and it was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Mr. George Sweeney, Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Ms. Yvonne Jones, Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Tom Hedderson, Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

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

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House condemn the Prime Minister and Government of Canada for:

- (a) refusing to provide adequate funding for health care;
- (b) placing in jeopardy the ability of the province to uphold the five principles of medicare; namely, comprehensiveness, universality, accessibility, portability, and public administration; and
- (c) compelling the province to privatize certain health care treatments and services that the publicly-funded medicare system can no longer provide to all who require medical care."

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It was agreed that the Resolution standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition and Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 15th, 2000

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

By leave, the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to congratulate the Speaker and Table Officers for producing a new text of the Standing Orders. The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also spoke and offered their congratulations.

The Speaker made a few comments with respect to the new routine proceedings - Statements by Members.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to update Members on a project by the Eastport Lobster Fishermen's Protection Committee in his District which is helping to control and manage lobster stocks.

The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Bernice Moriarity of St. Vincent's on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) made a Statement respecting the Commonwealth 2000 Judo Championships to be held in his District this summer.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Betty Holwell who was killed in a tragic accident when her automobile slipped on ice on the Petty Harbour Road in January .

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Arlene O'Keefe of Paradise who was recently crowned Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement respecting his participation in Literacy Day at Mary Queen of the World School on Topsail Road in his District.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to draw attention of all Members to the 2000 Labrador Winter Games presently taking place in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise Members that the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board had announced a new Call for Bids for the Province's offshore area.

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The Honourable Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members on Government's success in ensuring a continued poultry industry in this Province and the jobs related to it and specifically the successful purchase of the assets of the IPL Group of Companies by the Atlantic Co-operative Alliance.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to announce the formation of a Working Group to address shellfish asthma in the fish processing plants in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a further Statement to promote the celebration of Provincial 4-H Week from March 11th-17th.

During Oral Questions the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of order with respect to a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) to the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford).

The Speaker recessed the House to consider the matter.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker ruled that the question raised by the Leader of the Opposition was prohibited by the *sub judice* rule because the matter was presently before a Justice of the Supreme Court.

It was agreed to extend Oral Questions by the amount of time taken by the point of order that being 27 minutes.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride - the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne):

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House condemn the Prime Minister and Government of Canada for:

- (a) refusing to provide adequate funding for health care;
- (b) placing in jeopardy the ability of the province to uphold the five principles of medicare; namely, comprehensiveness, universality, accessibility, portability, and public administration; and

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- (c) compelling the province to privatize certain health care treatments and services that the publicly-funded medicare system can no longer provide to all who require medical care.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Smith, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Joyce.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday, March 21st, 2000.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, March 21st, 2000

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) made a Ruling with respect to the Rule of Anticipation. He ruled that a question would not be ruled out of order if it anticipated a matter set down in the Orders of the Day unless the matter was to be debated on the day the question was asked.

The Speaker made a further Ruling with respect to Oral Questions. The Speaker ruled that he would recognize a representative of the third parliamentary group in the House to ask the fourth question each day.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) rose on a point of order with respect to a Ruling on the *sub judice* convention made by the Speaker on Wednesday past. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Gambo on winning the 1999 Tidy Town Competition in the 1,000 - 2,500 population category.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to congratulate the students of Gonzaga High School for organizing an event recognizing March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to offer congratulations to the participation and sportsmanship of the men and women involved in the 2000 Labrador Winter Games.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Marie Green of Labrador City.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement on behalf of George and Millie Walsh of Fleur de Lys thanking Members of the House and citizens of the Province for their support during their recent tragic ordeal.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to offer deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Charles Phillips of Conception Harbour who lost his life on March 18th, while operating the Department's snow clearing equipment in the Harbour Main area. It was agreed that the Speaker send a letter of condolence to the family.

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The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members with respect to several new developments taking place in the technology sector in developing rural communities and rural-based businesses.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce funding for a new Janeway Hostel to be constructed at the Health Science Complex near the new Janeway Hospital.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce an allocation off \$725,000 for senior high schools to purchase graphing calculators.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as designated by the United Nations.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the following:

- (a) the 1998-99 Annual Report of the Public Complaints Commission in accordance with Section 39 of the **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992**; and
- (b) the Annual Report of the Auditor General on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Province and her Report on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies for the year ended March 31st, 1999, all in accordance with Section 13 of the **Auditor General Act, 1991**.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole On Supply To Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Supply To Her Majesty. (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move: "That This House Approves In General The Budgetary Policy of The Government."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increase in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the rising cost of living.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of his District urging the Government of the Province to upgrade and pave the road to Harry's Harbour and Jackson's Cove.

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The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens calling on Government to meet immediately with representatives of NAPE to negotiate an immediate increase for current pensioners and to agree to enter into negotiations with NAPE regarding indexation of current and future pensions with no increase in contributions.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents who believe that heat and light are just as essential as food on the table and that the HST be removed from residential electrical rates and home heating fuels.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"March 16, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Finance:

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2001, by way of Interim Supply and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. A. M. House
Lieutenant-Governor".

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

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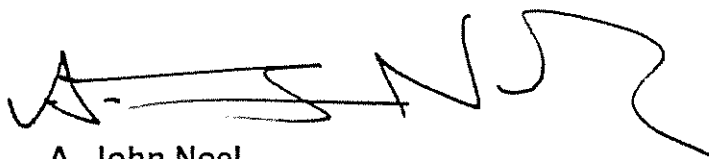
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked 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 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2000

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) moved "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government." In making the motion the Honourable the Minister of Finance delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance that debate on the Budget Speech be adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"March 16, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2001, in the amount of \$3,142,366,500 and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **A. M. House**
Lieutenant-Governor".

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance that the Message together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

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The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The budgetary documents were distributed.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

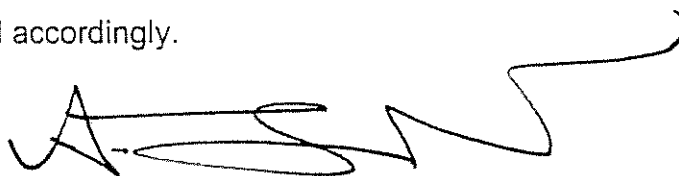
The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions with respect to the Health and Post-Secondary Tax Act (Bill No. 4).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 23rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, March 23rd, 2000

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

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Brendan Howard, a former Member of the House of Assembly. The Speaker will send a letter of condolence on behalf of all Members to the family of the late Mr. Howard.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Norman Penney, a resident and councillor of the Town of Victoria.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a statement to congratulate and give best wishes to the members of the Beaconsfield High School Concert Band who will be travelling to Cuba in mid April.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate the formation of a Breakfast Club at Pasadena Elementary School which has been established under the auspices of the School Children's Food Foundation.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to congratulate the Virginia Park Action Committee on a very successful effort to restore their neighbourhood school to a full K to VI program in that community.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to advise Members of the outcome of *Fisheries Forum 2000: A Forum on Sustainability and Viability*, held on March 14th and 15th. The forum brought together key industry and community stakeholders to discuss important issues and challenges facing the fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the Province's participation in various trade shows, conferences and exhibitions.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement with respect to the School Lunch Association's SKIP-a-LUNCH Campaign and to encourage everyone to support the Campaign.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with Section 273(3) of the **Elections Act, 1991**, tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the period January 1st to December 31st, 1998.

Thursday, March 23rd, 2000

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and by leave moved that the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

Government Services Committee

Mr. Eddie Joyce - Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Harvey Hodder - Member for Waterford Valley
Mr. Ralph Wiseman - Member for Topsail
Mr. Paul Shelley - Member for Baie Verte
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for Cape St. Francis
Mr. Tom Lush - Member for Terra Nova,

Resource Committee

Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair
Mr. Ray Hunter - Member for Windsor-Springdale
Mr. Percy Barrett - Member for Bellevue
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South
Mr. Ralph Wiseman - Member for Topsail,

Social Services Committee

Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Ms. Sheila Osborne - Member for St. John's West
Mr. Jim Walsh - Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island
Mr. Tom Hedderson - Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne
Mr. Gerald Smith - Member for Port au Port
Mr. Randy Collins - Member for Labrador West
Mr. Gerald Reid - Member for Twillingate-Fogo.

Thursday, March 23rd, 2000

The Honourable the Government House Leader also gave notice and by leave moved:

- (a) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Finance
Works, Services and Transportation
Government Services and Lands
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Public Service Commission;

- (b) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Human Resources and Employment
Education
Health and Community Services
Environment and Labour
Justice; and

- (c) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the Resource Committee:

Fisheries and Aquaculture
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Tourism, Culture and Recreation
Industry Trade and Technology
Mines and Energy
Development and Rural Renewal.

The Speaker put the question on the motions and declared the motions carried.

Thursday, March 23rd, 2000

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens calling on Government to meet immediately with representatives of NAPE to negotiate an immediate increase for current pensioners and to agree to enter into negotiations with NAPE regarding indexation of current and future pensions with no increase in contributions.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

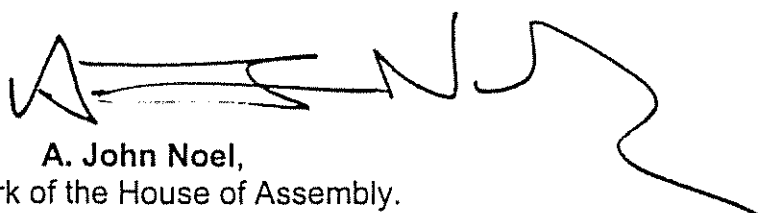
On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Smith) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked 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, Monday, March 27th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, March 27th, 2000

The House met at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Harold Druken on his professional hockey league achievements.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodward) made a Statement with respect to the decision of the Supreme Court that his Department did not exercise any bias in the award of the Straits ferry contract to Labrador Marine Incorporated.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members with respect to a meeting of Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health held in Montreal over the past weekend to assess their state of readiness for future meetings with the Federal Minister of Health.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to congratulate Landscape Newfoundland and Labrador on a successful trade show over the past weekend.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege with respect to certain remarks made by the Member for Ferryland on March 18th, 1999 and March 23rd and 24th. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for St. John' South (Mr. Tom Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government entered into a deal enabling Friede Goldman to take over the Marystown Shipyard operation on the condition that it meet certain specified employment targets;

AND WHEREAS Friede Goldman has failed to meet the employment targets specified in its agreement with the Province;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Honourable House urge the Government to enforce the penalty provisions of its agreement with Friede Goldman."

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Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 2 be introduced to give effect to same.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$1,117,899,200."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed briefly, after which the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable A.M. House took the Chair.

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The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Interim Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 28th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, March 28th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) announced the resignation of Mr. Douglas Oldford as the Member for Trinity North and Deputy Speaker of the House.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to express his regret at the resignation of Mr. Douglas Oldford as the Member for Trinity North and to pay tribute to Mr. Oldford's career as a Member of the House since 1991. The Premier also advised Members that a By-Election for the District of Trinity North will be held on April 25th, 2000. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also spoke to convey their regrets and to pay tribute to Mr. Oldford.

By leave, the Honourable the Premier moved that the Speaker write Mr. Oldford a letter of appreciation for his service as a Member and also for his service as Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to advise Members that the Corner Brook and Pasadena Ministerial Association will jointly sponsor a complete reading of the Bible from April 5th to April 14th.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Menihek Nordic Ski Club on holding its 25th annual ski run, known as the Labrador Loppet which involves a ski race from Fermont, Quebec to Labrador City, a distance of 27 kms.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to welcome students and teachers from the Grade Nine Social Studies class of Whitbourne High School who were in the Public Gallery.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement with respect to the Graduate Recruitment Program within the Public Service of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce an allocation of a grant of \$25,000 to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members that the Teen Tobacco Team had endorsed the "Kick the Nic" 2000 Program as part of the provincial youth strategy.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), in accordance with Section 49 (2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under Section 48 of the Act since the last report to the House.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion, "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) that Gerald Smith, the Member for Port au Port be elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

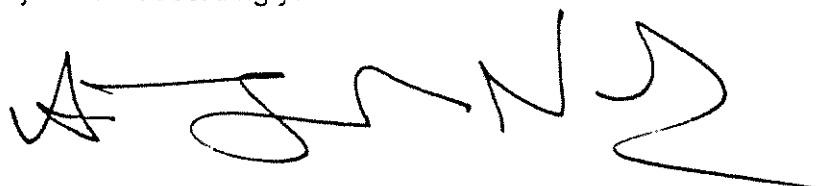
The Honourable the Government House Leader also moved, on behalf of the Premier, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition that Robert Mercer, the Member for Humber East be elected as Deputy Chairperson of Committees.

The motions were put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, March 29th, 2000

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to offer congratulations and extend best wishes to Stuart and Margaret Williamson of Labrador City who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 31st.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement in rhyming verse to pay tribute to the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Wally Andersen).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to advise Members that the Government had successfully bid on a contract to provide the services of two of the Province's CL-215 water bombers to North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney), on behalf of the Minister of Health and Community Services, made a Statement to advise Members that the Province had provided \$500,000 to the new Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research at Memorial University.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) tabled the 1999 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1999.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Ms. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and guardians seeking an amendment to the law for the purpose of giving greater parental guidance to children between the ages of 16-18 years.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and guardians seeking an amendment to the law for the purpose of giving greater parental guidance to children between the ages of 16-18 years.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to upgrade and pave the road to and through Wild Cove.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne):

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government entered into a deal enabling Friede Goldman to take over the Marystown Shipyard operation on the condition that it meet certain specified employment targets;

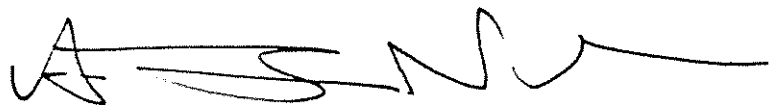
AND WHEREAS Friede Goldman has failed to meet the employment targets specified in its agreement with the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government to enforce the penalty provisions of its agreement with Friede Goldman."

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 30th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, March 30th, 2000

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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Martin Saunders upon his retirement from the labour movement.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to advise Members that the conceptual design of "The Rooms" (the new Provincial Museum, Archives and Art Gallery Complex) had been unveiled earlier that day.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members about a comprehensive online business information system, that is accessible through the Internet, called Success~Works; an initiative that her department has been developing which will benefit businesses and municipalities throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to pay tribute to the dairy farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador who are holding their Annual General Meeting in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) tabled the 1999 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), pursuant to Section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the list of loan guarantees paid out by the Province since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) also tabled the following :

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-129 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$7,940,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-086 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$2,200,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services & Transportation Head of Expenditure;
- (c) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-069 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$3,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;

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- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-070 under section 28(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$5,550,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-073 under section 28(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$8,060,000 to be expended under the Department of Finance Head of Expenditure;
- (f) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-072 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$400,000 to be expended under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Head of Expenditure;
- (g) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2000-071 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$43,688,500 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday, April 3rd and 4th, 2000.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take immediate action to reduce the fees charged to people constructing ATV trails.

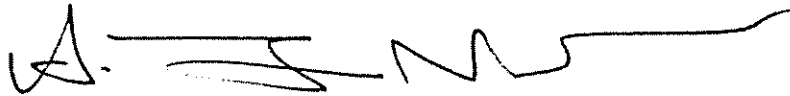
The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

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) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Thursday, March 30th, 2000

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, April 3rd, 2000

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Gary Mitchell of Makkovik on winning the Canadian Food Inspection Agency President's National Award for his community service.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to recognize the late Joseph L. Butler's unique contribution to radio communications in Newfoundland on the occasion of the placing of a clock, made famous by VOXM, in the Archives at Admiralty House, Mount Pearl.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to congratulate the winners of Tickle Ace's Confederation 50 Writers Competition for Fiction, Poetry and Essay.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Mr. Jones) made a Statement to acknowledge the work of the Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company in her District.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of the Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association Under Eleven Pepsi Basketball Tournament held in Dunville this past weekend.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to extend congratulations and appreciation to Roncalli High School in Avondale for hosting this year's Provincial 4A Basketball Tournament which was held this past weekend.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members of his recent meeting with the provincial and territorial Ministers of Health and with the Federal Minister of Health this past weekend with respect to the status of health care in Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members on the progress of the construction of the Civic Centre project in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members that nominations are being accepted for the 11th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards. The awards co-sponsored by his Department and the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes are presented each year to individuals and groups who demonstrate outstanding commitment and dedication to the protection and conservation of the environment.

Monday, April 3rd, 2000

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Licensed Practical Nurses undergo an intensive twelve months of training where they learn a broad array of nursing procedures;

AND WHEREAS upon graduation LPNs are not permitted to work within their full scope of practice;

AND WHEREAS the duties that LPNs are permitted to practice varies from one nursing unit to another and from one medical institution to another;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House strongly encourage the Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Association and the Department of Health and Community Services to allow Licensed Practical Nurses to work within their full scope of practice;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House strongly encourage the Minister of Health and Community Services to make this a priority issue.”

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move a further estimate of expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to a Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Consolidated Fund Services** Head of Expenditure.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that a further estimate of expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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The Chair put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Contingency Reserve**.

The Committee of Supply considered the **Executive Council** Head of Expenditure.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Head of Expenditure of the Consolidated Fund Services and the Contingency Reserve, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 4th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, April 4th, 2000

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Shore female hockey team which this past weekend won the Provincial Female Hockey Championship.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Pouch Cove Elementary School on winning the Mr. Christie's Book Award, Read to Success Program.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate the Western Star which celebrates its 100th birthday on April 4th.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the Labrador West Ptarmigan Shrine Club and the contribution of the Shriners Organization to sick children.

The Member for Harbour Main-Springdale (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate those students who placed in the Newfoundland and Labrador 1999-2000 finals of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge, a national student geography competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to declare this as National Records and Information Management Week in the Province. This special week was initiated by the Association of Records Managers and Administrators Inc. (ARMA), a professional not for profit organization for education in the filing of records and information management.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise the House of the significant contribution being made to the pulp and paper industry and the economy of the Province by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Executive Council** and **Legislature** Heads of Expenditure, without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the **Executive Council and Legislature**, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate and Fogo (Mr. Reid) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, April 5th, 2000

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

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to congratulate the Artistic Fraud of Newfoundland, on its experimental play "Under Wraps" which is presently performing in Western Canada.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Charlie Phillips of Conception Harbour who tragically lost his life in the performance of his duties as a heavy equipment operator on March 18th, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement advising Members that she had released the Report of the Ministerial Panel, composed of Dr. Len Williams and Dr. Ron Sparkes. The Ministerial Panel was asked to undertake a critical examination of the delivery of education in the schools and to make recommendations on matters of curriculum and support to the K-12 education system, including a new framework for the allocation of teachers.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members that the Government of the Province and Memorial University of Newfoundland had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Nunavut on Telemedicine.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to announce that the Province had given its support to the Federal Government to ratify the International Labour Organization's Convention 182, which will attempt to eliminate the worst forms of child labour throughout the world.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the government to upgrade and pave Highway 414 to LaScie.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid):

"WHEREAS Licensed Practical Nurses undergo an intensive twelve months of training where they learn a broad array of nursing procedures;

AND WHEREAS upon graduation LPNs are not permitted to work within their full scope of practice;

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AND WHEREAS the duties that LPNs are permitted to practice varies from one nursing unit to another and from one medical institution to another;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House strongly encourage the Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Association and the Department of Health and Community Services to allow Licensed Practical Nurses to work within their full scope of practice;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House strongly encourage the Minister of Health and Community Services to make this a priority issue."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder), the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended by adding the following clause at the end:

"AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that LPNs be reclassified and paid appropriately in accordance with their level of training and added responsibility."

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) ruled the amendment in order.

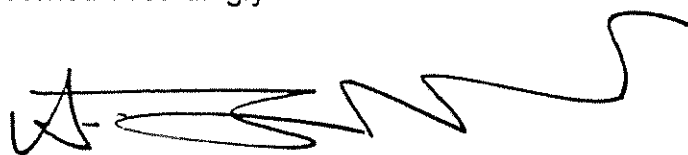
Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 6th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, April 6th, 2000

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

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize those individuals in his District who had spearheaded the establishment of the Georgestown Neighbourhood Association.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to pay condolences to the parents and family of the late Mr. Christopher Perry of Glovertown who died tragically by drowning last Sunday.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce that \$964,000 of the annual National Child Benefit funding in Community Youth Network and Youth Services will be dedicated to the Health and Community Service Regional Boards for residential and mental health services for youth.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members with respect to several trade initiatives which have resulted from the participation of her Department and local companies at Globe 2000, BIO 2000 and New England Food Service Promotion 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel) made a Statement to advise Members that he had welcomed a delegation from Greenland who visited this Province to learn about this Province's experiences with, and approaches to, major mineral and petroleum resource developments.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney), as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Human Resources & Employment
Education
Health & Community Services
Environment & Labour, and
Justice.

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

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The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. G. Sweeney) on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

“To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,
the Honourable A.M. House, CM., M.D., FRCPC.

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

Signed: George Sweeney, MHA
 Yvonne Jones, MHA
 Tom Hedderson, MHA

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On motion the Report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act” (Bill No. 5).

The Member for St. John’s South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

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 Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) moved, seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan), that the words after the word “that” be struck out and replaced with the following:

“this House condemn the Government for its failure to accurately represent the true state of the economy of the Province and the Government’s consequential failure to take appropriate budgetary action to deal with the real problems”.

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The Speaker (Mr. Smith) ruled the amendment in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

On motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, April 10th, 2000

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) made a Statement to congratulate the Southern Shore Breakers upon winning the Herder Memorial Trophy on April 9th.

The Member for Cartwright L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize a new technology partnership being forged between the people of Labrador and the people of Trinidad and Tobago by virtue of the commitment of Ms. Sheila Downer of L'Anse au Loup who will bring her knowledge and experience to the Trinidad Government.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to recognize and send best wishes to Gertrude Hobbs of Jamestown, formerly from Winter Brook, who celebrated her 100th birthday this past weekend.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Norm and Pauline Peckham of Labrador City who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Friday past.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate St. Catherine's Academy in partnership with the Avalon West School District which hosted the 2000 Avalon West Drama Festival as well as all the participants and winners in the Festival.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise Members that the Government of the Province had not approved the increase of annual oil production rate as requested by the Hibernia Management and Development Corporation and as approved by the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to announce that the Export Development Corporation (EDC) will open a new office in the Province today.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that he had the pleasure of participating in the inauguration of the Newfoundland and Labrador Legacy Nature Trust which is a non-profit agency with a mandate to raise funds nationally and internationally to finance conservation projects in the Province.

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The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize National Volunteer Week from April 9th to 16th. The Minister stated it was an opportunity to honour the many people who volunteer in social, recreational and other community nonprofit groups in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members of two events aimed at improving literacy in the Province. The first was her participation in a draw for four prizes awarded to schools that participated in Read-In 2000. Also, the Minister spoke to promote Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS pursuant to Section 38 of the **Memorial University Act**, as amended in 1993, and the **Auditor General Act**, the University is required to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS the University, since 1992, has repeatedly refused to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Newfoundland ruled on March 11, 1993 that the **Auditor General Act** imposes on the University an obligation to give the Auditor General access to all of its books, accounts and records; and that the University has not fulfilled this obligation; and that the only remedy available to the Auditor General under existing law is to report to the House of Assembly that the University has denied the Auditor General full access;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, who provide enormous amounts of funding annually to the University from the public treasury, expect and demand accountability for the expenditure by the University of that money;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that the Auditor General, as the chief auditor in this Province of publicly-funded institutions and as an independent arm of the Legislature which votes the funding for Memorial University, should have access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

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AND WHEREAS imposing on the University the demand that the Auditor General must have access to all of its books, accounts and records is reasonable and does not compromise the integrity or customary autonomy of the University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take whatever action is necessary, including legislative action if deemed appropriate, to ensure that the University, without further delay and promptly whenever requested, effectively gives the Auditor General full access to all books, accounts and records of the University to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law."

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), in accordance with section 28(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of Minutes of Council 2000-74 and 2000-46 which relate to pre-commitments under the Department of Education and Department of Works, Services & Transportation Heads of Expenditure for the purpose of school text books purchases and appropriations with respect to the James Paton Hospital Redevelopment and Expansion Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) also tabled a copy of Minute of Council 2000-147 authorizing a new activity under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure in accordance with S.28(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave Highway 414 to LaScie.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to complete the upgrading and paving of the main road through Lethbridge during this fiscal year.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of McKay Street in St. John's, urging the Department of Education to implement a school bus route for the primary age children of the area.

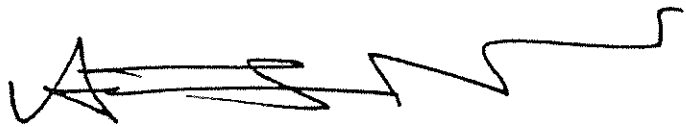
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Social Services Committee.

Monday, April 10th, 2000

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 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, April 11th, 2000

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

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to offer his condolences and to pay tribute to Mr. Gregory J. Campbell who died suddenly this past weekend.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to recognize two individuals of Little Rapids, Ms. Sandra Spencer and Ms. Linda Leamon, for their volunteerism and community spirit.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Grondin Bailey of Burin who was recently recognized by the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Manning Award for Excellence in the Public Preservation of Historic Places.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to advise Members that Government intends to introduce a Bill during this Session of the House with respect to a new Residential Tenancies law.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that during the recent Annual General Meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador, the third annual Daphne Taylor Milk Quality Award of Excellence was presented to Westvale Farm of the Goulds.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), as Chairperson of the Resource Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Fisheries and Aquaculture
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Tourism, Culture & Recreation
Industry, Trade and Technology
Mines and Energy, and
Development and Rural Renewal.**

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The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce), as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Finance
Works, Services and Transportation
Government Services and Lands
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Public Services Commission.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave Highway 414 to LaScie.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to complete the upgrading and paving of the main road through Lethbridge during this fiscal year.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice of the following Bills on behalf of the following Ministers:

The Honourable the Minister of Works Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills entitled:

"An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10)

"An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17)

"An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18)

"An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19).

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills entitled:

"An Act Respecting Tenancies of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11)

"An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions Relating to the Guaranteeing of Certain Loans under "The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills entitled:

"An Act To Amend The Child, Youth and Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6)

"An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 7)

"An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16).

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

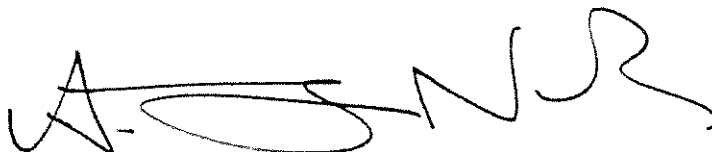
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On motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, April 12th, 2000

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

The Member for Conception Bay East and Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate the Members' Hockey Team and the Hockey Docs who raised \$36,000 for the General Hospital Health Foundation last evening during a fun hockey game.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to acknowledge Janine Brown, a student of Fatima Academy in St. Bride's, who has been recruited by the Memorial University Sea Hawks Basketball Team.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Derek Moore, the Principal of Booth Memorial High School who recently received the Distinguished Principal of the Year Award for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to announce Government's intention to proceed with legislative changes to pursue legal action against tobacco companies. The Minister also announced that a legal team from the Province will work with a legal team from the Government of British Columbia to share research with respect to this matter.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to bring attention to National Wildlife Week, April 9th - 15th; the theme of which is "migration". The Minister also spoke about initiatives in promoting the concept of partnership and stewardship in wildlife habitat conservation for migrating species.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to announce that the Government had reached an agreement in principle with Nolan Hall on the sale of the King George V Building on Water Street in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Works Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) tabled the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of December, 1999 and the months of January and February 2000.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave Highway 414 to LaScie.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne):

"WHEREAS pursuant to Section 38 of the **Memorial University Act**, as amended in 1993, and the **Auditor General Act**, the University is required to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS the University, since 1992, has repeatedly refused to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Newfoundland ruled on March 11, 1993 that the **Auditor General Act** imposes on the University an obligation to give the Auditor General access to all of its books, accounts and records; and that the University has not fulfilled this obligation; and that the only remedy available to the Auditor General under existing law is to report to the House of Assembly that the University has denied the Auditor General full access;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, who provide enormous amounts of funding annually to the University from the public treasury, expect and demand accountability for the expenditure by the University of that money;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that the Auditor General, as the chief auditor in this Province of publicly-funded institutions and as an independent arm of the Legislature which votes the funding for Memorial University, should have access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS imposing on the University the demand that the Auditor General must have access to all of its books, accounts and records is reasonable and does not compromise the integrity or customary autonomy of the University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take whatever action is necessary, including legislative action if deemed appropriate, to ensure that the University, without further delay and promptly whenever requested, effectively gives the Auditor General full access to all books, accounts and records of the University to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law."

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

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By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

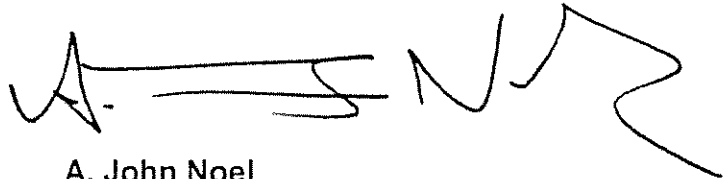
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11)
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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 13th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, April 13th, 2000

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

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Bernard and Mrs. Marie McGrath of Placentia who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 30th.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the business success of the Eagle River Credit Union which has become the second largest credit union in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to respond to the announcement by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans with respect to the 2000 snow crab management plan. The Minister announced that the Government was in full support of the overall reduction of 25% in this year's crab quota.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that funding had been approved, through the Disaster Financial Assistance Program, to repair damages caused by a storm surge on the South Coast of the Province earlier this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce that the Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation had benefitted from a successful VOXM/CFCB Garden of Hope Radiothon in raising money for the maintenance of the Garden of Hope at the Dr. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre in St. John's and towards the construction of the new Cancer Centre in Corner Brook. The Minister also referred to Government's financial commitment to the new Cancer Centre in Corner Brook.

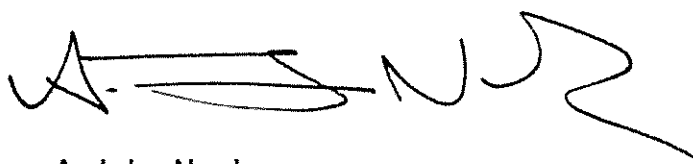
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee and debate commenced and concluded with respect to the Reports of the Resource Estimates Committee and the Government Services Estimates Committee.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the motions and declared the motions carried.

Thursday, April 13th, 2000

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, May 1st, 2000

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted on April 13th, 2000.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. George Feltham of Eastport on being awarded the Romeo LeBlanc Medal for Responsible Fishing.

Members of the House welcomed Mr. Ross Wiseman, the Member Elect for the District of Trinity North who was sitting in the Speaker's Gallery.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members of certain hospital bed closures in order to facilitate the vacation needs of physicians, nurses and other health professionals and support staff during the period from May to September.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to advise Members that following a Request for Proposals from financial institutions, Government had chosen the Royal Bank of Canada as the Province's main banker.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that May 7th to 13th had been proclaimed as National Forestry Week across Canada. The Minister also tabled a copy of a teaching kit entitled "Canada's Forests - Learning from the Past, Building for the Future."

The Member for Kilbride and Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) plays a vital role in television communication in this country;

AND WHEREAS the CBC provides regional and local television coverage throughout Canada and all provinces;

AND WHEREAS the CBC local coverage allows people to see, hear and interact with events within their own communities;

AND WHEREAS the CBC provides a direct link to our heritage and culture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly unanimously endorse a resolution calling on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to cease immediately any plan to cut local television programming such as the supper hour newscast *Here and Now*;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to ensure adequate funding is provided to the CBC to ensure local and regional television programming throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The House recessed for five minutes in order to provide Members with the opportunity to study the above noted Resolution and to prepare for debate.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:33 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was agreed that three Members would debate the Resolution.

By leave, debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution introduced by the Member for Kilbride and Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne):

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AND WHEREAS the CBC provides regional and local television coverage throughout Canada and all provinces;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to ensure adequate funding is provided to the CBC to ensure local and regional television programming throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

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The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the amendment to the Budget Speech and declared the amendment defeated.

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) 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, May 2nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2000

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

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) made a Statement to extend best wishes to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) on this his 50th birthday.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize Yom ha'Shoah, Holocaust Memorial Day.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Stan Pike, Sr. on being given the Wilf Davis Award for his continuous, dedicated service to the credit union system in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey), as Acting Minister of Mines and Energy, made a Statement to advise Members of the revised estimates of the offshore oil and gas reserves announced by the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to announce funding for a project aimed at encouraging young women to seek careers in the mining industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement with respect to the status of genetic research occurring in the Province. The Minister also announced that a Report on issues arising from the commercialization of human genetics research, prepared by Dr. Verna Skanes, had been released by his Department.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21).

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the people of Labrador have endured a shortage of personal care facilities for seniors in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS both the Grenfell Regional Health Services Board and the Labrador Health Board have highlighted concerns with regard to this type of facility for seniors in Labrador;

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AND WHEREAS there are areas of Labrador that have no personal care facilities;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that there is a "moratorium" denying any further investment of government funds in personal care facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support the adoption of policies that encourage the investment of federal/provincial funds into the construction of personal care facilities for communities in Labrador."

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Springdale urging the Government of the Province to direct the Departments of Forest Resources and Agrifoods, Environment & Labour and Mines & Energy to help Mr. Baxter Butt obtain a supply of timber for his sawmill in Springdale.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion, "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"May 1, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2001, by way of Further Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

A. M. House
Lieutenant-Governor"

Tuesday, May 2nd , 2000

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the total contained in the Estimates in the amount of \$3,142,366,500 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year be carried and that the Committee report that the Committee had adopted a Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto relating to Further Supply and that the Committee rise and ask leave to sit again."

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$3,142,366,500 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the 2000-2001 fiscal year and had adopted a certain Resolution and recommended that Bill No. 3 be introduced to give effect to the same and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial year ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$2,024,467,300."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

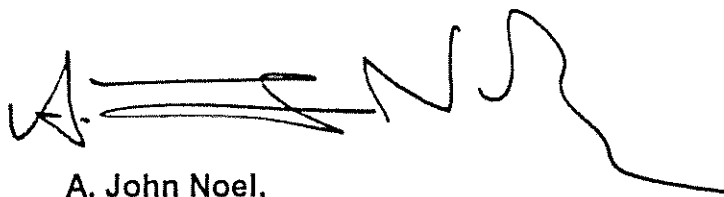
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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3rd at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2000

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to funding of \$216,000 provided by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, in partnership with the Federal Government, to convert Carew Lodge in St. John's into a supportive housing complex.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to advise Members that in order to continue the archeological work being conducted on the Colony of Avalon project, Government plans to relocate the road to the federal lighthouse in Ferryland.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members that her Department and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is co-sponsoring the Housing Export Outlook Seminar for the United States.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes), as Acting Minister of Mines and Energy, tabled certain information relating to the proposed hydroelectric infeed to the Island portion of the Province from Labrador.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones):

"WHEREAS the people of Labrador have endured a shortage of personal care facilities for seniors in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS both the Grenfell Regional Health Services Board and the Labrador Health Board have highlighted concerns with regard to this type of facility for seniors in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS there are areas of Labrador that have no personal care facilities;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that there is a "moratorium" denying any further investment of government funds in personal care facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support the adoption of policies that encourage the investment of federal/provincial funds into the construction of personal care facilities for communities in Labrador."

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The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

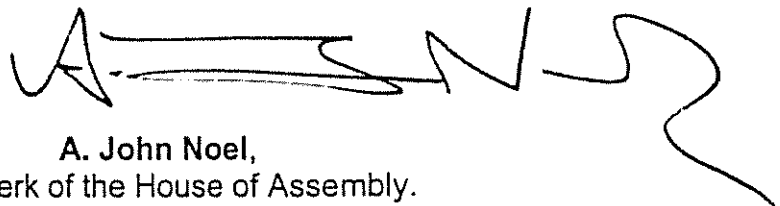
There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Collins.

Against: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday at 1: 30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, May 4th, 2000

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

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Terry Vincent of Musgravetown.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Iron Ore Company of Canada and the United Steelworkers of America. The Iron Ore Company of Canada was recently presented with the Top Employer of Youth Award from the Conference Board of Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that he had implemented forest fire prevention regulations with effect from May 13th until September 17th, 2000. This action was taken because of the fear of forest fires this year.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to update Members on the success of the Opening Doors Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, May 8th, 2000

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

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the residents of the Burin Peninsula for their generosity as VOCM'S affiliate in Marystown, CHCM Radio, in association with the Marystown Kinsmen Club, held a radiothon that raised \$52,000 for the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre. This money will be used to purchase needed mammography equipment for the Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement declaring the week of May 8th - May 11th as Mining Week in the Province. This year's theme is "Mining Makes it Happen". The Minister also referred to the Government's budgetary allocation of \$250,000 for the Mineral Exploration Assistance Program.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of the Province requesting the Government to give all citizens of the Province guaranteed free and unimpeded access to and through the T'Railway Provincial Park including access by motor vehicle.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

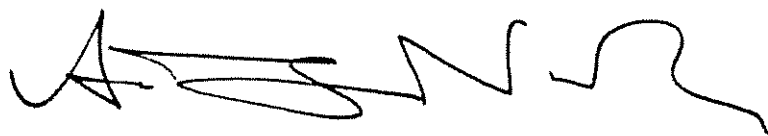
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It was agreed to stop the clock at 5:30 for a few minutes.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 9th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized, flowing script.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 9th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) on March 21st with respect to the use of the *sub judice* convention on March 15th. The Speaker ruled that the Chair would use its discretion in each individual case before applying the convention.

The Speaker also ruled on a *prima facie* case of privilege raised by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) on March 27th. The Speaker ruled it was not a point of privilege but a matter of order and asked the Minister to withdraw certain remarks made by the Minister in establishing his case. The Minister withdrew the remarks.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Arthur Lundrigan of Corner Brook. The Member asked that condolences be sent to the family of the late Mr. Lundrigan.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate six students from Marystown Central High School on receiving scholarship awards from Memorial University totalling over \$60,000.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that she will introduce a new revised Urban and Rural Planning Act which will modernize the Province's land use planning system and give greater freedom, flexibility and autonomy to municipalities to effectively manage their own affairs.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members of sixteen additional internet community access centres in nine communities throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to Judge Joseph LeClair who died on May 7th. The Minister also asked that the Speaker send a letter of condolence to the LeClair family on behalf of all Members of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) tabled the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities On the Operations Carried Out Under the **Automobile Insurance Act** for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

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The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with Section 3(2) of the **Mineral Act**, tabled the Report of the Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Canada in 1999 passed into law Bill C-82, *An Act To Amend The Criminal Code (Impaired Driving)* and that law came into effect on July 1, 1999;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-82, as enacted, requires the courts to prohibit those convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol from driving a motor vehicle for a specified time;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-82, as enacted, also recognizes that some provinces have initiated, in conjunction with these prohibition orders, the use of an Ignition Interlock Device installed in a vehicle which intermittently requires a driver to provide a breath sample for in-vehicle alcohol content analysis and disables the vehicle's ignition if the breath sample fails the alcohol content test;

AND WHEREAS the use of an Ignition Interlock Device gives the public greater assurance that an offender re-entering the driving population will drive only when sober;

AND WHEREAS provinces with the Ignition Interlock Device have reported that the re-arrest rate among offenders using the device is appreciably lower than that of jurisdictions not using the device;

AND WHEREAS drunk driving is the number one criminal cause of death in Canada and is the largest killer of youth;

AND WHEREAS drunk driving is a serious criminal offence and must be treated with the full force of the law and not merely as a matter of social impropriety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Provincial Government to implement the use in this province of the Ignition Interlock Device to help protect the public from death and disablement caused by drunk driving."

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

A Bill, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In the Province" (Bill No. 21)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Walsh took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Smith) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the following Bills, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1)

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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 1, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 6 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 10th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, May 10th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to pay tribute to the life of the late Canon George Earle. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) replied to the Statement and asked that the Speaker write a letter of condolence to the Earle family on behalf of all Members.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) attempted to make a Statement with respect to a Resolution on the Employment Insurance Program adopted by the House of Commons. The Speaker ruled the Statement out of order.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the Burin Peninsula's community newspaper, *The Southern Gazette*, on twenty-five years of providing local news to its residents at home and abroad.

The Honourable Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to announce this year's winners of the Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Recognition Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to recognize the work of Dr. Sam Ratman and the group of researchers at the Province's Public Health Laboratory for their leading-edge work in designing an additional test in the fight against cervical cancer.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of March, 2000.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer):

"WHEREAS the Government of Canada in 1999 passed into law Bill C-82, *An Act To Amend The Criminal Code (Impaired Driving)* and that law came into effect on July 1, 1999;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-82, as enacted, requires the courts to prohibit those convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol from driving a motor vehicle for a specified time;

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AND WHEREAS Bill C-82, as enacted, also recognizes that some provinces have initiated, in conjunction with these prohibition orders, the use of an Ignition Interlock Device installed in a vehicle which intermittently requires a driver to provide a breath sample for in-vehicle alcohol content analysis and disables the vehicle's ignition if the breath sample fails the alcohol content test;

AND WHEREAS the use of an Ignition Interlock Device gives the public greater assurance that an offender re-entering the driving population will drive only when sober;

AND WHEREAS provinces with the Ignition Interlock Device have reported that the re-arrest rate among offenders using the device is appreciably lower than that of jurisdictions not using the device;

AND WHEREAS drunk driving is the number one criminal cause of death in Canada and is the largest killer of youth;

AND WHEREAS drunk driving is a serious criminal offence and must be treated with the full force of the law and not merely as a matter of social impropriety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Provincial Government to implement the use in this province of the Ignition Interlock Device to help protect the public from death and disablement caused by drunk driving."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was agreed to revert to Government Business for the remainder of the parliamentary day.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 7).

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The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994" (Bill No. 7)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15)

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16)

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19).

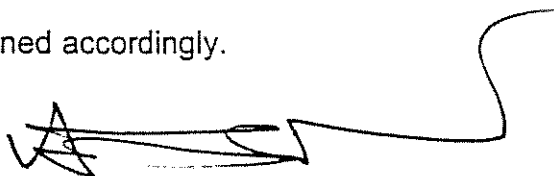
On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 be read a third time on tomorrow.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 11th at 1: 30 o'clock in the afternoon.

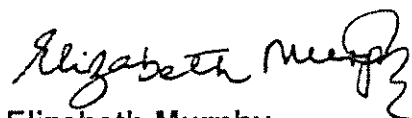
On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, May 11th, 2000

Be it known that on this day at 9 a.m. there appeared before A. John Noel, Clerk of the House of Assembly, Ross Wiseman, Member returned for the District of Trinity North in the By-Election held on April 25th, 2000. The Clerk of the House advised various Members who gathered in the Assembly Chamber that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a Notice in an Extraordinary Edition of the *Newfoundland Gazette* declaring Ross Wiseman as the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of Trinity North in the By-Election held on April 25th, 2000. The Clerk also advised the gathering that he had received a Commission from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, following which the Clerk administered the Oath of Allegiance to Ross Wiseman and the Member signed the Roll of Members.



Elizabeth Murphy,
Clerk Assistant.

Thursday, May 11th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Speaker advised Members that the Clerk of the House had administered the Oath of Allegiance to the newly elected Member for the District of Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) and Mr. Wiseman had signed the Members' Roll. The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) officially introduced the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) before the Speaker.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to acknowledge the Gideon Society and the placement of Bibles on the desks of those Members who were first elected during the last General Election and the most recent By-election.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the entire cast and production team associated with **Etcetera 14**, an outstanding achievement of students at Mount Pearl Senior High School and Mount Pearl Intermediate School.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement with respect to sixty youth from aboriginal communities who travelled to Nain for a symposium to discuss their future and employment careers.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Anne Jefford and Paul Smith who recently won softball awards.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to congratulate two teachers from Bishops College in her District who recently received the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, namely Mrs. Renee Boyce and Mr. Brian Vardy.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to announce the approval of a Code of Ethics for the Province's fish harvesters which is the final step in the official professionalization process for the fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members that the Government and the Province's three ambulance associations - namely, the Newfoundland and Labrador Community Ambulance Operators Association, the Newfoundland Ambulance Operators Association, and the Newfoundland Association of Ambulance Services had formally signed a \$9.1 million three year contract to provide road ambulance services.

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The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members on the most recent Team Canada Atlantic Trade Mission to New England.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce that \$495,000 had been allocated for the Tutoring for Tuition Program during the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to advise Members that he had directed the Superintendent of Pensions from his Department to make changes to locked in retirement funds that will give retirees greater control of their pension income.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to advise Members of a new partnership that her Department had entered into with Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador and Human Resources Development Canada. The new program will help young people find employment in the tourism industry.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Service Commission for 1996-99.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) tabled the 1999 Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Review Division.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) tabled the 1999 Annual and Audited Financial Statements of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Towns of Bauline, Flatrock and Pouch Cove urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to support the School Board, the parents and children of these towns in having a new school built to address the concerns of residents and to allocate sufficient funding to permit the same.

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The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) presented a Petition from certain residents of South East Bight, Great Paradise, Little Paradise, Port Anne and Petite Forte asking Government to pave the Petite Forte Road as soon as possible because of the hazards and hardship caused by the current gravel road.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No.12).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 2 of Bill No. 24 be amended by deleting from paragraph (i) the words "excluding cemetery services" and the comma immediately preceding them."

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24) with an amendment.

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The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23).

By leave, the Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Smith) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills, without amendment:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No.12)

A Bill, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 12, 21, 22, 23 and 25 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24) with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment to Bill No. 24 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a third time presently.

On motion the reports of the Committee of the Whole House were received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Tenancies Of Residential Premises" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child, Youth And Family Services Act" (Bill No. 6)
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Psychologists Act" (Bill No. 8)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Enforcement Of Canadian Judgments" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill, "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Panning In The Province" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23)

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A Bill, "An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12).

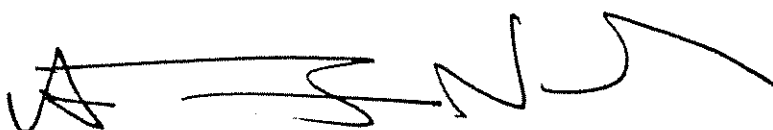
On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed by all Members that instead of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor attending the Royal Assent Ceremony in the Chamber, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House would visit Government House on Friday afternoon in order to receive the Royal Assent to the Bills which had received Third Reading.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, May 12th, 2000

On Friday, May 12th at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly attended upon His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3)

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill".

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 1)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 5)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 9)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 10)

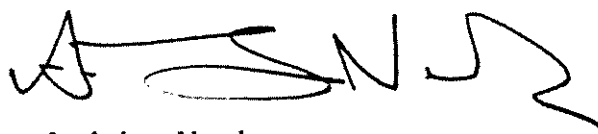
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipal Affairs Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Consolidate And Revise The Law With Respect To Urban And Rural Planning In The Province" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill " An Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999 No. 2" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Environmental Assessment" (Bill No. 12).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Assent to these Bills".



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, December 4th, 2000

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted on May 11th, 2000.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk), seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) that Robert Mercer, the Member for the District of Humber East be elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk), seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) that Mary Hodder, Member for the District of Burin-Placentia West be elected Deputy Chairperson of Committees of the House of Assembly.

The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Marie Powell of Charlottetown on receiving the Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Labrador region.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) on his induction into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame and for his contribution as a soccer player.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Raymond Guy, a former Member of the House of Assembly and a former Director of the Emergency Measures Organization.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to provide Members with a mid-year report on the economic and financial position of the Province.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to announce Government's intention to introduce amendments to the *Liquor Control Act* which will allow communities in the Electoral District of Torngat Mountains control over the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to provide Members with a status report on the Churchill River Project.

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The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to announce that Government will undertake a review of the *Freedom of Information Act* and Government's approach to its implementation. The Premier also stated that he has asked the Minister of Justice to consider how the review should be undertaken including the possible structure, mandate and timing of a review.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly), in her capacity as Acting Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, made a Statement to update Members on Government's efforts to have the Main River designated as a Canadian Heritage River.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to update Members with respect to the implementation of Government's regionalization initiative within the Public Service. The Premier also announced additional consideration for employees affected by this initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For the Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 41);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled: "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37);

A Bill entitled: "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), in his capacity as the Acting Minister of Education, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the Raising of Loans by the Province (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions respecting the imposition of taxes on income (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the advancing or guaranteeing of certain loans made under *The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957* (Bill No. 30).

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the equalization program provides substantial benefits to Newfoundland and Labrador and contributes greatly to funding provincial programs such as health, education and social assistance;

AND WHEREAS changes to the equalization program are necessary to ensure a greater share of the revenues from resource developments is used directly to enhance our economic prospects and provide quality programs for our residents;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador wish to ensure that they benefit to the greatest extent possible from their rich resources;

AND WHEREAS we want to ensure that the disparities that exist between this Province and the rest of Canada are reduced as quickly as possible;

Monday, December 4th, 2000

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly endorse efforts by the Premier and Minister of Finance to seek changes to the equalization program which will strengthen and enhance the program to make it work better and be more responsive to the needs of Newfoundland and Labrador ."

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of the Bay St. George area requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision on plans not to have a kitchen in the new Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital which is to be constructed in Stephenville.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26), was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 41);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40);

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39).

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Resolution and a certain Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered a certain Resolution under the *Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957* (Bill No. 13).

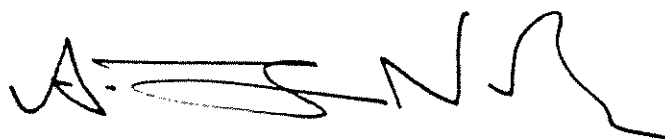
On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole 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, Tuesday, December 5th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, December 5th, 2000

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

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late George Sheppard of Postville, Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement respecting amendments to the *Tobacco Control Act* and the *Smoke-Free Environment Act* which will be introduced during this sitting of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement respecting the introduction of legislation to allow Government to take legal action against tobacco companies for the recovery of tobacco related health care costs.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members that Hospitality Marketing Concepts, a customer service centre and a leading provider of club membership programs for prestigious hotels and other businesses will be operating in Gander in January.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to acknowledge the White Ribbon Campaign, an annual event to recognize the opposition to men's violence against women. The campaign concludes tomorrow on the 11th anniversary of the massacre of fourteen women at Montreal's École Polytechnique.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize volunteers in this the International Year of the Volunteer. The Minister also announced that the Province has taken steps to officially recognize the contributions of volunteers by striking a Volunteer Service Medal.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.


Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) noted that the election of the Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) as the Deputy Chairperson of Committees of the House of Assembly yesterday was the first time a woman had been elected to the position of chair in the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, December 6th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to announce the appointment of Chief Superintendent Richard Deering of the Ontario Provincial Police Force as the new Chief of Police of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The Minister also announced that he will introduce amendments to the *Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act* to provide for binding arbitration in the form of final offer selection.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to update Members following his recent meeting with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The Minister also stated that Government will be working closely with this group upon receipt of the report of the Impaired Driving Committee established by his Department during the Spring of 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment and the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize December 6th as the anniversary of the murder of fourteen women at Montreal's École Polytechnique Engineering School and to recognize this day as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) rose on a Point of Privilege alleging that certain comments made by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) during Oral Questions breached his privileges as a Member. The Speaker said he would take the matter under advisement.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) also rose on a Point of Privilege alleging that her privileges were breached by certain comments made by the Member for Cape St. Francis during Oral Questions with respect to her integrity on the Public Accounts Committee. The Speaker also took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) raised a Point of Order with respect to his participation in the Public Accounts Committee and remarks made by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Byrne). Again, the Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Although the Speaker called Orders of the Day, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) asked for and received leave of the House to revert to Routine Proceedings.

Wednesday, December 6th, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 31).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) tabled a copy of the audited Public Accounts and the Accounts of the Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 (in 5 volumes).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled a Report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts respecting Paragraph 3.21 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998 (Department of Industry, Trade and Technology Newfoundland Government Fund Limited).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney).

"WHEREAS the equalization program provides substantial benefits to Newfoundland and Labrador and contributes greatly to funding provincial programs such as health, education and social assistance;

AND WHEREAS changes to the equalization program are necessary to ensure a greater share of the revenues from resource developments is used directly to enhance our economic prospects and provide quality programs for our residents;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador wish to ensure that they benefit to the greatest extent possible from their rich resources;

AND WHEREAS we want to ensure that the disparities that exist between this Province and the rest of Canada are reduced as quickly as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly endorse efforts by the Premier and Minister of Finance to seek changes to the equalization program which will strengthen and enhance the program to make it work better and be more responsive to the needs of Newfoundland and Labrador".

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

Wednesday, December 6th, 2000

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 31), was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 7th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, December 7th, 2000

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Vincent Henry Fowler who was Captain in the Conception Bay South Fire Department.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement respecting the situation of the Innu children of Davis Inlet. The Minister announced that the Province has begun the process of re-commissioning the former Grace Hospital to receive the Innu for their detoxification and medical and psychological assessment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to announce that two judicial inquiries will be held. One inquiry will be held into the shooting of a Little Catalina resident, Norman Reid, who was fatally shot by an RCMP officer. The other inquiry will be held into the death of two workers, James Mercer and Jerome Kieley at the North Atlantic Refining Limited at Come By Chance.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, made a Statement to announce several major initiatives in response to the public consultation before the Jobs and Growth Committee. In particular, the Minister announced that the Department of Development and Rural Renewal will be promoting and organizing *Rural Forum 2001* which will take place in Gander during the Spring of 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement respecting the introduction of an amendment to the *Labour Standards Act* to change the parental leave provisions to provide up to a year for parents to care for newborn and adopted children.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement respecting the annual Christmas Lights Across Canada Ceremony scheduled to take place in front of the East Block on the evening of December 7th.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Report of the Home Support Advisory Committee on the Framework for Home Support Delivery in Newfoundland and Labrador, dated November 2000.

Thursday, December 7th, 2000

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled the Report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts Respecting Paragraph 3.15 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (Food Premises Inspection and Licensing).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), on behalf of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day In The Province" (Bill No. 33).

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of South Brook urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide an exit lane from the Trans Canada Highway west of the South Brook Bridge so motorists may safely enter and exit the Trans Canada Highway from both sides of the Town of South Brook.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day In The Province" (Bill No. 33);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46).

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider certain Resolutions and certain Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "*An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957*" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Income Tax " (Bill No. 29).

Thursday, December 7th, 2000

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize the Raising of Money By Way Of Loans By The Province" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 30).

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee of the Whole rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills No. 13, 29, 28, and 30 consequent thereto and recommended that Bills No. 13, 29, 28 and 30 be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolutions were read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend *The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957*, to provide for the guarantee of the repayment of loans made to, and the advance of loans to certain local authorities."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on income."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province the sum of \$200,000,000 and the additional sum or sums of money that may be required to retire, repay, renew or refund securities issued under an Act of the province or that may be paid into the Newfoundland Government Sinking Fund."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957*, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations."

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13), was read a first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Income Tax" (Bill No. 29) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loans By The Province" (Bill No. 28) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 30) was read a first, second and third time and passed

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 13, 29, 28 and 30 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Thursday, December 7th, 2000

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal line, a wavy line, and a final flourish.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, December 11th, 2000

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

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to acknowledge and congratulate two residents of Labrador West, Mr. Gerard Louvelle and Mr. Wally Clarke, who received medals of bravery from the Governor General at a ceremony in Ottawa on December 8th. Both men saved the life of a little girl.

The Member for Twillingate-Fogo (Mr. Reid), as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, made a Statement to provide Members with an overview of the fishing industry's performance to date this year. The Member also stated that the production value from the fishery in 2000 showed another record-breaking year for the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement in order to comment on a report recently released by the Canadian Institute for Health Information with respect to national health expenditure trends from 1975 to 2000. The Minister made specific reference to certain statistics with respect to the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that she had on behalf of Government signed a memorandum of understanding with the Working Committee on Fire Services of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters. The Minister stated that this memorandum of understanding is aimed at improving effectiveness of fire prevention, fire and rescue services and other related services throughout the Province and has been launched in conjunction with a new "Learn Not To Burn" Program.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled a Report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts Respecting Paragraph 3.3 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (Treasury Board-Special Warrants).

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 13 of the **Auditor General Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Report of the Income Support Program for the 1999-2000 fiscal year in accordance with section 5 of the *Social Assistance Act*.

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The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Matthews), gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS accountability and transparency must be the hallmark of any government in this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly call upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately release the three-year plans of all the health care boards in the Province."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"December 6, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2000, by way of Supplementary Supply and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Clyde Wells**
Administrator".

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 27 for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee of the Whole on Supply continued to sit as the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 4).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 27 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$70,838,500" (Resolution of Bill No. 27).

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Hodder) further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 4 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of a charge related to the provision of certain health and post-secondary education taxes" (Resolution of Bill No. 4).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 4) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.37 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.43 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.43 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

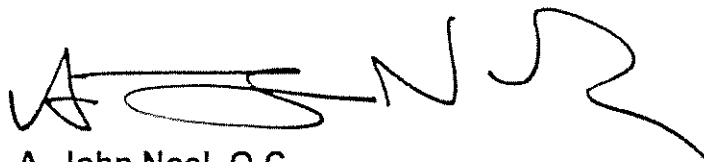
It was agreed to stop the clock a few minutes in order to complete Second Reading of Bill No. 45.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.45 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, December 12th, 2000

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

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to congratulate the five religious denominations which held a carol service and collected a sum of \$20,000 to be used for charitable purposes including the Children's Wish Foundation.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid), as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, made a Statement to announce Government's continued support towards the efforts of the Canadian Sealers Association with funding in the amount of \$50,000 which will be granted to the Association.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to announce that he has appointed a Committee with a comprehensive mandate to review the *Freedom of Information Act*. The Committee comprising Ms. Joan Dawe as Chair, Ms. Siobhan Coady, Dr. Leonard Williams and Mr. Dennis Browne will review the Act and make recommendations including the need for a new review procedure, the appropriate exemptions from the Act and other amendments necessary to respond to information requests on a timely basis.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to announce that Government had approved pre-commitments of approximately \$28 million against the Works, Services and Transportation 2001/02 budget for the early tendering of eight Trans-Labrador Highway projects.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to report the results of the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board's 2000 Call for Bids for petroleum rights in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) tabled two booklets, entitled "Achieving Excellence 2000 - a Guidebook for the Improved Accountability of Public Bodies" and "A Handbook for the Improved Governance of Public Bodies".

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission for the financial year ended March 31, 1999.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Respecting Paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (Department of Education - Transfer of School Board Assets and Liabilities - Avalon East School Board).

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled, in accordance with Section 273(3) of the *Elections Act, 1991*, the annual Report of the Chief Electoral Office on Election Finances for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) tabled the Annual Report of the Office of the High Sherriff of Newfoundland for the fiscal year April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

Pursuant to order and on motion debated commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day in the Province" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered unanimously that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day In The Province" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk), it was agreed to dispense with Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

By leave, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved that the third preamble of Bill No. 33 be amended by adding immediately after the word "religion" the words "political belief".

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

On motion it was agreed that Bill No.33 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day in the Province" (Bill No. 33) was read a third time and passed unanimously. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) that all the words after the word "That" be deleted and be substituted by the following:

"Bill 47, An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2, be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter thereof referred to the Government Services Legislation Review Committee."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the motion that Bill No. 47 be not now read a second time but be referred to the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Hodder took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

Tuesday, December 12th, 2000

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 38, 39, 20, 26, 40, 37, 43 and 45 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 13th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, December 13th, 2000

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) reviewed the various points of order and privilege raised by the Members for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney), Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) and Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) with respect to remarks made by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) during Oral Questions on December 6th. The Speaker ruled that the remarks made by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) as recorded on page 1404 of Hansard imputed motives to the Members who raised objections. In accordance with the authority set forth in Paragraph 410(7) of Beauchesne, the Speaker asked the Member to withdraw the unparliamentary language. The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker again asked the Member for Cape St. Francis to withdraw the unparliamentary language.

The Member for Cape St. Francis again refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Cape St. Francis a third time to withdraw the words.

The Member for Cape St. Francis refused, whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Cape St. Francis, "Mr. Jack Byrne".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) be expelled from the Chamber for the remainder of the sitting day.

The Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Brooke Bartlett, a girl of four years, who was instrumental in saving her grandmother's life with her swift response in telephoning 911.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise the House that Government had approved an initiative to actively promote the establishment of a silicon smelter in Labrador West.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement respecting the recent findings contained in an evaluation of the Single Parent Employment Support Program.

Wednesday, December 13th, 2000

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel) made a Statement respecting the United Nations Declaration of a Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the signing of the Atlantic Charter during 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) tabled the *Reports of the Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, 2000.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province who fully support the efforts of the Hiland Consumers Association in asking the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly to introduce class action legislation in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan):

"WHEREAS accountability and transparency must be the hallmark of any government in this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly call upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately release the three-year plans of all the health care boards in the Province."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, December 14th, 2000

The House met at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) rose on a point of order respecting the Speaker's ruling on December 13th. The Member asked the Speaker to reconsider his ruling given the sequence of the debate on the various points of order and privilege as contained in Hansard of December 6th.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to offer birthday greetings to Mrs. Ellen Chipp of King's Point on her 108th birthday on December 29th. The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk) moved, seconded by the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Chipp on behalf of all Members and also to wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy Birthday.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate the boy's volleyball team from Hopedale which recently won the Single A Volleyball All Newfoundland and Labrador Tournament.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members respecting the cultivated Christmas tree and wreath industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to update Members on the significant developments that are occurring under the Mineral Exploration Assistance Program administered by the Department of Mines and Energy. The Minister also tabled with his Statement the names of those recipients who have received grants under the program.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members on the status of the \$23 million Northern Coastal Labrador Strategic Initiative for the Communities of Nain, Hopedale, Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) tabled the Annual Workplan Reports and Phase II Performance Contracts of the various Economic Development Corporations for 1999-2000.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

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The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Ms. Aylward), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services, tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled the Report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts Respecting Paragraphs 3.8 and 3.10 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (Department of Education - Transfer of School Board Assets and Liabilities- Avalon West School Board).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide funding to cover the Western Health Care Corporation's deficit and to direct the Corporation to maintain its current number of beds and staff. The Petition also requested the Government to direct the Corporation to refrain from privatizing services currently provided by its employees.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order respecting the display of school books by the Member for St. John's South (Ms. Sheila Osborne) on her desk during Oral Questions. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the House of Assembly to direct the government to fully implement wage increases, workers' compensation and other benefits in order to live up to the commitment to the personal care and home support workers of the Province.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of South Brook urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide an exit lane from the Trans Canada Highway west of the South Brook Bridge so motorists may safely enter and exit the Trans Canada Highway from both sides of the Town of South Brook.

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to launch an immediate investigation into fuel oil increases and to have the price of fuel oil fall under the jurisdiction of a board similar to the Public Utilities Board to ensure that application for rate increases are justified or denied by an independent third party.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of the Province to reconsider recent government policy of relocating government divisions and offices from St. John's to other parts of the Province.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province asking the House of Assembly for an increase in wages for personal care and home support workers.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20)" was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26)" was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38).

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On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No.37 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No.45 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Hodder took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46);

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47).

On motion of the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills, without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46);

A Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47)

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 44, 31, 46 & 47 be read a third time presently.

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

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 44);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Speaker recessed the House briefly to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At approximately 6 o'clock in the evening the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador to present to Your Honour a Bill for the Appropriation of Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I Assent to this Bill".

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The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Respecting Income Tax" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loans By The Province" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill entitled, 'An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Act" (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish Holocaust Memorial Day In The Province" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Services Charges Act" (Bill No. 40);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Trustee Act" (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 45);

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A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act No. 2" (Bill No. 47).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor addressed the Chamber by wishing all Members and their families Seasons Greetings.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tulk), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne), the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) wished everyone Seasons Greetings and each made comments respecting certain political events during the winter months.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the motion of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House do now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned at approximately 6:30 o'clock on the evening of December 14th, 2000.



A. John Noel, Q.C.
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, January 26th, 2001

Be it known on this day in accordance with section 39 of the *Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992*, Dr. Leslie Harris, Commissioner of the RNC Public Complaints Commission, submitted his Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 2000 to the Honourable the Speaker.

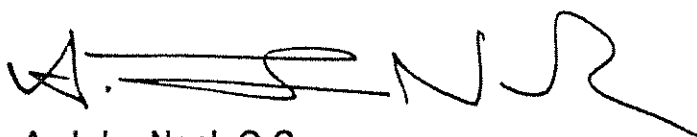
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A. John Noel, Q.C.
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, February 21st, 2001

Be it known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable A. M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Wallace Young, Member returned for the District of St. Barbe. The Clerk of the House of Assembly advised His Honour that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a Notice in **The Newfoundland Gazette** declaring Wallace Young as the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of St. Barbe in the By-Election held on January 30th, 2001. Whereupon, Mr. Young took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Be it also known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable A. M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Trevor Taylor, Member returned for the District of The Straits and White Bay North. The Clerk of the House of Assembly advised His Honour that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a Notice in **The Newfoundland Gazette** declaring Trevor Taylor as the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of The Straits and White Bay North in the By-Election held on January 30th, 2001. Whereupon, Mr. Taylor took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel, Q.C.', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel, Q.C.
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 12th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on December 14th, 2000.

The Honourable the Speaker advised Members that the newly elected Members for the Districts of St. Barbe (Mr. Wallace Young) and The Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Trevor Taylor) had taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown and had signed the Members' Roll. Whereupon, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) officially introduced the Members before the Speaker.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) moved, seconded by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send letters of condolence to the families of the three young men who tragically lost their lives in Pouch Cove on March 8th: namely the families of the late Jesse Elliott, Adam Wall and Adrian (A.J.) Sullivan.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The Second Session of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought before you by My Ministers. Your commitment to your work and diligence deserve our appreciation and acknowledgment.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

Forty-one pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in municipal affairs, health and community services, finance and the fishery.

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As stated in My Address opening this Session, My Government introduced amendments to the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act* to implement a new labour relations dispute settlement model known as final offer selection. This model was the subject of a pilot project and is considered an effective mechanism by Government, parties to negotiations and other fishing industry stakeholders.

As well during this Session, the *Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992* was amended to provide that in the event government and the representatives of the Constabulary members are unable to negotiate a collective agreement the matters in dispute between them would be settled by binding arbitration.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

During this Session four major areas of the law were revised by this House; namely, the *Residential Tenancies Act*, *Environmental Assessment Act*, *Urban and Rural Planning Act*, and the *Income Tax Act*. A new law to facilitate the *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments* by giving full faith and credit to civil money judgments from the provinces and territories of Canada was also enacted. The *Labour Standards Act* was amended to extend the period of parental leave, making the law consistent with the extended parental benefits available under the *Employment Insurance Act* of Canada. An *Act Respecting Prepaid Funeral Services* was also passed during this Session.

There were also enacted amendments to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, the *Pharmaceutical Association Act*, the *Psychologists Act*, the *Mineral Act*, the *Lands Act*, the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, the *St. John's Assessment Act* and the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

As part of My Government's continuing effort to reduce smoking in public places and among our young people, again during this Session My Government introduced further amendments to the *Smoke-Free Environment Act* and the *Tobacco Control Act*. The amendments to the *Smoke-Free Environment Act* will prohibit smoking in food establishments and in public places that are frequented by children. The *Tobacco Control Act* was amended to prohibit the sale of tobacco by pharmacies and to refine the inspection provisions as well as increasing the penalties under the law.

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Indicative of My Government's concern in finding a solution to some of the problems affecting our Innu communities in Labrador, this Honourable House enacted amendments to the *Liquor Control Act* to provide municipal councils in the Northern Labrador area of our Province with the authority to control the transportation, purchase, sale and consumption of alcohol within those communities. The amendments to the Act also provide for the election of alcohol committees to establish counselling services and education programs with respect to alcohol consumption.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

By unanimous consent of this Honourable House, an *Act to Establish Holocaust Memorial Day in the Province* was enacted as a day of reflection about the enduring lessons of the Holocaust. Our Province joins the other Provinces in observing a day to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to honour those who fought to defeat the tyranny and genocide of the Nazis and their collaborators.

This Honourable House of Assembly unanimously adopted a Resolution urging My Ministers to implement the use in this Province of the ignition interlock device to help protect the public from death and disablement caused by drunk driving.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted. I assure you that the appropriations that you have granted have been and will be expended by My Ministers with care and efficiency.

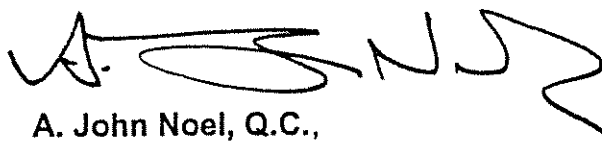
Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It is my pleasure that the Second Session of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly now be prorogued and is prorogued accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then said, "It is the wish and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly".



A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.