

PREMIER WILLIAMS: May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly agreeable to Your Honour's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and have elected Roger Fitzgerald, the Member for the District of Bonavista South, to that office and by that direction I present him for Your Honour's approval.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (John C. Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL, QC)

On behalf of Her Majesty I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I most fully approve and confirm you as Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Honour, having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as their Speaker it now becomes my duty, in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of this Province, respectfully to claim of Your Honour their custom rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times, and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and privileges, which have been confirmed them by Your Honour's predecessors.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTEANT GOVERNOR:

Mr. Speaker, I do confirm this House, on behalf of Her Majesty, in the enjoyment of all its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.