#### **PROCEEDINGS**

of the

#### FOURTH SESSION

of the

### FORTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

of

#### NEWFOUNDLAND

BEGUN and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Thursday the 5th day of March, 1992, being the 41st year of the reign of Her Majesty our Sovereign Lady, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God in 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 Frederick W. Russell, 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 5th day of March, 1992, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Lush took the Chair.

#### Thursday, March 5th, 1992

At 2 o'clock the Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

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

Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the President of the Council and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (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.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Members met in the General Assembly and that for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy.

It was unanimously agreed that the Speech should be taken as read and copies distributed to Members.

It was moved by the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) and seconded by the Member for Carbonear (Mr. Reid) 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.

It was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Mr. Danny Dumaresque, Member for Eagle River Mr. Art Reid, Member for Carbonear Mr. Sam Winsor, Member for Fogo

It was ordered that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday March 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Monday, March 9th., 1992

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

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement respecting the passing of Mr. Beaton J. Abbott, former Member of the House and former Cabinet Minister.

The Honourable Member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) asked leave to make a Statement thanking Members for raising funds to preserve the music of Emile Benoit on compact disc.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement that the Fisheries Loan Board would forgive certain loans as a result of the 1991 fishery failure.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a Statement recognizing the achievement of Mr. Christopher Newhook respecting his design of the new 25 cent piece honouring the Province during Canada's 125th. Birthday.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) 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 Frederick W. Russell, CM, LLD

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)

Danny Dumaresque Art Reid Sam Winsor

Assembly Chamber March 9th., 1992"

On motion this Report was received and on motion and by leave of the House the Debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until after routine proceedings.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled a copy of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Speaker, in accordance with section 13 of the Auditor General Act, tabled the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the Departmental Observations on the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

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

"WHEREAS the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador has declined and unemployment increased dramatically since this government took office almost three years ago;

AND WHEREAS the government has failed to keep its much repeated promise to stimulate economic growth and to significantly reduce the unacceptably high unemployment rate that face our people today;

AND WHEREAS the government has failed to produce the economic recovery plan promised in the Throne Speech and Budget Speech three years ago;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly insist that this government honour its promises to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and to this House of Assembly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the government's announced intention to introduce a 20 year-long term economic plan, the House of Assembly call on the government to present immediately to this legislature its own plan to create jobs and to address the situation that faces our people today and in the immediate future."

The Honourable Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are suffering because of the recent cuts to the total allowable catch of Northern Cod made by the Federal Government;

AND WHEREAS the quota reductions have effectively eliminated the directed cod fishery by the Canadian offshore fishing fleet;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has responsibility for the management of our fish stocks and must take responsibility for the consequences of its management decisions;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has recognized foreign overfishing is partly responsible for the depletion of fish stocks;

AND WHEREAS the foreign fleets continue to fish the Northern Cod stock on the Canadian continental shelf;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for diversification of production efforts within the fishery and a need for an economic diversification plan to assist the individuals and communities affected;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call on the Federal Government to take immediate action to prevent foreign overfishing off our coast, and implement a response program that includes measures to help affected individuals and also encourage economic diversification in the affected communities in order to ensure their long term viability."

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

"WHEREAS the lack of representation by women in the House of Assembly reflects the inequality of women in society and political parties have to date been unable to provide a means or mechanism to resolve the gross inequality of representation;

AND WHEREAS gender balance achieved by having an equal number of men and women would provide greater democracy and lead to policies and laws which would remove barriers to equality of men and women in society;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has experienced representation by more than one member per district as part of its political history, which form of representation can be adapted to achieve gender equality;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly support the principle of representation by two members per district, one woman and one man, without increasing the number of legislative seats;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Committee of the House be established to report to the House on the methods and timetable to be adopted to implement the new form of representation."

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the House of Assembly has decided that the official name of the government of this Province shall be the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS that decision of the Legislature acknowledges that Labrador, while an integral part of this Province, retains a distinctive identity from the Island part of the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission has recommended that Labrador should lose its status as a separate federal electoral district;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly recognize the Province as the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Assembly petition the Parliament of Canada to reject the recommendation of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission and that Labrador retain its own seat in the Parliament of Canada."

The Honourable the Member for Pleasantville (Mr. Noel) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the standard of living in Newfoundland and Labrador can be improved by reducing our cost of living as well as by increasing incomes; AND WHEREAS certain domestically produced dairy, poultry and other food items presently cost up to twice as much, and sometimes more, than if they were imported;

AND WHEREAS Canadian trade policies, in addition to burdening taxpayers with the cost of subsidies amounting to billions of dollars every year, probably impose through unnecessarily high prices what is essentially a consumption tax in excess of \$100,000,000 per year on residents of our province alone;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland farmers have demonstrated that we have the ability to supply many products at competitive prices without excessive subsidies or supply management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge our federal and provincial governments to pursue all reasonable means of ensuring food is made available to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians at the best possible prices."

The Honourable Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Small) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is fully committed to revitalizing the sealing industry for the benefit of the landsman based sealers;

AND WHEREAS it appears that the rapidly growing seal herds are having an adverse affect on the fish stocks off Newfoundland and Labrador;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government Newfoundland and Labrador continue to explore every avenue to develop the industry through aimed the program at utilization of the resource, including the skins, meat, and byproducts of the animal and that scientific, technological and market research be directed to this end;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Federal Government to join with the Province in developing and implementing a comprehensive program to expand the market opportunities for seal products to the extent necessary to harvest sufficient quantities of seals to restore the ecological balance in our marine environment."

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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. 2).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the guaranteeing of certain loans under The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 4).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Address In Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday. It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Tuesday, March 10th. 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 10th., 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a Statement congratulating Gordon Pinsent and CODCO as recipients of awards during the Gemini Awards Ceremony on March 8th., 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following documents:

- (a) The Accounts of Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992;
- (b) The Annual Report of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991; and
- (c) The Annual Report of Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 51(3) of The Financial Administration Act, 1973, tabled a list of guaranteed loans paid out by the Province since the Spring 1991 Sitting of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 26(1)(4) of The Financial Administration Act, 1973, tabled the following precommitment of funds against 1991-92 appropriations:

- (a) The Department of Education Orderin-Council 92-004 authorized the pre-commitment of \$6,603,000 for the purchase and distribution of text books and the printing of public examinations and related material.
- (b) The Department of Works, Services and Transportation - Order-in-Council 92-117 authorized the precommitment of \$400,000 for certain ferry services.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 28(2) of The Financial Administration Act, 1973, tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-111 for \$255,000 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-114 for \$1,350,000 to be expended under the Department of Justice Head of Expenditure; and
- (c) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-134 for \$12,700,000 to be expended under the Department of Social Services Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens of Mount Moriah and Massey Drive respecting the proposed amalgamation of these communities with the City of Corner Brook.

The Honourable Member for Fogo (Mr. S. Winsor) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens of Island Harbour on Fogo Island respecting the upgrading of a road.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Address In Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when this House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, March 11th., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

# Wednesday, March 11th., 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens of the communities of Beaches, Georges Cove, Rooms, Hampden and Bayside respecting the safety conditions of the breakwater and shoreline of Beaches.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 4, being the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms).

Mr. Speaker put the question.

Mr. Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

### Thursday, March 12th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement respecting the appointment of Mr. George Joyce to the position of Prevention Mediation Co-ordinator in his Department.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs tabled a copy of the following Reports:

- (a) The Auditor General's Financial Statements of the Provincial Public Libraries Board for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1988, March 31, 1989 and March 31, 1990; and
- (b) Auditor General's Financial Statement of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations tabled the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board for 1991 and the additional appendices to this Report.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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. 5).

The Honourable the President of the Council gave an answer to a question in relation to judicial inquiries.

Purusant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Address in Reply and on Motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, March 13th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Friday, March 13th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Development tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Fisheries Loan Board of Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that Canada immediately extend management jurisdiction over the nose and tail of the Grand Banks."

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled an answer to a question in relation to the 1992 Management Plan for Northern Cod.

The Honourable Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a petition on behalf of certain fish plant workers of Red Harbour.

The Honourable Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) asked that leave be given to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 23 for the purpose of debating Canada's extending management jurisdiction over the nose and tail of the Grand Banks.

The House recessed.

By leave the Resolution, notice of which had been given by the Honourable Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews), would be the subject of a special debate.

The House recessed briefly.

Mr. Speaker did not rule on the adjournment motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Grand Bank.

By leave the Orders of the Day were dispensed with and by leave the following Resolution, notice of which was given by the Honourable Member for Grand Bank was commenced and concluded.

"BE IT RESOLVED that Canada immediately extend management jurisdiction over the nose and tail of the Grand Banks."

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

Mr. Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th, 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 17, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a statement respecting the Labrador Winter Games held in Happy Valley - Goose Bay.

The Honourable the President of the Treasury Board tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Computer Services Limited for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented an appendix to a petition presented on behalf of citizens of Marystown and other communities on the Burin Peninsula respecting road conditions.

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 Mr. Speaker as follows:

"March 11, 1992

### 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, 1993, 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. Frederick Russell Lieutenant-Governor" On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply to consider certain Resolutions and Bill No. 5 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
The Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Snow,
took the Chair of Committee.
On motion the Committee rose.
Mr. 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 agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) 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 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Wednesday, March 18th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting the Globe '92 Oceans Forum in Vancouver and other activities relating to the fisheries and tabled a copy of an Address that he gave in Vancouver.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a statement to announce the date of the Budget.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Reports of the Public Tender Act Exceptions for the months of November, 1991, December, 1991 and January, 1992.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Resolution No. 5 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), seconded by the Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews), moved the following amendment:

"That the first resolve be amended by deleting the word "support" and substituting the words "strike an all-Party Committee to consider".

And that the second resolve be amended by deleting all the words after "legislative seats;" and substituting the following:

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the all-Party Committee of the House of Assembly also consider other means of achieving more balanced representation by men and women in the House of Assembly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee hold public hearings and otherwise seek the views of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its findings and recommendations at the 1992 fall sitting of the House of Assembly."

The House recessed briefly.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Matthews, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hearn, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Warren.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Crane, Mr. Penney, Mr. Efford, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Small, Mr. Harris.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Matthews, Mr. R. Aylward, Ms. Verge, Mr. Warren, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the

Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Crane, Mr. Penney, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Efford, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Small, the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Hearn, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. A. Snow.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 19th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 19th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations in his capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Human Rights Commission made a statement to remind Members of the House that March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the list of temporary loans raised under sections 44 and 45 of The Financial Administration Act, 1973.

In reply to questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier gave answers respecting the silver hake fishery and a certain complaint received at the Premier's Office.

The Honourable Member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Harbour Mille and Little Harbour East seeking pavement on the road between the two communities.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered 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, 1993 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 5).

On motion the Committee rose. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that it had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill 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, 1993, the sum of \$990,196,700."

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, 1993 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 5) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 5 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 on the Address in Reply was concluded.

Mr. Speaker put the motion that the Report of the Select Committee appointed to draft a Reply to the Opening Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be adopted.

The motion was carried.

The House recessed briefly.

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 Mr. Speaker as follows:

"March 11, 1992

### The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1991, by way of further Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered 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, 1991 And For Other purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

On motion the Committee rose. Mr. 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.

The Honourable the Premier rose on a Point of Privilege with respect to remarks made by the Honourable the Member for Humber East during Question Period that there was political interference in the administration of justice.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole 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 a Bill 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 Additional Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 1991, the sum of \$135,084,900."

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, 1991 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.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) rose on a Point of Order with respect to another Honourable Member speaking to a stranger in the Speaker's Gallery.

The Chairperson of the Committee took the matter under advisement.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 3). The Committee also considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 4).

On motion the Committee rose. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matter to it referred, had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same 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 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".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 3) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also 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.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, March at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Friday, March 20th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Naskaupi (Mr. Kelland) gave notice that would raise a Point of Privilege respecting certain comments made in the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands made a statement respecting the extension of the date for applications for moose licences by Labrador hunters.

The Honourable the Premier tabled the Interim Report of the Government's Constitutional Committee.

The Honourable the President of the Council on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice, in accordance with section 18 of The Statutes and Subordinate Legislation Act, tabled the editions of The Newfoundland Gazette published between April 19, 1991 and March 6, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, "That the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Resolutions for the Granting of further Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty" (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, "That the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to Consider the Raising of Supply to be Granted to Her Majesty".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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".

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1988" (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the President of the Council on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation Act, 1963" (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland Association of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12).

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry (Collective Bargaining) Act, 1971 (Bill No. 8).

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 4).

On motion the Committee rose. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto, recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same 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 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".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 4) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections and Election Financing" (Bill No. 1)", 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, Monday, March 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Monday, March 23rd, 1992

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

Mr. Speaker ruled on the Point of Privilege raised by the Honourable the Premier on March 19th, 1992 respecting the allegation of political interference made by the Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge).

Mr. Speaker ruled that no prima facie case had been established.

In dealing with the remarks made by the Honourable Member for Humber East, Mr. Speaker asked for further clarification of those remarks. The House recessed briefly twice. Whereupon Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honourable Member had not made specific allegations against any one particular Member of the House but had addressed her remarks and questions to the Government generally.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Newfoundland and Labrador Multicultural Folk Arts Council on the occasion of the 125th Canada Birthday Celebrations.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a statement to announce the name of the person selected for the 1991 Newfoundland and Labrador Youth of the Year Award as well as the names of the other 5 finalists.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1988" (Bill No. 13).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7).

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation Act, 1963" (Bill No. 10).
- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland Association of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry (Collective Bargaining) Act, 1971" (Bill No. 8).

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 Mr. Speaker as follows:

"March 18, 1992

#### The Honourable the Minister of Finance:

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the March 31, 1992, by way of further Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Chairperson of the Committee ruled on the Point of Order raised by the Honourable the Member for St. John's South in the previous sitting with respect to another Honourable Member speaking to a stranger in the Speaker's Gallery.

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, 1992 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 6).

On motion the Committee rose. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole 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 a Bill 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 additional expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1992, the sum of \$4,300,000."

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, 1992 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 6) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 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 was continued on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections and Election Financing" (Bill No. 1) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) would be debated on Private Members Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24th 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 24, 1992

On Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30 in the morning Mr. Speaker, and the Clerk attended upon the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House.

Mr. 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, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supply and Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

"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, 1993 And For Other Purposes
Relating To The Public Service"
(Bill No. 5).

"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, 1991 and for Other Purposes
Relating to the Public Service"
(Bill No. 2).

"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, 1992 and for Other Purposes
Relating to the Public Service"
(Bill No. 6).

His Honour then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I Assent to these Bills."

Mr. 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 Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 3).

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 4).

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

### Tuesday, March 24th, 1992

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

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave an answer respecting municipal re-assessments in the Town of Grand Falls - Windsor.

The Honourable the Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Mall Bay respecting the condition of the road from Mall Bay to Riverhead.

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Small) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens respecting Provincial bursaries for post-secondary students.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on second reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections and Election Financing" (Bill No. 1) 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, Wednesday, March 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

#### Wednesday, March 25th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) asked leave to make a statement which was concurred in by the House that the Speaker on behalf of all Members send a letter to Marine Atlantic to complain about the exclusion of the boundary between Labrador and Quebec, in Marine Atlantic's latest brochure.

The Honourable the President of the Council made a statement respecting the date of the release of the Hughes Enquiry Report.

The Honourable the President of the Council gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS under subsection 4(1) of the <u>Auditor</u> <u>General Act</u> the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall, under the Great Seal of the Province, appoint a qualified auditor to be the Auditor General of Newfoundland;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, C.A. to the position of Auditor General of Newfoundland effective April 1, 1992.

AND WHEREAS under subsection 4(2) of the <u>Auditor</u> <u>General Act</u> the person appointed to the position of Auditor General must be confirmed in office by Resolution of this Honourable House of Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly confirm the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, C.A. to the position of Auditor General of Newfoundland effective April 1, 1992;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure public confidence in the independence of the Office of the Auditor General and to ensure compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Newfoundland requiring a member to hold himself or herself free of any influence, interest or relationship which, in the view of an objective observer, would impair the member's professional judgment or

objectively, the auditing or examining of the records of a Department of Government, relating to a period during which the Auditor General held an executive position in that Department, shall be carried out by an independent firm of chartered accountants appointed as an agent by the Auditor General under section 28 of the <u>Auditor General Act</u> and the report of the agent shall be tabled, without amendment, in this Honourable House together with the Auditor General's Annual Report."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Minister of Health attempted to give answers respecting the health care system.

The Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) rose on a Point of Order with respect to the procedure for answering questions for which notice had been given.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford).

The Honourable the Member for St. Mary's - The Capes(Mr. Hearn), seconded by the Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendment:

"That the resolve be amended by deleting the words and implement a response program that includes and substituting the following:

and call on the federal and provincial governments to implement a response program or programs that include."

The House recessed briefly.

The Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hearn, Mr. Parsons.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Service & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Crane, Mr. Penney, Mr.Dicks, Mr. Noel, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford.

Mr. Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker took the opportunity to explain certain comments in the news media respecting the Speaker's Ruling on Monday past.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

#### Thursday, March 26th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means and that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair. 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.

Mr. Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

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

"March 26, 1992

#### 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, 1993, in the aggregate of three billion, six hundred and fifty-eight thousand, three hundred dollars (\$3,000,658,300) and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

The bugetary documents were distributed.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question.

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. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

On motion the Committee rose.

Mr. 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 this 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 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 Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 14).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Imposition of a Tax on Tobacco" (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Health and Post-secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 16).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

#### Monday, March 30th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) asked leave to make a statement which was concurred in by all Members that the Speaker send a message to the captain of the "Polar Storm" expressing Members' support to all employees and employers in the fishing industry with respect to their efforts to call attention to the crisis in our fishery and the issue of foreign overfishing on the Grand Banks.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a statement respecting the Government's 1992-93 Municipal Capital Works Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Report of Public Tender Act Exceptions for February, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Health tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee tabled the Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1989.

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS persons 65 and over were exempted from paying the school tax;

AND WHEREAS increases in the personal income tax rate were announced in the 1992 Budget expressly as a means of replacing the school tax;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT persons 65 and over be exempted from the increases in the personal income tax rate which were announced in the 1992 Budget."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave an answer respecting the renewal of certain leased premises in Corner Brook.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 3 on the Order Paper being the Resolution respecting the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, C.A. to the position of Auditor General of Newfoundland effective April 1, 1992 in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Auditor General Act.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) would be debated on Private Members Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

#### Tuesday, March 31st, 1992

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

The Honourable the President of the Council made a statement respecting Newfoundland's entry into the Canadian Confederation on March 31st, 1949.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a statement respecting the sale of the Canada Bay Lumber Company at Roddickton to Interholtz Limited of Austria.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 28(2) of The Financial Administration Act, 1973, tabled a Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-168 for \$3,329,300. to be expended under the Department of Health Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the loan agreement dated March 2nd, 1992 between the Government, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited and Kruger Inc.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave an answer respecting grants and subsidies to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on 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, Wednesday, April 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

# Wednesday, April 1st, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) asked leave to make a statement, which was concurred in by all Members, that Mr. Speaker send to Ms. Kathie Riche of Davis Inlet the congratulations of the House on her election as Chief of her Innu Band Council.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement respecting foreign overfishing of vital groundfish stocks off the East Coast of Canada.

By unanimous consent of all Members, it was agreed to adjourn the House so that Honourable Members could attend at the waterfront to welcome the flotilla of vessels returning from the Grand Banks.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

## Thursday, April 2nd, 1992

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

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Service Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18).

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS seal meat was always part of the diet of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

AND WHEREAS present economic conditions make it imperative for many residents to find ways to supplement their food supply;

BE IT RESOLVED that no Newfoundlander or Labradorian, being of legal hunting age and having passed the Hunters' Capability Test where applicable, be deprived of the right to kill a seal for food purposes."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, April 3rd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

#### Friday, April 3rd, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health tabled the Report of the Security Investigation and Survey of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission.

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

A Bill "An Act To Extend Restraint
Of Compensation In the Public
Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on 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, Monday April 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a statement congratulating the Rotary Club of St. John's for their efforts in raising money to build a new Iris Kirby Transition House.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands made a statement respecting National Wildlife Week.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave an answer respecting employment generation during the new fiscal year.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Torngat Montains (Mr. G. Warren) would be debated on Private Members Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, April 7th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation made a statement respecting decisions taken by Government following receipt of the comprehensive review of the dump truck industry conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. The Minister also tabled the Report of the Enquiry by the Board into the Dump Truck Industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the year ended December 31, 1991.

In reply to an answer for which notice had been give, the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave an answer respecting the payroll tax.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on 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, Wednesday, April 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

# Wednesday, April 8th, 1992

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

Because of electrical failure the House recessed at 2:35.

Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair at 3:15.

By unanimous consent it was agreed that because of the power failure affecting the Northeast Avalon that the House adjourn for the day.

The House then adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Thursday, April 9th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a statement respecting the electrical problems affecting the Northeast Avalon.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations tabled the Annual Report of Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal for 1991.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Rails for Road deal was signed in 1988 for 15 years;

AND WHEREAS Labrador only received 3 percent of the \$800 million for its transportation needs;

AND WHEREAS 90 percent of Labrador communities are isolated from the rest of the Province for up to 6 months each year because of a lack of roads;

AND WHEREAS economic development in forestry, tourism and the fishery is being stymied and hundreds of jobs are being lost;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to re-open the Deal;

AND BE IT FURTHER that unless new money is added to the Agreement then existing funds should be reallocated to complete the Trans-Labrador Highway."

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented three Petitions on behalf of citizens of Dildo, Chance Cove, Southport, Gooseberry Cove, Butter Cove, Little Heart's Ease, Caplin Cove, Hodge's Cove and Long Beach protesting the road conditions in those communities.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18).

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 and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18) without amendment and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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 debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday April 10th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

#### Friday, April 10th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 30th, 1991.

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

"WHEREAS it is desirable to designate a day of mourning to remember workers killed, disabled or injured in the workplace and workers afflicted with industrial diseases;

AND WHEREAS such a day of mourning would confirm and emphasize a commitment to the issue of health and safety in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada has designated the 28th day of April as such a day of mourning without such day being a legal holiday or non-jurdicial day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly supports the recognition and designation of the 28th day of April in each year as a "Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace" and directs the Government to declare such day as an official day of mourning by such name without creating a legal holiday."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17) 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, April 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

#### Monday, April 13th, 1992

On Monday, April 13th at 4:15 in the afternoon Mr. Speaker and the Clerk attended upon the Administrator at Government House.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

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

Whereupon the Clerk read the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, 1989" (Bill No. 18).

His Honour the Administrator then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to this Bill".

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, April 28, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement respecting April 28th as the day of observance for workers killed, injured or disabled on the job.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement respecting foreign overfishing and gave the House the results of the Decima Research Poll on the attitudes of Canadians towards the fishery.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board made a statement respecting Volunteer Week.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board in his capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland Public Service Commission tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Public Service Commission for the year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Finance
Works, Services & Transportation
Employment & Labour Relations
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Social Services
Education
Health
Environment & Lands
Justice

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

Fisheries
Forestry & Agriculture
Mines & Energy
Development

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) 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 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

#### Wednesday, April 29th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a statement extending congratulations to Dr. Bobby Robertson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a statement announcing Government's decision with respect to the Report from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on the referral by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for proposed rates to be charged Newfoundland Light & Power Co. Ltd. and Hydro's rural customers.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women tabled the Annual Report of the Provincial Council on the Status of Women and the audited financial statements of the Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Little Bay Islands respecting the possibility of the transfer of a certain crab processing licence.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 9 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren).

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains was given leave to make the following correction to the Resolution, as printed on the Order Paper:

"The first "BE IT RESOLVED" be struck out and the following substituted:

"Be It Resolved that the Government take the necessary constitutional steps to change the name of the Province of Newfoundland to that of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Honourable the Government House Leader, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett), moved the following amendment:

"To make the necessary deletions and additions to have the first "BE IT RESOLVED" read:

BE IT RESOLVED that a Select Committee of this House be appointed to examine the implications of, and the proper mechanism for taking the necessary constitutional steps to change the name of the Province of Newfoundland to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and that this committee accept and examine the views of the residents of the Province".

The House recessed briefly.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Crane, Mr. Penney, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Noel, Mr. Efford, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Small, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hearn, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Warren, Mr. Hewlett.

Against: Mr. Harris.

Mr. Speaker declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Minister of Development made a statement respecting the establishment of the John Cabot (1997) 500th Anniversary Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement respecting the critical situation that has developed on the South and Southwest Coasts of the Province for those engaged in the fixed-gear groundfish fishery. The Minister also tabled a letter to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans respecting this matter.

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) raised a Point of Order as to whether the Minister of Justice who is not a Member of the House may appear before an Estimates Committee.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Penney), that congratulations be sent to Mrs. Dulcie May Garland of Lewisporte on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Member for Port au port (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of the Piccadilly Slant and Abraham's Cove Water Committee respecting water services in those communities.

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Little Bay Islands respecting the possibility of the transfer of a certain crab processing licence.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo (Mr. S. Winsor) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Island Harbour on Fogo Island respecting the upgrading of the roads on the Island.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Heads of Expenditure were referred to the Government Services Committee:

Finance
Works, Services & Transportation
Employment & Labour Relations
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Heads of Expenditure were referred to the Social Services Committee:

Social Services
Education
Health
Environment & Lands
Justice

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Heads of Expenditure were referred to the Resource Committee:

Fisheries Forestry & Agriculture Mines & Energy Development

The Honourable the President of the Council, seconded by the Opposition House Leader moved that the following Members comprise the Government Services Committee:

The Hon. the Member for Humber West (Chairperson) The Hon. the Member for Kilbride (Vice-Chairperson)

The Hon. the Member for Mount Scio - Bell Island

The Hon. the Member for Harbour Main

The Hon. the Member for St. George's

The Hon. the Member for Fogo

The Hon. the Member for Trinity North, and

that the following Members comprise the Social Services Committee:

The Hon. the Member for Pleasantville (Chairperson)

The Hon. the Member for Humber East (Vice-Chairperson) The Hon. the Member for Port de Grave

The Hon. the Member for Harbour Grace

The Hon. the Member for Torngat Mountains

The Hon. the Member for LaPoile

The Hon. the Member for St. John's East, and

that the following Members comprise the Resource Committee:

The Hon. the Member for Fortune-Hermitage (Chairperson)

The Hon. the Member for Humber Valley (Vice-Chairperson)

The Hon. the Member for Eagle River

The Hon. the Member for St. John's South The Hon. the Member for Green Bay

The Hon. the Member for Baie Verte - White Bay

The Hon. the Member for Menihek

Mr. Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, May 1st at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting his recent trip to Europe on matters in relation to the fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands made a statement announcing the first ever Household Hazardous Waste Day in the Province on May 3rd.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a statement respecting the agreement between Royal Oak Mines Inc. and B.P. Resources Canada to purchase the Hope Brook Gold Mine.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines Energy and the Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) congratulated Mr. Fred Jackson Senior on the occasion of his retirement from the St. John's Municipal Council after 50 years of service and for his volunteer work during that time.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board and Government House Leader tabled the Report on the Salaries and Benefits of Provincial Court Judges pursuant to section 28 of the Provincial Court Act, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material (Disposal) Act, 1973" (Bill No. 20).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the President of Treasury Board gave a written answer to question number 15 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17 to October 15, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Little Bay Islands respecting the possibility of the transfer of a certain crab processing licence.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

The Honourable the Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Doyle) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett), the following amendment to the Second Reading of Bill No. 17:

"That this Bill be not now read a second time but referred to the Standing Committee of the House on Government Services Legislation which shall conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill."

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated 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, Monday, May 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) and the Honourable the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) extended congratulations to the Youth Bowling Council.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting the passing of a distinguished former public servant, Mr. Cyril Bannikan.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a statement announcing the successful bidders for onshore petroleum exploration permits in Western Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the inshore winter fishery has been a complete and utter failure this year on the South Coast, west of the Burin Peninsula;

AND WHEREAS unemployment insurance payments for these fishermen will expire on May 15, 1992;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House go on record as asking the Department of Employment and Immigration to extend the unemployment insurance benefits to these South Coast fishermen as was done for the Northeast Coast fishermen in the 1991 season;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this House ask the Federal Department of Fisheries to pay the \$800.00 gear up allowance which was paid to certain fishermen in the Province of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in March of 1992 to the South Coast inshore fishermen and fisherwomen, who were omitted from the original payment of this allowance."

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Pasadena respecting the possible reduction of services at their library.

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of Little Bay Islands respecting the possible transfer of a crab processing licence.

The Honourable the President of the Council rose on a Point of Order respecting Petitions.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens respecting impaired driving incidents in the Province.

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material (Disposal) Act, 1973" (Bill No. 20).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to the Bill entitled "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) would be debated on Private Members Day on Wednesday. The Honourable the Government House Leader tabled the following names of the Members of the proposed Committee to examine changing the name of the Province of Newfoundland to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador:

The Hon. the Member for Eagle River - Chairperson
The Hon. the Member for Torngat Mountains-Vice Chairperson
The Hon. the Member for Menihek
The Hon. the Member for Carbonear
The Hon. the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir

The Hon. the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir The Hon. the Member for Burin - Placentia West

The Hon. the Member for St. John's South

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented the Report of the Privileges and Elections Committee respecting Bill No. 1, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing".

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education gave an answer to question number 3 on the Order paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17 to October 15, 1991.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Amendment to Second Reading of "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17), 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, Wednesday, May 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a statement to announce that School Tax Authorities will cease to collect school taxes on July 1, 1992 and that the Department of Finance will assume responsibility for collecting arrears on that date.

In reply to a question to which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education corrected an answer he had given yesterday.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands gave a written answer to question No. 4 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips she had taken between September 17 to October 15, 1991.

Mr. Speaker ruled on a Point of Order raised by the Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) on April 30, 1992 with respect to whether the Minister of Justice who is not a member of the House has the right to present the Estimates of the Department of Justice before a Social Services Estimates Committee.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 10 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert).

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews), seconded by the Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin), moved the following amendment:

"That another Resolution be added after the first Resolution, as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this House call upon the Federal Government to extend the unemployment insurance benefits to fisherpersons in Labrador and other areas where they cannot fish because of ice conditions;" and

That the last Resolution be struck out and the following substituted:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House ask the Federal Department of Fisheries to pay the \$800.00 gear up allowance which was paid to certain fishermen in the Provinces of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in March of 1992 to all fisherpersons who experience catch failure and were omitted from the original pay-out of this allowance."

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hearn, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. G. Warren, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon.

Mr. Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hearn, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. G. Warren, Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Harris.

 $\mbox{\rm Mr.}$  Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. K. Aylward) and the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture congratulated the Badger Bombers Hockey Team for winning the Herder Memorial Trophy.

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) and the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs congratulated the recipients of Arts Awards presented during the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council Awards Ceremony on May 6th.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a statement to inform the House that the Deputy Ministers of Justice and Social Services have been directed to review all recommendations of the Report of Hughes Commission for the purpose of providing advice on the implementation of its recommendations.

The Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS recent statements by the Premier calling for a moratorium on the deep sea fishery will mean several thousand Newfoundlanders will be unemployed;

AND WHEREAS the deep sea fishery has already been significantly reduced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House support an allocation of fish for deep sea plants."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Premier gave a written answer to question No. 1 on the Order paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken for the period September 17th to October 15th, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Premier gave a written answer to a question respecting the budget of the Provincial Libraries Board.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given the Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave an answer to question No. 7 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken for the period September 17th to October 15th, 1991.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Amendment to Second Reading of "An Act To Extend Restraint of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17), and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, it was agreed that the debate on Bill No. 17 continue until 5 o'clock at which time it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 8th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Friday, May 8th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave an answer to question No. 10 on the Order Paper of April 30th, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken for the period September 17th to October 15th, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave an answer to question No. 11 on the Order paper of April 30th, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken for the period September 17th to October 15th, 1991.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was concluded on the Amendment to Second Reading of "An Act To Extend Restraint of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment.

Mr. Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 11th at 2 o'clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Monday, May 11th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett), supported by the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations and the Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris), asked that letters of condolence be sent to the Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and the families affected by the mine disaster in Plymouth, Nova Scotia.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Development made a statement to bring attention to Members that May 11th-17th had been declared National Tourism Awareness Week across Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act", (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture on behalf of the Minister of Environment and Lands gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the resource based industries of our Province have been seriously crippled and in some cases about to crumble;

AND WHEREAS the downturn in our resource based industries has caused a downturn in the construction industry;

AND WHEREAS the combination of both have put thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians either on UI or Social Assistance with no hope for employment this year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government take immediate action to help the thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who are finding themselves caught in the worst financial and social crisis to hit them in recent memory."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave an answer to question No. 13 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17th to October 15th, 1992.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province". (Bill No. 17)

Mr. Speaker put the question that Bill No. 17 be now read a second time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Honourable the President of the Council, the Honourable the Minister of Health, the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Crane, Mr. Penney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Small.

Against: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Woodford, Mr. N. Windsor, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Harris.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (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 was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill No. 1), 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 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Tuesday, May 12th, 1992

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) moved the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that Members of the House of Assembly unanimously endorse and support the efforts of the "Break The Cycle Foundation" to raise public awareness regarding child sexual abuse."

The Speaker put the question.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the 1990-91 Annual Report of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission and the audited financial statements of the Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands gave an answer to a question respecting the current status of the Greenwood hydroelectric development proposed by Abitibi.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the President of the Council gave an answer respecting the St. John's Youth Detention Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code, 1988" (Bill No. 25).

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections and Election Financing" (Bill No. 1), was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

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

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) 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 13th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

## Wednesday, May 13, 1992

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque), supported by the Honourable Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) asked that the House send congratulations to the Royal Canadian Legion Dart Team from Happy Valley-Goose Bay for winning the Provincial Senior A Dart Championship.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 11 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford).

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

Mr. Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 14th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Thursday, May 14, 1992

The Honourable the Minister of Education made a statement respecting the Co-op Education Program.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Development gave answer to question No. 2 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17th to October 15th, 1992.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the President of the Council on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice gave an answer to question No. 12 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips the Minister of Justice had taken between September 17th to October 15th, 1992.

The Honourable the Member for St. Mary's-The Capes (Mr. Hearn) presented a petition on behalf of the citizens from his District respecting the proposed caribou farm on the Southern Avalon.

The Honourable the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of White Bay South respecting the lack of electrical services on the Trans Canada Highway at the Hampden Road Junction.

The Honourable the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Shearstown and Butlerville respecting the closure of the Post Office in Shearstown.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code, 1988" (Bill No. 25).

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17).

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 and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, May 15th, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

### Friday, May 15th, 1992

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement respecting the lack of progress at the recent special session of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) meeting in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The Honourable the Premier tabled the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Delivery of Programs and Services in Primary, Elementary and Secondary Education ("Our Children Our Future").

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health gave an answer respecting the possibility of an incinerator built in St. John's for the disposal of hospital waste.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act, 1986" (Bill No. 15).

The Committee considered but did not pass a certain Resolution relating to The Income Tax Act.

On motion the Committee rose.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto, recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same 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 to amend The Tobacco Tax Act, 1986".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Act, 1986" (Bill No. 15) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 15 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Tuesday, May 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, May 19th, 1992

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave an answer to Question No. 9 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17th and October 15th, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a petition on behalf of citizens of his district protesting Section 7 of Bill No. 22, the new Lands Act.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered but did not pass a certain Resolution relating to The Income Tax Act.

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 directed him to report that it had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Wednesday, May 20th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

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#### Wednesday, May 20th, 1992

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) as Chairperson of the Resource Estimates Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Fisheries Forestry and Agriculture Mines and Energy Development

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice, tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Crimes Compensation Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Further Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 26).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health gave an answer to Question No. 8 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17th and October 15th, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave an answer to Question No. 6 on the Order Paper of April 30, 1992 respecting the number of trips he had taken while Minister of Social Services between September 17th and October 15th, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave an answer to a question respecting the 1992 crab fishery.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of the Environment and Lands gave an answer respecting the big game hunt.

The Speaker ruled on a Point of Order raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition on May 15, 1992 with respect to unparliamentary language.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 8 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Thursday, May 21st, 1992

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee considered but did not pass a certain Resolution relating to The Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Act.

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 and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consesquent thereto, recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same 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 to amend The Income Tax Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 14) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 14 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, May 22nd, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

## Friday, May 22, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy tabled the 1991 Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation and the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) on behalf of the Chairperson of the Social Services Estimates Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Social Services Education Health Environment and Lands Justice

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) on behalf of the Chairperson of the Government Services Estimates 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
Employment and Labour Relations
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and did not pass a certain Resolution relating to The Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Act.

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 directed him to report that it had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Monday, May 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Monday, May 25th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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. 31).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the President of the Council gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

"WHEREAS section 28 of the Provincial Court Act, 1991 requires the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint a Tribunal to recommend the salaries and benefits of the judges and chief judge of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its report to the Minister of Justice on April 16, 1992;

AND WHEREAS on May 1, 1992 the report was laid before the House of Assembly, as required by the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Act requires the House to approve or vary the report within 30 days of its being laid before the House;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides that the recommendations of the report, as approved or varied by the House, would apply for a period of 4 years;

AND WHEREAS the Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 applies to Provincial Court judges and the chief judge of the Provincial Court;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the House to deal with the recommendations of the report for the 2 year period following the expiry of the restraint period;

AND WHEREAS government has decided to ask the House to vary the recommendations of the report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House vary the Report on the Salaries And Benefits Of Provincial Court Judges by inserting immediately before Recommendation 1, as Recommendation A.1, the following:

- A.1(a) In light of the provisions of the Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 it is recommended that the House defer consideration of the recommendations of this report until the expiry of the restraint period provided for in that Act.
  - (b) It is recommended that the House accept or vary the recommendations of the report within 30 days of the expiration of the restraint period, or if the House is not then sitting, it is recommended that the report be considered and accepted or varied within 30 days of the beginning of the 1st sitting of the House immediately following the end of the restraint period.

(c) It is recommended that the report as then accepted or varied be implemented within 30 days of acceptance or variation with effect from 1994/04/01 for the then unexpired balance of the 4 year period contemplated by the report and the Provincial Court Act, 1991."

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

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. 16).

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 and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto, recommended that a Bill 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 to Impose a Tax On Employers for the purpose of Funding Health and Post-Secondary Education":

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 16) were read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 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 was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7), and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7), was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then ajourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, May 26th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture and the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition congratulated Mr. Joe Roberts for completing his walk across Newfoundland for the purpose of raising money on behalf of the Janeway Children's Hospital.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement respecting the Student Employment Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Report of Public Tender Act Exceptions for April, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, in accordance with Section 3(2) of **The Mineral Act, 1976**, tabled the Report of Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992.

In reply to questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services tabled answers to those questions which were posed to the Minister before the Social Services Estimates Committee respecting social assistance.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier tabled statistics respecting the unemployment situation.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29).

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Resource Committee 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, Wednesday, May 27th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

#### Wednesday, May 27th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands gave an answer to a question respecting red herring in Long Harbour.

It was agreed that Private Members' Day would be dispensed with and that the House would carry on with routine business.

The Honourable the Member for St John's East (Mr. Harris) rose on a Point of Order with respect to dispensing with Private Members' Day.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Resource Committee.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Social Services Committee 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, Thursday, May 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Thursday, May 28th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Premier made a statement announcing the date of the By-Election in the District of Naskaupi on June 25th, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands made a statement proclaiming the week of June 1-7, 1992 as Environment Week.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board 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 January 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 34).

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave an answer respecting the occurrence of red herring in Placentia Bay.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave an answer respecting the Town Council of Roddickton and the insurance settlement in relation to the crab fish plant in that community.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave an answer respecting the number of trips he had taken between September 17 to October 15, 1991.

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens of Corner Brook protesting proposals to change the Workers' Compensation plan.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Social Services Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By agreement the procedure under Standing Order 31 was dispensed with. Instead, Honourable Members paid tribute to the Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Power) upon his impending retirement as a Member of the House on May 29th.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

# Friday, May 29th, 1992

Be it known that on this day, in accordance with section 5 of <u>The Revised Statutes</u>, <u>1990 Act</u>, the consolidated and revised Acts together with the Schedule of enactments to be repealed as constituting the Statute Roll were deposited with the Clerk of the House. The consolidated and revised Acts were attested at the beginning of each volume by the signature of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, countersigned by the Honourable the Minister of Justice and certified correct by the reviser.

A. John Noel

## Monday, June 1, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, the Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) and the Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) congratulated the St. John's Maple Leafs on its fine performance during the Calder Cup Series.

Some Honourable Members congratulated Ms. Joy Burt on her accomplishment as a World weight lifter.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands continued her May 28th statement respecting Environment Week and distributed certain items in connection with that week.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement announcing the date of the By-Election in the District of Ferryland on June 25th, 1992.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board made a statement announcing the coming into force of the Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1990.

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador immediately reject any industrial development project that involves the importation for disposal of garbage and industrial waste from any jurisdiction outside this province."

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

"WHEREAS the prospect of shipping household garbage from the eastern seaboard of the United States of America for incineration in this province leaves Newfoundlanders and Labradorians worried about the health, environmental and political consequences and the risks to the future of our Province's tourism and wilderness potential; AND WHEREAS already substantial public funds have been committed to the process of assessing the Long Harbour incineration project with the prospect of further expenditures before a decision is made;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to resolve any uncertainty and reassure the people of the province that such projects will not be approved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly go on record as opposing the importation of garbage and other wastes into the province for incineration and in particular direct the government to inform the proponents of the Long Harbour waste-to-energy incineration project that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will not approve their proposal to import and incinerate garbage;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government be directed to place before the House of Assembly a comprehansive policy and program for solid waste management within the province."

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973 (Bill No. 34).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act". (Bill No. 33).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS section 28 of the Provincial Court Act, 1991 requires the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint a Tribunal to recommend the salaries and benefits of the judges and chief judge of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its report to the Minister of Justice on April 16, 1992;

AND WHEREAS on May 1, 1992 the report was laid before the House of Assembly, as required by the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Act requires the House to approve or vary the report within 30 days of its being laid before the House;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides that the recommendations of the report, as approved or varied by the House, would apply for a period of 4 years;

AND WHEREAS the Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 applies to Provincial Court judges and the chief judge of the Provincial Court;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the House to deal with the recommendations of the report for the 2 year period following the expiry of the restraint period;

AND WHEREAS government has decided to ask the House to vary the recommendations of the report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House vary the Report on the Salaries And Benefits Of Provincial Court Judges by inserting immediately before Recommendation 1, as Recommendation A.1, the following:

- A.1(a) In light of the provisions of the **Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992** it is recommended that the House defer consideration of the recommendations of this report until the expiry of the restraint period provided for in that Act.
  - (b) It is recommended that the House accept or vary the recommendations of the report within 30 days of the expiration of the restraint period, or if the House is not then sitting, it is recommended that the report be considered and accepted or varied within 30 days of the beginning of the 1st sitting of the House immediately following the end of the restraint period.
  - (c) It is recommended that the report as then accepted or varied be implemented within 30 days of acceptance or variation with effect from 1994/04/01 for the then unexpired balance of the 4 year period contemplated by the report and the Provincial Court Act, 1991."

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Government Services Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. G. Warren) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 2nd, 1992.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

## Tuesday, June 2, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement respecting National Access Awareness Week from June 1st to June 7th, 1992.

The Honourable the President of the Council gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Estimates of the Executive Council.

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 of the Committee 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, June 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

## Wednesday, June 3rd, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education made a statement to bring attention to Access Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a statement respecting the Initial Report of the Advisory Committee on Training Services in relation to providing disabled persons access to funds and services.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee tabled the Report of the Public Accounts Committee respecting Proceedings of the Committee from January, 1991 to February, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Imposition Of A Tax On Tobacco" (Bill No. 37).

In reply to questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave answers with respect to the fish plant at Belleoram and the crab fishery.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 11 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren).

The Honourable the President of the Council, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, moved the following amendment:

That the Resolution be amended by adding after the word "province" the following:

",if such a project is registered and evaluated, as required by the **Environmental Assessment** Act, and is found to be either ecologically unsafe, socially unacceptable, or contrary to the will of the people of the Province."

The House recessed briefly.

The Speaker returned to the Chair.

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker put the qustion on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

# Thursday, June 4th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting the Report of the Honourable Mr. Justice Seamus O'Regan in relation to the Royal Commission of Enquiry into the operations of the Sprung Greenhouse. The Honourable the Premier also tabled the Report of the Royal Commission of Enquiry.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement that the Department of Fisheries would be contributing funds to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland for its capelin-for-food-aid project in Zimbabwe.

The Honourable the Premier tabled the Report of the Honourable Mr. Justice Geoffrey L. Steele with respect to the Public Inquiry into Allegations of Irregularities Associated with a Public Service Competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Estimates of the Executive Council.

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

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, June 5th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

# Friday, June 5th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement congratulating the Sisters of Mercy upon achieving 150 years of service in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a statement respecting the new extension to the HUB.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act" (Bill No. 38) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Estimates of the Executive Council.

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 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, Monday, June 8th.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Monday, June 8th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39).

The Honourable the Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents in Labrador West respecting the right of students with mental handicaps to be integrated into the regular classroom.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Estimates of the Executive Council, the Consolidated Fund Services, the Legislature and the Public Service Commission.

The Committee continued to sit as the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered but did not pass the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill No. 1).

The Honourable the Government House Leader tabled Amendments to Bill No. 1 in Committee.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, Items of Expenditure under the Executive Council, Consolidated Fund Services, Legislature and Public Service Commission Heads of Expenditure and asked leave to sit again.

The Chairperson further reported that the Committee had considered Bill No. 1, had made some progress 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.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Pleasantville (Mr. Noel) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

## Tuesday, June 9th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) rose on a Point of Order respecting certain statements made by the Honourable the Minister of Education as recorded in the Hansard of June 8th.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Speaker ruled that there was no Point of Order raised earlier by the Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill No. 1).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

"Clause 12(2)(a) of Bill 1 be deleted and clauses 12(2)(b) to (e) be re-numbered as clauses 12(2)(a) to (d)."

"Clause 28(2) of the Bill be amended by deleting the figure "325" and substituting the figure "275"."

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendments.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 86 of Bill 1 be deleted and the following substituted:

- "86. (1) An elector who is otherwise qualified under this Part to vote but who will be away from his or her home electoral district on the day fixed for polling at that election may register and apply for a special ballot at any office including any temporary office of any returning officer or deputy returning officer or Justice of the Peace in the province.
- (2) A person making an application under subsection (1) shall provide a signature, present identification as prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer, provide his or her address in his or her home electoral district, and sign a declaration that he or she will vote only once in the election.
- (3) The election official who registers each applicant under subsection (1) shall certify on the application form for registration and the special ballot that the prescribed identification was presented and that a special ballot was given to the elector and record the number of the certificate envelope.
- (4) The completed application under subsection (1) shall be forwarded by mail or facsimile by the election official who registers the elector to the returning officer in the home electoral district of the elector.
- (5) An application forwarded under subsection (4) shall be received by the returning officer in the home electoral district of the elector at least 4 days before polling day.
- (6) On receipt of a completed and certified application the returning officer in the elector's home district shall enter the name of the elector on the voters list for the appropriate polling division, note that the voter has received a special ballot and the number of the certificate envelope.
- (7) A person who satisfies the requirement of this Section and receives a special ballot shall be responsible for the delivery of the ballot to the returning officer in the elector's home electoral district on or before the day of the vote.

- (8) Where there are several voters in one location who must vote by special ballot, including but not restricted to
  - (a) inmates in penitentiaries,
  - (b) full-time students at post secondary institutions,
  - (c) persons in hospitals or other institutions, and
  - (d) workers at temporary work sites,

the Chief Electoral Officer may make provision, as he or she deems appropriate for these electors to vote by special ballot at a polling division designated for this purpose."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. N. Windsor and Mr. S. Winsor.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford and Mr. Small.

The Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Aylward) moved the following amendment:

"That clause 86 of Bill 1 be deleted and the following substituted:

"86. (1) In addition to the polling divisions established under Section 28, the Chief Electoral Officer may establish one or more polling divisions for any electoral district in any place in the province outside of that electoral district.

(2) Where a polling division has been established under subsection (1) electors entitled to vote in any part of the electoral district for which it was established may vote at the polling division for the candidate or the number of candidates authorized by law to be elected to represent such electoral district."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. N. Windsor, Mr. S. Winsor and Mr. Hewlett.

Against: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford and Mr. Small.

The Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

"Clause 86(1)(h) of the Bill be amended by striking out the words "physical incapacity" and substituting the word "disability".

"Clause 87(1) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately at the beginning of the clause the words "Notwithstanding paragraph 10(2)(b)".

"Clause 92(3) of the Bill be amended by deleting the figures "25, 50 or 100" and substituting the figure "50".

"Clause 94(1)(c) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the word "materials" the words "including brailled templates".

"Clause 104(5) of the Bill be amended by striking out the word "voter" and substituting the word "elector".

"Clause 118(1) of the Bill be amended by striking out the words "an elector may" and substituting the words "an elector shall".

"Clause 118(1)(b)(ii) of the Bill be amended by striking out the word "template" wherever it occurs and substituting the words "brailled template".

"Clause 170(1) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the words "The Chief Electoral Officer" the words "or a designate".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

- "Bill 1 is further amended by adding immediately after clause 217 the following:
- 217.1 Where the Lieutenant-Governor in Council decides to hold a plebiscite on a question relating to the Constitution of Canada or relating to or arising out of a possible change to the Constitution of Canada, the plebiscite may be held in conjunction with a plebiscite or referendum held by the government of Canada.
- 217.2(1) Notwithstanding subsection 217(2), where a plebiscite is held under section 217(1), the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may agree with the government of Canada that the provisions of the Canada Elections Act including the use of the list of electors compiled under that Act and the use of returning officers and other election officials appointed under that Act, and the Referendum Act (Canada) shall apply to the holding of a plebiscite under section 217.1.
- (2) Where subsection (1) applies to the holding of a plebiscite, that plebiscite shall be considered to have been conducted according to the provisions of this Act.
- 217.3 The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, at any time before the day on which the plebiscite is to be held, cancel the plebiscite.

- 217.4 The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations
  - (a) regulating or prohibiting, for the purposes of campaigning for or against a question put to the electors at a plebiscite,
    - (1) contributions that may be made to political parties, persons or groups of persons, and
    - (ii) expenses that may be incurred by political parties, persons and groups of persons, and
  - (b) generally, which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers necessary to facilitate the holding of a plebiscite."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the President of the Council, the Hon. the Minister of Development, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. Barrett, Mr. K. Aylward, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Walsh Mr. Short, Mr. Langdon and Mr. Oldford.

Against: Mr. Matthews, Mr. Tobin Mr. R. Aylward, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. N. Windsor, Mr. S. Winsor, Mr. Hewlett.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

"Clause 277(1) of the Bill be amended by striking out the figure "274(1)(a)" and substituting the figure "274(2)"."

"Clause 291(2) of the Bill be amended by inserting after the word "person" where it twice occurs the word "corporation".

Clause 296(2) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the words "trade union" the words "or an employer".

Clause 312(3)(a) of the Bill be amended by striking out the figure "20,000" and substituting the figure "30,000"."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

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 and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill No. 1), with amendments.

The Amendments to Bill No. 1 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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 debate was continued on the Budget motion.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Wednesday, June 10th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a statement respecting the Spruce Budworm Spray Program.

The Honourable the Member for Menihek presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Wabush respecting funding for student assistants.

By leave of the House, Private Members' Day was dispensed with in favour of Government Business.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the Budget.

The Speaker put the question on the Budget 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:

#### "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, 1993, 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.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the President of the Council it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1993 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 35).

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 had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill 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, 1993, the sum of \$2,010,461,600.00."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1993 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 35), was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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 presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12).

#### On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12)

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 9, 11, 24, 32 and 12 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

It being 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker left the Chair and the House recessed.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973 (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39).

## On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973 (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39)

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 28, 29, 27, 34, 36, 23 and 39 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973 (Bill No. 7)

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9)

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11)

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12)

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

- "1. That Subclause 18(2) of the Bill be amended by inserting immediately before the word "employed" wherever it occurs, the word "permanently";
- 2. (1) That Subclause 20(1) of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (b) and by renumbering paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) as paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) respectively and by deleting the number "5" and substituting the number "7"; and
- (2) That Subclause 20(2) be amended by deleting the number "5" and substituting the number "7"."

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 34).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39).

On motion the Committee rose. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act", 1973" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 7, 9, 11, 23, 24, 28, 29, 27, 32, 34, 36 and 39 be read a third time presently by leave.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland and Labrador Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12), with amendments.

The amendments to Bill No. 12 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill 12 be read a third time presently by leave.

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill (No. 1)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland and Labrador Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973 (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39).

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

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto, recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

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 to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province the sum of \$365,000,000 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 to amend the Tobacco Tax Act"

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a first, second and third time:

- A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 31).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 37).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 31 and 37 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that a Select Committee with Respect to the Examination of Changing the Name of the Province of Newfoundland to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador be established and that the following Members comprise the Committee:

The Hon. the Member for Eagle River - Chairperson The Hon. the Member for Torngat Mountains - Vice Chairperson

The Hon. the Member for Menihek

The Hon. the Member for Carbonear

The Hon. the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir

The Hon. the Member for Burin-Placentia West

The Hon. the Member for St. John's South

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable Government House Leader moved, "That the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow at the call of the Chair and that this House do now adjourn".

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

# Thursday, June 11th, 1992

On Thursday, June 11th at 2:30 in the afternoon the Speaker and the Clerk of the House attended upon 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, 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, 1993 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 35).

His Honour 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 Extend Restraint Of Compensation In The Public Sector Of The Province" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act, 1986" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections, Controverted Elections And Election Financing" (Bill (No. 1)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Public Service Commission Act, 1973" (Bill No. 7) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act, 1973" (Bill No. 9) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 11) A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Association Of Social Workers" (Bill No. 12) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 23) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord implementation (Newfoundland) Act" (Bill No. 24) A Bill "An Act To Abolish School Tax Authorities And To Provide For The Collection Of Unpaid School Tax" (Bill No. 28) A Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes In Relation To The Payment Or Imposition Of Interest" (Bill No. 29) A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Application And Effect Of Certain Acts Passed In The Present Session Of The Legislature Upon The Revised Statutes Of Newfoundland, 1990" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973 And The Liquor Corporation Act", 1973" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act Respecting The Holding Of A Plebiscite In The Province" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 31)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 37).

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

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

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# Wednesday, July 8th, 1992

Be it known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Loyola Sullivan, Member returned for the District of Ferryland in the By-Election held on June 25, 1992, who took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A. John Noel

# Thursday, July 9th, 1992

Be it known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Edward Roberts, Member returned for the District of Naskaupi in the By-Election held on June 25, 1992, who took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A. John Noel

### Monday, November 2nd, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991". (Bill No. 44).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43).
- A Bill

  "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax
  Act, The Horse Racing Regulation
  And Tax Act, The Liquor Control Act
  And The Retail Sales Tax Act"
  (Bill No. 45).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 41).

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Licensing And Inspection Of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 42).

The Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS it is evident that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has not addressed the impact of the moratorium on the fishing industry; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador address its responsibility to those directly affected by the moratorium."

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:

# "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, 1992, by way of further Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance it was moved that the Message, together with a certain Resolution and Bill No. 26, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the Resolution.

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, had made some progress 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.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader and by leave of the House, it was ordered that Bills No. 10, 13, 19, 20, 22, 25, 30 and 33 be reprinted because of the changes to the law made by the coming into force of the 1990 Revised Statutes of Newfoundland on June 1st, 1992. By leave, it was further ordered that Bills Nos. 10, 13, 19, 20, 22, 25, 30 and 33 as reprinted be deemed to have been given First Reading with the long titles of the Bills amended accordingly.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Fisheries Loan Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 28(2) of the Financial Administration Act, tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-470 for \$4,560,000 to be expended under the Education Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-468 for \$2,500,000 to be expended under the Employment & Labour Relations Head of Expenditure;
- (c) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-605 for \$5,000,000 to be expended under the Employment & Labour Relations Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-606 for \$1,000,000 to be expended under the Municipal & Provincial Affairs Head Of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant in accordance with Order-in-Council 92-623 for \$5,000,000 to be expended under the Social Services Head Of Expenditure;

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) as Chairperson of the Privileges and Elections Committee tabled the Second Report of that Committee in respect of proposed special ballot provisions to be included under the Elections Act.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991". (Bill No. 44).

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act, The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 45).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 41).
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Licensing And Inspection Of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 42).

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the Resolution.

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, had made some progress 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

#### Wednesday, November 4th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General made a statement respecting progress in respect of the review, analysis and implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hughes Commission Report.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Service and Transportation tabled the Reports of the **Public Tender** Act Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1992.

In reply to questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier tabled correspondence respecting the Atlantic Procurement Agreement and the Unemployment and Social Services Case statistics, 1980 to 1991.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 8 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

A. John Noel

#### Thursday, November 5th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Liquor Licensing Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47).

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave an answer to a question respecting an emergency housing repair program.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the Resolution.

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, had made some progress 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.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 6th, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

# Friday, November 6th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy tabled the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Canada - Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47).

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act". (Bill No. 48).

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair. Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the Resolution.

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, 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, November 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting the removal of Hydro meters in Sheshatshiu. The Honourable the Premier also tabled a letter addressed to Mr. Peter Penashue.

The Honourable the Minister of Health made a statement clarifying Government's policy with respect to mammography services in the Province.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) tabled the Report of the Select Committee on Changing the Name of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 49).
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act". (Bill No. 52).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50).

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply 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, 1992 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 26).

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 had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that the Bill 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 additional expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1992, the sum of \$18,955,300."

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, 1992 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill No. 26) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was also 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.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole on Supply 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 debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13), and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13), was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19), was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21) 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, November 10th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

#### Tuesday, November 10th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53).

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 49).
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act". (Bill No. 52).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20) 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, Thursday, November 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Thursday, November 12th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a statement respecting the fiscal position of the Province as a result of the reduction of Federal transfer entitlements and income tax revenue.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune - Hermitage tabled the Report of the Government Services Legislation Review Committee respecting Bill No. 22, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act".

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier tabled an answer respecting the cost of constitutional negotiations.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier tabled answers respecting the cost of renovations to the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th floors of the Confederation Building East Block.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) presented a Petition from 1043 residents of Ramea respecting the operation of the Ramea Fish Plant.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53), was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 13th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

## Friday, November 13th, 1992

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education made a statement respecting the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission Report on Education.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54).

In reply to questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health gave answers respecting cancer clinics and cancer specialists in the Province.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier gave an answer respecting the expenses of the Premier's Office.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) the following amendment to Second Reading of Bill No. 48:

"That the Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act", be referred to the Government Services Committee of the House for public hearings throughout the Province;

And that debate on the Bill be suspended until after the Government Services Committee has completed public hearings and has reported to the House."

The House recessed briefly.

The Speaker returned to the Chair.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) 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, Monday, November 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 55).
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary". (Bill No. 56).

On motion of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) and by leave of the House, it was ordered that Resolution No. 5 on the Order Paper of November 4th standing in his name be withdrawn. After this Resolution was withdrawn, the Honourable the Member for Eagle River gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS a National Highway Policy is currently in the process of development;

AND WHEREAS the national system as presently defined does not include the Trans-Labrador Highway;

AND WHEREAS any funding under the policy must be incremental to the Roads for Rail Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the Trans-Labrador Highway is essential for the economic development of Labrador and greatly beneficial to all of the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to support the inclusion of the Trans-Labrador Highway into the National Highway System;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Government provide sufficient funds in the National Highway policy to complete the Trans Labrador Highway."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave an answer respecting the Fogo - Change Islands ferry service.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Lourdes respecting the state of Mill Bridge.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition moved, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Aylward), the following amendment to Second Reading of Bill No. 48:

"That all the words after "That" be deleted and the following substituted:

Bill No. 48, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time six months hence."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Debate was commenced on the amendment 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, November 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, November 17th, 1992

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

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave an answer respecting retail sales in the Province.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 55).
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) 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, Wednesday, November 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Wednesday, November 18th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General made a statement respecting the police investigation of the fire which destroyed the Canada Bay Seafoods Limited Crab Plant in Roddicton.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave an answer respecting expenditures on snow and ice control on provincial highways.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 6 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

# Thursday, November 19th, 1992

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was concluded on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 20th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

### Friday, November 20th, 1992

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

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education gave an answer respecting certain income from CPP which is considered income for student loan entitlement.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave an answer and tabled information respecting certain caseload statistics within his Department.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30) 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, Monday, November 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Culture made a statement respecting Government's joint participation along with the Federal Government and the Labrador Innuit Association in a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a National Park in the Torngat Mountains in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs made a statement respecting the establishment of a uniform municipal tax rate for utility companies.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, in his capacity as Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, made a statement respecting the completion of parkland development in the Cowan Heights Land Assembly in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57).

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the economy of North America is becoming increasingly based on knowledge;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians must become better educated if our Province is to advance economically;

AND WHEREAS Grenfell College in Corner Brook is the only university campus in the Province outside St. John's.

AND WHEREAS Grenfell College, with few exceptions, is only offering first and second year Arts and Science Courses and is not even able to meet the needs of first and second year students because of a shortage of science laboratories, library facilities, classrooms and other space and personnel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government immediately provide Grenfell College with capital and operating fund increases to equip it as quickly as possible to offer the full range of first, second, third and fourth year Arts and Science courses to meet the needs of the people of the Province."

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"THAT the name of the Province be changed from Newfoundland to read Newfoundland and Labrador."

On motion of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) and by leave of the House, it was ordered that Resolution No. 3 on the Order paper of November 18th standing in his name be withdrawn. After this Resolution was withdrawn, the Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) then gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS representation in our Legislature has increased dramatically;

AND WHEREAS the population of Newfoundland and Labrador has shown little increase during the past 10 years;

AND WHEREAS the cost of governing has escalated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT representation in the House of Assembly be reduced to a maximum of 42 seats."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

There was an interruption in the Public Gallery, whereupon the Gallery was cleared by the Commissionaires.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act (Bill No. 38) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

### Tuesday, November 24th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting his recent meetings with the Prime Minister of Canada.

The Honourable the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the huge seal population is having a devastating effect on the fish stocks off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the seal harvest has been a legitimate and profitable part of our heritage as a people in this Province;

AND WHEREAS the concerns of animal rights extremists should not be put before the concerns of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly condemns the falsehoods being spread by the animal rights extremists and supports the resumption of an environmentally sustainable seal harvest off the coast of this Povince."

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38) 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, Wednesday, November 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) gave notice that he would raise a question of privilege.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 5 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge).

The Honourable the Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology moved the following amendment:

"That the Resolution clause be deleted and the following substituted:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government provide Grenfell College with capital and operating fund increases to equip it as quickly as possible to offer the full range of first, second, third and fourth year Arts and Science courses to meet the needs of the people of the Province."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) rose on a Point of Privilege with respect to remarks made by the Honourable the Minister of Social Services on November 5th in reply to a question for which notice had been given. The Speaker ruled that there was no Point of Privilege.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Report of the Public Tender Act Exceptions for October, 1992.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens who are against the proposal to build an incinerator in Long Harbour.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens who are against the proposal to build an incinerator in Long Harbour.

The Honourable the Member for Humber West (Mr. Dicks) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens who are against the proposal to build an incinerator in Long Harbour.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 27th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

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

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier, gave an answer respecting renovations to the Premier's Office.

The Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Goulds and other places respecting amalgamation of those communities with the City of St. John's.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens who are against the proposal to build an incinerator in Long Harbour.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens who are against the proposal to build an incinerator in Long Harbour.

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

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting the Licensing And Inspection Of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Licensing And Inspection Of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22) 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, Monday, November 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement to commend the leaders of the Province's five major churches for taking a proactive and public role in nurturing more responsible stewardship of fish resources.

The Honourable the Speaker, in accordance with section 13 of the Auditor General Act, tabled a special report of the Auditor General respecting Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens respecting funding to the Provincial Libraries Board.

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

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An To Amend The Co-Operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Co-Operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow. Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Before Second Reading debate on Bill No. 52 began, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Hon. Edward Roberts) made a declaration under section 4 of the Conflict of Interest Act declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate. Whereupon, the Honourable the Government House Leader left the Chamber for the duration of the debate.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Health made a statement respecting World AIDS Day.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) presented a Special Report of the Public Accounts Committee respecting the Committee's power to investigate the financial affairs of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands, in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, presented the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) presented a Petition on behalf of certain teachers respecting fiscal restraints in education.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 52) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 49) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act (Bill No. 57) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) 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 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Member for Harbour Grace (Mr. Crane), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Social Legislation Review Committee, presented a Report of the Committee respecting Bill No. 55, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act".

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Justice gave an answer respecting the purchase of certain furniture in the St. John's Provincial Court.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition presented a Petition on behalf of certain teachers in the Province respecting certain remarks made by the Honourable the Minister of Education.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 8 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Finance announced that he would make a statement on the economy on December 4th.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice tabled the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave an answer respecting certain services provided by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented two Petitions on behalf of teachers in Pasadena in respect of funding for education.

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) presented a Petition on behalf of certain teachers in respect of funding for education.

The Honourable the Member for Pleasantville (Mr. Noel) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District respecting the closure of the Post Office on Pearson Street.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Seal Cove in Fortune Bay respecting the school in that community.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) rose on a Point of Privilege respecting certain answers given by the Honourable the Minister of Social Services respecting certain Departmental activities in Bellevue.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The House ordered that by leave the routine business of the House would be suspended for a Statement to be given by the Minister of Finance and subsequent debate by Members on December 4th and 7th.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act, The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 45) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, December 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands, in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement recognizing December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

It was agreed that the Orders of the Day be suspended for the purpose of debating the Statement to be delivered by the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement with respect to the finances of the Province.

Debate was commenced on the Financial Statement of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Imposition Of A Tax On Tobacco No. 3" (Bill No. 59).

The Honourable the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Imposition Of A Tax On Gasoline No. 2" (Bill No. 60).

The Honourable the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 Income Tax Act No. 2" (Bill No. 61).

The Honourable the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act No. 2" (Bill No. 65).

The Honourable the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the President of Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992" (Bill No. 64).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Justice on behalf of the Honourable the Premier made a Statement with respect to two projects being proposed which involve the processing or storage of garbage and other waste material originating mainly from outside the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63).

The Speaker ruled that there was no Point of Privilege raised by the Honourable the Member for St. John's East on December 3rd, 1992.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 65).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992" (Bill No. 64).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

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

Debate was continued and concluded on the Financial Statement of the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) rose to congratulate Miss Sherry Dicker of Nain for her act of heroism. The House directed the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations to Miss Dicker.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a statement outlining the state of the Province's forest resources and timber supply. As well, the Minister tabled his Department's publication entitled "20 Year Forestry Development Plan 1990-2009".

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) on behalf of the Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) gave notice that the Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the provincial economy is shrinking and unemployment is increasing;

AND WHEREAS the tax burden imposed on individuals and businesses by this administration has harmed the economy;

AND WHEREAS the administration has failed to execute effective policies to stimulate the economy and decrease unemployment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, in an attempt to stimulate the economy and thereby create jobs, the provincial government immediately take steps to reduce the level of taxation in this province."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave an answer and tabled information respecting the sources of provincial taxes during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) 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 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Wednesday, December 9th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Small) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Great Harbour Deep urging the construction of a road link between Harbour Deep and the Provincial road system.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 11 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement to mark the 44th Anniversary of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law No. 2 (Bill No. 66).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that the Honourable the Minister of Finance would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 67).

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Canada - Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act No. 2 (Bill No. 69).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health gave an answer respecting certain reductions in the Department of Health Budget.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge), seconded by the Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Robert Aylward), moved the following amendment:

"THAT the order for Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (Bill No. 56) be discharged, the Bill be withdrawn from the Order Paper and the subject matter be referred to the Social Legislation Review Committee."

The House recessed briefly.

The Speaker returned to the Chair.

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

By agreement the procedure under Standing Order 31 was dispensed with.

It was moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

At 6:15 o'clock in the evening, it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, December 11th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Premier gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the Election Act (RSN 1990, c. E-3) provides that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Chief Electoral Officer;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on 30 September, 1992, appointed D. Wayne Mitchell of the District of Pleasantville to be the Chief Electoral Officer with effect from 19 October, 1992;

AND WHEREAS the Election Act, 1991, (SN 1992, c. E-3.1) provides that "the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer [shall] be filled by resolution of the House of Assembly";

AND WHEREAS the Election Act, 1991, does not come into force until it has been proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, who has not yet done so;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry, having consulted other Members of the House of Assembly, propose to nominate Mr. Mitchell to be the Chief Electoral Officer;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable and in the public interest to provide at this time for the appointment of Mr. Mitchell as the Chief Electoral Officer, under the Elections Act, 1991, rather than to await its proclamation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that D. Wayne Mitchell, of the District of Pleasantville, be and he is hereby appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Act, 1991, notwithstanding that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has not yet proclaimed that Act.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Summary Proceedings Act, the Liquor Control Act And the Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology tabled an answer to a question for which notice had been given respecting Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law (No. 2)" (Bill No. 66).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 67).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 69).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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, December 14th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

## Monday, December 14th, 1992

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

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a statement to announce that Government had approved the hiring of an additional 25 social workers for the Child Welfare Program.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement expressing the wish that a possible legal dispute between the Auditor General and Memorial University of Newfoundland can be resolved without resort to litigation.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice tabled a comparative analysis of provincial and federal statutory conflict of interest regimes in Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services tabled the Financial and Statistical Report of the Social Assistance Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4)" (Bill No. 72).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act No. 3)" (Bill No. 71).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities" (Bill No. 73).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Election Act, the Jury Act, 1991 And the Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation gave an answer and tabled information respecting certain salary increases for operational supervisors in his Department.

It was agreed that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, the Liquor Control Act and the Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 59).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60).

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 and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 59 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 bring in a measure to amend the Tobacco Tax Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 59) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 59 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto, recommended that Bill No. 60 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 to amend the Gasoline Tax Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60) was read a first, second and third time.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 60 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 was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act, The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act, The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax Act, The Liquor Control Act and The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 45) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Elections Act, the Jury Act, 1991 and the Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74), the Notice of Motion of which was given by the Honourable the Minister of Justice earlier in the afternoon, was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).
- "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland A Bill Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 69).
- "An Act To Remove Anomalies and Errors A Bill In The Statute Law (No. 2)" (Bill No. 66).

On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 69).
- "An Act To Remove Anomalies and Errors A Bill In The Statute Law (No. 2)" (Bill No. 66).

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 44, 69 and 66 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

At 6:53 o'clock in the evening, it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a statement respecting the purchase of fire suppression equipment from Helitactics Ltd.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations made a statement to announce the completion of the revised Buildings Accessibility Regulations.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave an answer respecting volunteer fire brigades and workers' compensation.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4)" (Bill No. 72).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3) (Bill No. 71).
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities," (Bill No. 73). and C.bla Televistics

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 2 on the Order Paper being the Resolution respecting the appointment of Mr. D. Wayne Mitchell to the position of Chief Electoral Officer of Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the Elections Act, 1991.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 41).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).

On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 41).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 41 and 68 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Honourable the Member for Pleasantville (Mr. Noel) would be debate on Private Members' Day on Wednesday. At 7:01 o'clock in the evening, it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General made a statement that the Director of Public Prosecutions had ordered a judicial inquiry into the death of an inmate at the Salmonier Correctional Centre.

The Honourable the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House reaffirms the independence of the Auditor General from the administration;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House support the Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee in their efforts to audit the accounts of Memorial University of Newfoundland."

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Small) be debated.

Various points of order were raised.

The House recessed for a considerable period of time.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber.

The Speaker ruled that the motion put by the Honourable Government House Leader was in order and not debatable.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Small).

Various points of order were raised.

The House recessed a number of times after which the Speaker returned to the Chair and ruled with respect to these various points of order.

Debate continued on Motion No. 3 and debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 70 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70), was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock.

The Speaker put the motions and they were carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act, The Jury Act, 1991 And The Election Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992" (Bill No. 64).

On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act, The Jury Act, 1991 And The Election Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992" (Bill No. 64).

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 74 and 64 and be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Farm Products Corporation Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

- 1. "That Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words "in the manner prescribed by the by-lays" from the new subsection 21(1.1); and
- 2. That Clause 1 of the Bill be further amended by deleting the words "by-laws shall specify the" and replacing it with the words "council shall specify rules of" in the new subsection 21(1.2)."

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendment:

"that subclause 9(1) be deleted and the following substituted:

- "9. (1) Subsection 45(1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:
- "45. (1) Where a workers sustains an injury in the course of his or her employment in circumstances which entitle him or her or his or her dependents to an action
- (a) against some persons other than an employer or worker;
- (b) against an employer or against a worker of that employer where the injury occurred otherwise than in the conduct of the operations usual in or incidental to the industry carried on by the employer; or
  - (c) where section 44.1 applies,

the worker or his or her dependents, where they are entitled to compensation, may claim compensation or may bring an action."."

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved a sub-amendment:

The sub-amendment was debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the sub-amendment defeated.

The amendment moved by the Honourable the Government House Leader was debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendment to Bill No. 48 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (Bill No. 20).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act, (Bill No. 30).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act (Bill No. 38).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the words "delivery of health" the words "and continuing" in the new subsection 22(2)."

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) moved a number of sub-amendments.

The sub-amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chariperson declared the sub-amendments defeated.

The amendment of the Government House Leader was debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendment carried and the Committee passed Bill No. 38.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56)). Debate was adjourned in Committee on Bill No. 56.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following:

"Pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill 56 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause of clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to Bill 56 shall be the first business of the House when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed."

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40).

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 and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Farm Products Corporation Act" (Bill No. 10).
- A Bill "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 13, 10, 21, 20, 30, 33 and 40 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act" (Bill No. 38).

The amendments to Bills No. 19, 48 and 38 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills 19, 48 and 38 be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 71).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4) (Bill No. 72).

On motion the Bills entitled:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 71).
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4) (Bill No. 72).

were read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 71 and 72 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

The Honourable the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. G. Warren) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) the following amendment:

"That Bill No. 62 not now be read a second time but that it be read a second time six month's hence."

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 62 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, the Honourable Government House Leader moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, "That Bill No. 67 be referred to a Select Committee to consider and to report upon it before 31 January 1993, and that the following be appointed as Members of the Committee:

The Hon. the Member for Carbonear
The Hon. the Member for Ferryland
The Hon. the Member for Kilbride
The Hon. the Member for Lewisporte
The Hon. the Member for Naskaupi
The Hon. the Member for St. John's East
The Hon. the Member for St. John's North."

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

At 12:45 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18th, 1992, it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a statement respecting the Memorandum of Understanding reached between Canada and the European Community on fisheries in the area regulated by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a statement respecting the export of significant quantities of lumber from the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, tabled copies of Minutes-of-Council 92-733 and 92-742 which relate to certain pre-commitments authorized under the **Financial Administration Act** for the Departments of Tourism and Culture and Works, Services and Transportation.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture tabled the following Reports:

- (a) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board for the fiscal year ended March, 1991;
- (b) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board for the fiscal year ended March, 1992;
- (c) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991; and
- (d) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens demanding that Government reject the recommendations by the Workers' Compensation Statutory Review Committee of cuts in benefits for injured workers.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Farm Products Corporation Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40).

On motion it was also ordered that the above noted 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 was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities and Cable Television Companies" (Bill No. 73).

Debate on Second Reading of Bill No. 73 was adjourned.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker left the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved Motion No. 2 as follows:

"That pursuant to Standing Order 50, the debate on Bill 56 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to Bill 56 shall be the first business of the House when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed."

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Minister of Education moved the following amendments in Committee of the Whole:

- 1. That Paragraph 8(1)(e) of Bill No. 56 be amended by adding immediately after the word "charges" a comma and the word "prosecuting".
- 2. That Subclause 12(2) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
- "(2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the expression "payments" includes payments provided for by an order of an adjudicator under paragraphs 33(1)(c) and (3)(g), by an agreement made under section 46 and a decision or award of a board of arbitrators under section 47.".
- 3. (1) That Subclause 15(2) of the Bill be amended by adding the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c), by adding a full stop immediately after the word "officer" in paragraph (d) and by deleting the comma and remaining words in subclause (2).

- (2) That Subclause 15(3) of the Bill be amended by adding the word "may" immediately after the word "that" where it 1st occurs and by deleting the word "contravenes" and substituting the word "contravene".
- (3) That subclause 15(4) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
- "(4) The chief shall decide whether or not an activity proposed to be engaged in or engaged in by a police officer is prohibited under this section and that police officer shall comply with the decision of the chief.".
- 4. That Clause 19 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately that subclause (2) the following:
- "(3) The commissioner may make recommendations respecting matters of concern or interest to the public relating to police services by sending the recommendations, with supporting documents, to the chief and a copy to the minister.".
- 5. (1) That subclause 22(2) of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "Part" and substituting the word "Act".
- (2) That Clause 22 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after subclause (4) the following:
- "(4.1) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the 3 month time limit referred to in that subsection shall not begin to run against a complainant until he or she knows or, considering all circumstances of the matter, ought to know that he or she has a right of complaint concerning the conduct of a police officer and the burden of proving a postponement of the running of time under this subsection is upon the complainant claiming the benefit of that postponement.
- (4.2) Where a postponement of filing a complaint is claimed under subsection (4.1), the matter of that postponement shall be referred to the commissioner who shall determine whether or not the complaint may be filed.".
- 6. That Clause 23 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "immediately" and substituting the words "within a reasonable time".

- 7. That 24(3) of the Bill be amended by adding the words "and that investigation shall be completed as soon as practicable but no later than 3 months from the date the complaint is filed or received" immediately before the full stop at the end of the subclause.
- 8. (1) That Paragraph 25(1)(a) of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "and".
- (2) That Subclause 25(2) of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "compliant" and substituting the word "complaint".
- 9. That Clause 28 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after subclause (2) the following:
- "(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), where a decision is appealed under subsection 25(3) or (4) and the penalty imposed upon a police officer by the chief or deputy chief includes a suspension without pay for 2 weeks or longer, dismissal or demotion, the commissioner shall refer the matter to a single adjudicator appointed under section 29 who shall conduct a hearing into the matter.".
- 10. That subclause 32(1) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the word "public" the words "and the commissioner shall publish notice of those hearings in the **Gazette** in the manner prescribed by regulation".
- 11. That Clause 33 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after subclause (9) the following:
  - "(10) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1)(d) and (e), 3(h) and subsection (7), costs shall not be assessed against a person for expenses incurred by delays or other proceedings commenced which were beyond the control of that person.".
- 12. (1) That subclause 36(1) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately before the number and brackets "28(1)" the number, brackets and comma "22(4.1)," and by deleting the word, numbers and brackets "subsection 33(1)" and substituting the word and number "section 33".

- (2) That subclause 36(2) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
  - "(2) An appeal shall not be made without leave of a judge of the Trial Division.".
- (3) That Subclause 36(4) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:
  - "(4) An application made to the Trial Division shall be filed within 15 days of the date leave to appeal is granted.".
- 13. That clause 39 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

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- "39.(1) The commissioner shall as he or she considers necessary but at least annually report to the House of Assembly on the work of the commission under this Act and the commissioner shall call attention to anything that he or she considers significant.
- Each report of the (2) commissioner referred to in subsection (1) shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Assembly and the speaker shall table each report before the House of Assembly immediately after receipt of the report by him or her or, where the House of Assembly is not then in session, on the 1st day of the commencement of the next session of the House of Assembly or on the 1st day after the House of Assembly sitting following resumes adjournment.
- (3) The annual report of the commissioner shall be submitted not later than January 31 following the close of the fiscal year to which the report relates.".

- 14. That clause 41 of the Bill be amended by adding the word "or" immediately after paragraph (c), deleting paragraph (d) and by renumbering paragraph (e) as paragraph (d).
- 15. (1) That paragraph 57(e) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the word "hearing" the words "including the form and manner of providing notice of that hearing".
- (2) That paragraph 57(o) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the word "officers" the words "and respecting the consideration of a complaint and conduct of a hearing following an investigation carried out under section 24".
- 16. That paragraph 62(1)(e) be deleted and the following substituted:
  - "(e) fails or refuses to comply with an order or part of an order of an adjudicator,".
- 17. That the Bill be further amended by adding immediately after clause 62 of the following:

Transitional provision

"62.1 Where, prior to the coming into force of this Act, a disciplinary proceeding has been begun against a police officer under the former Act, or regulations made under that Act, and has not been concluded, the former Act and the regulations made under it continue to apply to the proceeding as if that Act had not been repealed by this Act.".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) moved certain amendments.

The Chairperson put the question on her amendments.

The Chairperson declared her amendments defeated.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved certain amendments.

The Chairperson put the question on his amendments.

The Chairperson declared his amendments defeated.

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 and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56) with amendments.

The amendments to Bill No. 56 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a third time presently.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56).

Various points of order were raised respecting the validity of proceeding to Third Reading Debate on Bill No. 56 on the same day and whether the closure motion was alive after the Committee of the Whole had passed the Bill No. 56 in Committee.

The Speaker recessed the House.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that under Standing Order 58 and the interpretation of the equivalent Standing Order in the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, the House could move from Committee of the Whole on a Bill to Third Reading stage in one day.

The Speaker also ruled that the closure motion moved by the Honourable the Government House Leader was so broad that it could encompass Committee of the Whole and Third Reading so long as there was time left for debate under that motion.

Various points of order were raised concerning the number of times a member could speak under a closure motion.

The Speaker recessed the House.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that a member could speak only once during a closure motion debate.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be printed being entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary", and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

At 11:35 o'clock in the evening it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Tuesday, December 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

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

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Parsons) requested that the Speaker send a letter of congratulations to members of the St. John's Fire Department and the other emergency personnel in recognition of the effort with respect to containing the fire on Harvey Road the previous night.

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Aylward) raised a Point of Privilege claiming that the Speaker's ruling of the previous night had denied him his right to speak on Third Reading Debate of Bill No. 56.

The Speaker ruled the Honourable Member had not established a *prima facie* case of privilege and the Speaker restated his ruling.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged.

The Speaker put the motion.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained.

The Honourable the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) raised another Point of Privilege respecting the correct order in moving from Committee of the Whole to Third Reading stage of Bill No. 56.

The House recessed.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that the Honourable Member had not established a prima facie case of privilege.

Various Points of Order were raised.

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

"WHEREAS school bus transportation is provided by the Provincial Government through the Department of Education to students who live a long distance from their school at no direct cost to students or their parents; AND WHEREAS in the City of St. John's where the St. John's Transportation Commission provides a bus service school buses paid for by the Department of Education may not operate and students or their parents must directly pay the total cost of school bus transportation;

AND WHEREAS this situation creates economic hardship to many families and results in loss school time, lack of safety and other problems for students whose parents cannot afford to pay bus fares;

AND WHEREAS this situation is unfair and results in inequality of treatment and discrimination against St. John's students and their families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly go on record as supporting equality of treatment of all school students and their families regarding school bus transportation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government be directed to provide school bus transportation to students within the City of St. John's on the same basis as provided throughout the rest of Newfoundland and Labrador."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier gave an answer and tabled certain information respecting the financial strategy of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens demanding that Government reject the recommendations by the Workers' Compensation Statutory Review Committee for cuts in benefits for injured workers.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Licensing And Inspection Of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46).

The Honourable the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) moved a number of amendments.

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments defeated.

The Committee passed Bill No. 46 without amendment.

By agreement the House recessed at 7:50 o'clock in the evening.

The Chairperson of the Committee resumed the chair at 8:20 o'clock in the evening.

The Honourable the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Matthews) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) announced an agreement had been reached with respect to the Government's Legislative Program.

The Committee considered and passed, without amendment, the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act,
  The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax
  Act, The Liquor Control Act and The
  The Retail Sales Tax Act"
  (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 69)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law (No. 2)" (Bill No. 66)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act, The Jury Act, 1991 And The Election Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 (Bill No. 64)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 71)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4)" (Bill No. 72)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, on behalf of the Government House Leader, moved the following amendments:

- That Clause 2 of Bill No. 22 be amended by deleting the new paragraph 4(1)(a) and replacing it with the following:
  - "(a) in all areas of the province,
    - (i) Sundays,
    - (ii) Labour Day,

    - (iii) Thanksgiving Day,
       (iv) Remembrance Day (November 11),
      - (v) Christmas Day,
    - ( vi) Boxing Day,
    - (vii) New Year's Day,
  - (viii) Good Friday,
    - (ix) Victoria Day, and
    - (x) Memorial Day or Canada Day (July 1);".
- That Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by deleting the new subsection 4(5) and adding the following:
  - "(5) Thanksgiving Day shall be celebrated on the Monday in October that is proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the observation of that day.
  - (6) Discovery Day, 1997 shall be a public holiday and shall be celebrated on the day that is proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the observation of that day.".

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments to Bill No. 22 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, on behalf of the Honourable the Government House Leader, moved the following amendments:

- That Bill No. (1)51 be amended by adding immediately after clause 46, the following:
  - "47. Subsection 88(3) of the regulations is amended by striking out the words "or trout".".

- (2) That Clause 47 of the Bill be amended by renumbering it as clause 48 and by deleting the 3rd and 4th lines respecting fishing licence fees in Schedule A.
- (3) That Clause 48 of the Bill be amended by renumbering it as clause 49.

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments to Bill No. 51 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, on behalf of the Honourable the Government House Leader, moved the following amendment:

- 1. That Clause 12 of Bill No. 54 be repealed and the following substituted:
  - "12. (1) Section 32 of the Public Service Collective Bargaining Act is amended by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):
    - "(4.1) Each party who is required to name a member of the adjudication board shall pay the remuneration and expenses of that member and the parties shall pay equally the remuneration and expenses of the chairperson.".
    - (2) Section 48 of the Act is amended by adding the figure and comma "88(1)," immediately after the figure and comma "22,".".

The amendment was debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendment to Bill No. 54 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, on behalf of the Honourable the Government House Leader, moved the following amendments:

- 1. That clauses 1, 2 and 3 of Bill 70 be renumbered as clauses 2, 3 and 4.
- 2. That the Bill be further amended by adding, immediately before clause 2, the following:
  - "1. Paragraph 2(b) of the Summary Proceedings Act is repealed and the following substituted:
  - "(b) "judge" means a Provincial Court judge and for the purposes of Part II includes a justice as defined in the *Justices* Act;"."
- 3. That Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by striking out in the proposed sections 16 to 19 the word "judge" wherever it occurs and substituting the word "justice".
- 4. That Clause 2 of the Bill be further amended by striking out the proposed subsection 16(7) and substituting the following:
  - "(7) Where a justice makes a conviction on a violation ticket related to an offence involving a motor vehicle, the justice shall complete the court record portion of the violation ticket and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall be notified.".

The amendments were debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendments to Bill No. 70 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, on behalf of the Honourable the Government House Leader, moved the following amendment:

1. That Clause 1 of Bill 68 be amended by striking out the proposed subsections 38(7) and (8) and renumbering the new section accordingly.

The amendment was debated, following which the Chairperson put the question.

The Chairperson declared the amendment to Bill No. 68 carried and the Committee passed the Bill.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Bills:

A Bill	"An Act Respecting The Licensing
	And Inspection Of Health And
	Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 57)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 58)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 53)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act" (Bill No. 63)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act,
  The Horse Racing Regulation And Tax
  Act, The Liquor Control Act and The
  The Retail Sales Tax Act"
  (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Uniform Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 69)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law (No. 2)" (Bill No. 66)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act, The Jury Act, 1991 And The Election Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 (Bill No. 64)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 71)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4)" (Bill No. 72)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 46, 47, 49, 57, 50, 58, 53, 63, 45, 43, 44, 69, 66, 42, 41, 74, 64, 71, 72 and 62 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68).

The amendments to Bills No. 22, 51, 54, 70 and 68 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 22, 51, 54, 70 and 68 be read a third time presently.

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

A Bill	"An Act Respecting The Licensing
	And Inspection Of Health And
	Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Co-operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill "An Act To Abolish Certain Fees" (Bill No. 51)
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- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 54)
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A Bill	"An Act To Amend the Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 43)
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A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 42)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 41).
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Summary Proceedings Act, The Liquor Control Act And The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Act" (Bill No. 70)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Election Act, The Jury Act, 1991 And The Election Act, 1991" (Bill No. 74)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992 (Bill No. 64)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 71)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 4)" (Bill No. 72)

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

A Bill

"An Act To Amend The Electoral

Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that Standing Orders 2 and 14 be amended to provide that the House shall meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, tomorrow, December 23rd, 1992, and that after Routine Proceedings have been completed the sole Order of the Day shall be the consideration of Bill No. 73, "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies", and that at 5 o'clock in the afternoon all questions that must be decided in order to conclude consideration of Bill No. 73 shall be decided forthwith, with the intent that Bill No. 73 be read a third time if that be the will of the House.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

At 10:15 o'clock in the evening it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, December 23rd at 10 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

The House met at 10 o'clock in the morning pursuant to the motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader adopted by the House on the evening of December 22nd. 1992.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities and Cable Television Companies" (Bill No. 73) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 73 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities and Cable Television Companies" (Bill No. 73).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

- 1. That Clause 10 of Bill No. 73 be amended by renumbering it as subsection 10(1) and by adding immediately after that subsection the following:
  - "(2) Notwithstanding section 5, where a council imposed a business tax upon a utility for the year immediately preceding January 1, 1993 which was based upon the real property value of that utility within the city or municipality served by council, that council shall
    - (a) for the year commencing January 1, 1993, impose a tax upon the gross revenue of that utility during the preceding year, derived within the city or municipality served by the council, that is not more than 2.5% of that gross revenue plus 2/3 of the actual tax imposed upon that utility for the year immediately preceding January 1, 1993;

- (b) for the year commencing January 1, 1994, impose a tax upon the gross revenue of that utility during the preceding year, derived within the city or municipality served by the council, that is not more than 2.5% of that gross revenue plus 1/3 of the actual tax imposed upon that utility for the year immediately preceding January 1, 1993; and
- (c) commencing January 1, 1995 and each following year, impose a tax in accordance with section 5.
- (3) Notwithstanding section 5, where a council imposed a tax upon a utility as defined in subparagraph 2(h)(i) for the year immediately preceding January 1, 1993 which was calculated as a percentage of the gross revenue of that utility and that percentage was 2.5% or less, or where a council did not impose a tax upon that utility for the year immediately preceding January 1, 1993, that council shall
  - for the year commencing January 1, 1993 impose a tax upon the gross revenue of that utility for the preceding year derived within the city or municipality served council that is not more than a percentage which is 1/3 of difference between 2.5% and the percentage rate imposed on that aross revenue for the vear immediately preceding January 1993 plus the percentage rate imposed on that gross revenue for immediately preceding the year January 1, 1993;
  - (b) for the year commencing January 1, 1994 impose a tax upon the gross revenue of that utility for the preceding year derived within the city or municipality served by council that is not more than a percentage which is 2/3 of the difference between 2.5% and the

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, 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, 1992 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 26).

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 Tobacco Tax Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 59)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Farm Products Corporation Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting An Avian Emblem Of The Province" (Bill No. 21)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Disposal Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Welfare Institutions Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary" (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Licensing And Inspection of Health And Social Agencies" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Co-Operative Societies Act" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 49)
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 62)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act" (Bill No. 68)

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies" (Bill No. 73).

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

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, "That the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow at the call of the Chair and that this House do now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

#### Tuesday, March 2nd, 1993

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

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Fourth Session of the 41st 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.

Sixty-seven pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in finance, employment and labour relations, municipal affairs, health, environment and the administration of justice.

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

As I stated in My Address opening this Session, one of our most important social programs is the Workers' Compensation system. The fundamental integrity of this system was threatened by a rapidly escalating unfunded liability. My Ministers, after careful consideration and much study, introduced various amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act which have addressed these grave financial matters.

In an effort to clarify the law and to reduce the number of days during the year when shops are permitted to close, My Ministers introduced amendments to the **Shops Closing Act**. The Bill as enacted during this Session also substantially increased the penalties for violation of that Act.

As part of the continuing commitment by My Ministers to improve working standards in the Province, the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Labour Standards Act were also amended during this Session.

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

My Ministers are committed to preserving and promoting the richness of the natural beauty and wilderness of Newfoundland and Labrador. In order to ensure these qualities of life, My Ministers introduced legislation to deal with the persistent and chronic problem of abandoned vehicles which scar our countryside. The Waste Material Disposal Act was amended to increase substantially the fines for offenses under that Act as well as empowering the courts to order an offender to clean up and restore the environment. A further amendment to the Act will make it a specific offence to discard abandoned motor vehicles in the Province.

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

In the areas of health and social services, a new Social Workers Association Act was enacted as well as a new Health and Social Agencies Act. My Ministers introduced amendments to the Department of Health Act to empower the Minister of Health to create regional community health boards to direct the delivery of health and continuing care services throughout the Province. My Ministers also introduced an important amendment to the Child Welfare Act which requires a person who has information that a child may be suffering from desertion, abandonment, physical, sexual or emotional ill-treatment or in need of protection, to report that information at once to the Director of Child Welfare, a social worker or a police officer.

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

After considerable debate and public discussion before the Committee on Privileges and Elections, My Ministers introduced a new Election Act which will revise the law respecting the conduct of elections as well as provide for a system of election financing. This Honourable House subsequently appointed a new Chief Electoral Officer under the provisions of the new Act.

It is My Ministers' intention to proclaim into force the various parts and sections of the Act within the next few months. In addition, the **Electoral Boundaries Act** was amended to provide that the Electoral Boundaries Commission shall determine the number of electoral districts, between 40 and 46, into which the Province shall be divided for the purpose of the election of Members to this Honourable House of Assembly.

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

During this Session two major initiatives were introduced in the area of the administration of justice. The first was the enactment of a Bill which revised the law respecting the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and established a Public Complaints Commission to deal with police officers misconduct against the general public. My Ministers have appointed Dr. Leslie Harris, a distinguished Newfoundlander, to be the first Commissioner. The other major initiative was the enactment of amendments to the Summary Proceedings Act. These amendments have expanded the ticketing system for violations of provincial statutes to include offenses against the Liquor Control Act and the Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act.

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

Ever mindful of the difficulties which our citizens must face with increased taxation, during this Session, My Ministers carried out their previously announced mandate by introducing legislation to abolish the school tax authorities. These regressive taxing authorities have been replaced by a more equitable means of taxation and revenue distribution to our school boards. As announced in the 1992 Budget Speech, many fees established by various Acts and regulations were abolished during this Session. Of importance to municipalities and cities was the enactment of an Act which provides for the uniform taxation of utilities and cable television companies throughout the Province.

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

Among the other significant legislative measures enacted during this Session were: An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act, An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act, An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act, An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act and An Act To Amend The Buildings Accessibility Act.

### 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.

It is my pleasure that the Fourth Session of this 41st General Assembly now be prorogued and it is proroqued 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 this Assembly is prorogued accordingly".

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly