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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE JAMES M. RUSSELL

The House met at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that we have in the Chamber today, as the newly elected member for Hermitage, the gentleman who is sitting here in this Legislature as well as any other Legislature for the first time. On behalf of all honourable members of this House, I would like to welcome the honourable member from Hermitage. I am sure we shall be hearing more from him in the weeks and months ahead.

HON. E. M. ROBERTS (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask leave to move to adjourn the House on a matter of urgent public business.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please! I wish to draw to the attention of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition that the Sergeant-at-Arms has risen and I think it is customary that others be seated when the Sergeant rises.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms is an officer of this House, Sir. I sit when Your Honour stands, of course. The Sergeant-at-Arms is a gentleman but an officer of this House, Sir. I ask leave to adjourn this House to discuss a matter of urgent public business; namely, the position that the Newfoundland Government has publicly stated -

HON. W. W. MARSHALL (Minister without Portfolio): On a point of order. Your Honour has ruled -

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. Speaker, His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor has arrived.

MR. SPEAKER: Admit His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.
The Honourable E. John A. Harnum, Lieutenant Governor, in the Chair:
His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued but before releasing Honourable Members from their duties I wish to convey to them my thanks for the prudent and sympathetic attention given by them to the many and important matters brought before this Honourable House by my Ministers.

Several new pieces of legislation providing for the protection of the consuming public in Newfoundland were enacted during this Session of this Honourable House of Assembly. I refer particularly to the Unsolicited Goods and Credit Cards Act, The Collection Agencies Act, The Automobile Dealers Act and The Credit Reporting Agencies Act.

Of great importance to all of our people was the enactment of The Financial Administration Act. This Act very properly restores to this Honourable House of Assembly the power to control the expenditure of the Government.

I refer as well to the enactment of The Electoral Boundaries Delimitation Act. The passing of this Act ensures that the boundaries of Electoral Districts in Newfoundland will henceforth be fixed by a totally independent Board and will guarantee equal representation in this Honourable House of Assembly to all Newfoundlanders whilst, at the same time, providing sufficient tolerance to take into account community of interest in various parts of our Province.

This Session also saw my Government take the lead in introducing for enactment The Conflict of Interest Act. I am pleased that Honourable Members saw fit to enact this Act which will maintain the confidence of the public in those who serve or aspire to serve in the public life of Our Province.

The Newfoundland Teacher (Collective Bargaining) Act was enacted during this Session as a result of considerable discussion between my Ministers and the Newfoundland Teachers' Association. This forward looking piece of legislation goes a long way toward further entrenching the professionalism of our teachers.

The Workmen's Compensation Act was further amended during this Session to ensure my Government's determination to implement the recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on the St. Lawrence Mines.

Many Bills have been passed which are designed to bring the administration of the Government in line with the demands of an ever changing society and to provide for the smooth and efficient operation of the Government. My Ministers view with a great deal of satisfaction the continued improvement of the economy of our Province and they will continue to strive to bring and maintain the maximum of employment to our people.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This Session of this Honourable House of Assembly resulted in the enactment of 123 pieces of legislation, which is a record for this Honourable House, and I draw your attention to just a few of these, e.g. The Employment (Notice of Termination) (Amendment) Act, The Employment of Children (Amendment) Act, The Crown Corporations (Local Taxation) (Amendment) Act, The City of St. John's (Amendment) Act, The Homes for Special Care Act, The Landlord and Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act, The Natural Products Marketing Act, The Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act, The Liquor Control Act and The Liquor Corporation Act.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted Her Majesty. I assure you that the appropriations which you have granted will be expended by my Ministers with care and efficiency.

It is my pleasure that the Second Session of this Thirty-Sixth General Assembly be prorogued and it is prorogued accordingly.