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Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Thursday, the twentieth day of May, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three, being the Forty-second year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Thursday, May 20th, 1993

In accordance with the Election Act, a General Election was held on May 3rd, 1993 after which His Honour, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, by his Proclamation bearing the date of the 12th day of May, 1993 appointed Thursday, the 20th day of May for the meeting of the General Assembly for the despatch of business. The following is the list of names of those persons returned by the returning officers for the several Electoral Districts to represent those Districts in the General Assembly:

Paul Shelley

Baie Verte - White Bay

Clyde Wells

Bay of Islands

Percy Barrett

Bellevue

Tom Lush

Bonavista North

Roger Fitzgerald

Bonavista South

David S. Gilbert

Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir

Glenn Tobin

Burin Placentia West

Art Reid

Carbonear

Patt Cowan

Conception Bay South

Roger Grimes

Exploits

Loyola Sullivan

Ferryland

Beaton Tulk

Fogo

Winston Baker

Gander

Bill Matthews

Grand Bank

Len Simms

Grand Falls

Alvin Hewlett

Green Bay

John Crane

Harbour Grace

Don Whelan

Harbour Main

Lynn Verge

Humber East

Rick Woodford

Humber Valley

Paul Dicks

Humber West

Edward J. Byrne

Kilbride

Bill Ramsay

LaPoile

Melvin Penney

Lewisporte

Alec Snow

Menihek

H. Neil Windsor

Mount Pearl

Jim Walsh

Mount Scio - Bell Island

Edward Roberts

Naskaupi

Walter Noel

Pleasantville

Gerald Smith

Port au Port

John Efford

Port de Grave

Chuck Furey

St. Barbe

Bud Hulan

St. George's

Hubert Kitchen

St. John's Centre

Jack Harris

St. John's East

Jack Byrne

St. John's East (Extern)

Lloyd Matthews

St. John's North

Tom Murphy

St. John's South

Rex Gibbons

St. John's West

Fabian G. Manning

St. Mary's - The Capes

Kevin Aylward

Stephenville

Chris Decker

Strait of Belle Isle

Kay Young

Terra Nova

Lloyd George Snow

Trinity - Bay de Verde

Doug Oldford

Trinity North

Walter Carter

Twillingate

Harvey Hodder

Waterford - Kenmount

Graham R. Flight

Windsor - Buchans

It should be noted that on this date the following Electoral Districts had not been returned:

Eagle River Fortune - Hermitage Placentia Torngat Mountains.

At 9:30 o'clock in the morning, those Members returned by the returning officers as noted above and as confirmed by the Chief Electoral Officer in a Notice published in The Newfoundland Gazette on May 20, 1993, gathered privately in the Assembly Chamber. Whereupon, A. John Noel, the Clerk of the House of Assembly and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant, preceded by Cyril Kirby, the Sergeant-at-Arms, entered the Chamber followed by the Honourable Noel Goodridge, Chief Justice of Newfoundland and the Honourable T. Alexander Hickman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Trial Division.

The Clerk of the House then read the following Proclamation as issued under the Great Seal, as follows:

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frederick W. Russell LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:

Edward Roberts
Minister of Justice

TO: HONOURABLE NOEL GOODRIDGE Chief Justice of Newfoundland

and

HONOURABLE T. ALEXANDER HICKMAN Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Trial Division

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YOU that, confiding in your loyalty, fidelity and cicumspection, We, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council for the Province of Newfoundland, have thought fit to constitute and appoint and by these presents do constitute and appoint you or either of you to be our Commissioners for the purpose of administering the Oath of Allegiance to the persons elected to be members of our General Assembly for Newfoundland at the General Election held on the 3rd day of May, 1993, hereby granting unto you all the rights, powers and advantages which to the said office do or may lawfully appertain, and requiring you diligently to perform the duties thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Newfoundland to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three and in the forty-second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Donald C. Peckham
DEPUTY REGISTRAR GENERAL"

The Clerk of the House of Assembly, as in duty bound, and the names of the Members returned for the several Districts having been called over by the Clerk, they appeared and took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Commissioners, as follows:

Paul Shelley Baie Verte - White Bay

Clyde Wells Bay of Islands

Percy Barrett Bellevue

Tom Lush Bonavista North

Roger Fitzgerald Bonavista South

David S. Gilbert Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir

Glenn Tobin

Burin Placentia West

Art Reid

Carbonear

Patt Cowan

Conception Bay South

Roger Grimes

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Edward J. Byrne

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Bill Ramsay

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Melvin Penney

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Alec Snow

Menihek

H. Neil Windsor

Mount Pearl

Jim Walsh

Mount Scio - Bell Island

Edward Roberts

Naskaupi

Walter Noel

Pleasantville

Gerald Smith

Port au Port

After each Member took the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of Members, the following Proclamation was then read by the Clerk of the House:

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor

Edward Roberts
Minister of Justice

TO:

HONOURABLE NOEL GOODRIDGE Chief Justice of Newfoundland

and

HONOURABLE T. ALEXANDER HICKMAN Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Trial Division

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Forty-Second General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland should be open for the despatch of business on Thursday, the twentieth day of May, 1993, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the 12th day of May, 1993.

AND WHEREAS it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the General Assembly together should be declared until the said day nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Honourable Noel Goodridge and Honourable T. Alexander Hickman, or either of you, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the 20th day of May, 1993, that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some person to be their Speaker and present such person on the same day for my approbation.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in our City of St. John's this 12th day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety three and in the forty-second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

Donald C. Peckham
DEPUTY REGISTRAR GENERAL"

The Honourable Noel Goodridge, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, then said:

"Members of the Honourable House of Assembly, We have it in Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to acquaint you that His Honour will, as soon as the Members of this House shall be sworn or affirmed, declare the causes of His calling this Assembly; and, it being necessary that a Speaker of this House should be first chosen, it is His pleasure that you do proceed to the appointment of some proper person whom you shall so choose here today at 2:00 o'clock for His Honour's approbation."

And the Commissioners having left the Assembly Chamber, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) then addressing himself to the Clerk, who standing up pointed to him and then sat down, moved "that Paul Dicks, Member elected for the District of Humber West, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker" which motion was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms).

No other person being proposed as Speaker, the question was put by the Clerk that Paul Dicks do take the Chair as Speaker of the House.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Dicks was then conducted to and placed in the Chair by the Honourable the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition.

Whereupon, the Speaker, standing on the steps, addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour unanimously conferred upon him.

The Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, that Lloyd Snow, the Member for the District of Trinity - Bay de Verde be elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Premier seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, moved that Percy Barrett, Member for the District of Bellevue be elected as Deputy Chairperson of Committees. The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. John Noel

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

At 2 o'clock the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, had arrived.

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

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon, the Lieutenant-Governor, having taken his seat, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Paul Dicks, Esquire, Member for the District of Humber West, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for the approbation of Your Honour."

His Honour was then pleased to reply:

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

Whereupon the Speaker addresssed His Honour as follows:

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

His Honour was pleased to reply:

"On behalf of Her Majesty I do confirm this House in the enjoyment of all its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges." His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech From the Throne.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Members 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 Port au Port (Mr. Smith) and seconded by the Member for Terra Nova (Ms. Young) 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. Gerald Smith, Member for Port au Port

Ms. Kay Young, Member for Terra Nova

Mr. Fabian Manning, Member for St. Mary's-The Capes.

The Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) gave notice and by leave of the House moved the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the critical role that the fishing industry occupies in the society and economy of Newfoundland and Labrador demands an effective voice by the Province in all aspects of fisheries management;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador have been deprived of such an effective voice through the present fisheries management structure;

AND WHEREAS the proposal by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to establish an Atlantic Fisheries Board as reflected in Bill C-129 will further deprive the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and its duly elected Government from having an effective voice in fisheries management;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Atlantic Fisheries Board will have the effect of seriously compromising the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador relative to decisions respecting the management and allocation of fish stocks in waters adjacent to this Province;

BE IT THERFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls upon the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Government of Canada to immediately withdraw Bill C-129;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House calls upon the Government of Canada to commence discussions with the Government of Newfoundland and labrador to put in place a Canada/Newfoundland joint management agreement that would give the people of Newfoundland and Labrador a more effective voice in fisheries management."

The Honourable the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for St. John's East spoke to the motion following which the motion was unanimously carried.

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Government House Leader moved the appointment of the Striking Committe to consist of the following Members:

Hon. Edward Roberts - Member for Naskaupi Hon. Winston Baker - Member for Gander

Mr. Tom Murphy - Member for St. John's South Mr. William Matthews - Member for Grand Bank

Mr. Loyola Sullivan - Member for Ferryland

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) 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 Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2).

The Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department of Industry, Trade and Technology" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Culture (Mr. Walsh) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department Of Tourism And Culture" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs also gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 6).

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 21st at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

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

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) moved that letters of condolence be sent by the House of Assembly to the families of the late Ross Barbour and Jack Windsor, former Members of the House. This motion was seconded by the Members for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) and St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

By leave of the House, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) moved that a letter of condolence be sent by the House of Assembly to the family of the late Denny Goodyear of Grand Falls. This motion was seconded by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) presented a Report of the Striking Committee established under Standing Order 84(a) and on motion and by leave of the House, the Report of the Committee was concurred in. The Members of the following three Standing Committees reported are:

(a) Government Services Committee

Mr. Doug Oldford - Member for Trinity North - Chair

Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista
South (Vice Chair)

Mr. John Crane - Member for Harbour Grace

Mr. Walter Noel - Member for Pleasantville

Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for St. John's East (Extern)

Mr. Fabian Manning - Member for St. Mary's-The Capes

Mr. Lloyd Matthews - Member for St. John's North;

(b) Social Services Committee

Mr. David Gilbert - Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir - Chair

Ms. Lynn Verge - Member for Humber East - Vice Chair

Mr. Glenn Tobin - Member for Burin-Placentia West

Mr. Oliver Langdon - Member for Fortune-Hermitage

Mr. Gerald Smith - Member for Port au Port

Mr. Jack Harris - Member for St. John's East

Ms. Kay Young - Member for Terra Nova;

(c) Resource Committee

Mr. Melvin Penney - Member for Lewisporte - Chair

Mr. Rick Woodford - Member for Humber Valley - Vice Chair

Mr. Paul Shelley - Member for Baie Verte-White Bay

Mr. Beaton Tulk - Member for Fogo

Mr. Don Whelan - Member for Harbour Main

Mr. Ed Byrne - Member for Kilbride

Dr. Bud Hulan - Member for St. George's.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the 1992 Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move -

(a) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Finance
Works, Services and Transportation
Employment and Labour Relations
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corp.
Public Service Commission;

(b) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Social Services
Education
Health
Environment & Lands
Justice; and

(c) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

Fisheries
Forestry & Agriculture
Mines & Energy
Tourism and Culture
Industry, Trade and Technology

By leave of the House, the motion was concurred in by all Honourable Members.

In answer to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an oral answer and tabled Resolution 19-3 respecting Oceans and Sustainable Development adopted at the 19th. Annual Conference of New England Governors and the Eastern Canada Premiers - May 13-14, 1993.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved Motion No. 1 (the Budget Debate).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means and that the 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 (Mr. Baker) that debate on the Budget Speech be adjourned for further debate later in the morning.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) 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:

"May 17, 1993

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, 1994, in the aggregate of two billion eight hundred and fifty-nine million, nine hundred and sixty-eight thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$2,859,968,800) 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 1993 budgetary documents were re-distributed.

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

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 Message and Estimates were received by the Committee.

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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Tuesday, May 25th, 1993

Be it known that at 9:45 o'clock in the morning, there appeared before the Honourable Noel Goodridge, Chief Justice of Newfoundland at the Court of Appeal, Mr. Danny Dumaresque and Mr. Oliver Langdon, Members returned for the Districts of Eagle River and Fortune - Hermitage, who took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A. John Noel

Tuesday, May 25th, 1993

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

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) moved that the Speaker send a letter of congratulations to Commissioner Bramwell Tillsley, the recently elected General or international leader of the Salvation Army and his wife, Mrs. Maud Tillsley. The motion was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

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

"WHEREAS Canada was granted the 200 mile limit on the basis of sound fisheries management principles;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has ignored such principles to the detriment of our people and communities;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans promised to reform the system;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Atlantic Fisheries Board is directed to follow principles which would eliminate us from our own fishery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House of Assembly endorse the principles of adjacency, relative dependence of coastal communities, historic use, economic efficiency and fleet mobility as the basis of resource allocation in the fishery of the future."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

"WHEREAS traffic congestion in and around the City of St. John's is a major concern;

AND WHEREAS construction of the Outer-Ring Road will provide a much needed economic boost to an ailing economy;

AND WHEREAS funding for construction of the Outer-Ring Road is being provided by the Federal Government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the government take the steps necessary to ensure that construction of the Outer-Ring Road will commence no later than the Spring of 1994."

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Beachside respecting the water and sewer system in their community.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade And Technology" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department Of Tourism And Culture (Bill No. 3)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 6).

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 agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Ferryland 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 26th 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 26th, 1993

Be it known that at 10 o'clock in the morning, there appeared before the Honourable Noel Goodridge, Chief Justice of Newfoundland at the Court of Appeal, Mr. William Andersen III, Member returned for the District of Torngat Mountains, who took and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 26th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) presented the Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the year ended March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move:

"THAT Wayne Mitchell of the District of Pleasantville be and he is hereby appointed as the Commissioner of Members' Interest pursuant to s. 34(2) of the House of Assembly Act, as amended by the House of Assembly (Amendment) Act, c. 1 of the Statutes of Newfoundland, 1993."

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of 6 residents of Long Island respecting their water and sewer system.

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Mary's Harbour, Labrador recommending that the power plant be re-located outside the residential area of their community.

By concurrence of all Honourable Members, it was agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 53.1 (1), each Private Member's motion shall be debated for one sitting day only with notice of that motion to be given on the Monday before Private Members' Day.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan).

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, May 27th 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 Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal for the year 1992.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Bill No. 7).

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

"WHEREAS the traditional cod fishery on the South Coast has deteriorated due mainly to mismanagement by the Federal Government;

AND WHEREAS the people involved in the fishery along the South and West Coast of this Province are unsure of their future;

AND WHEREAS the compensation package announced on April 23, 1993 is not yet meeting the needs of the people involved in the fishery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to take immediate action to implement a fair and equitable compensation package for the people of the South and West Coast of this Province and the Labrador Straits."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) gave an answer respecting a fire in the Cape Broyle area.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion No. 2:

"THAT Wayne Mitchell of the District of Pleasantville be and he is hereby appointed as the Commissioner of Members' Interest pursuant to s. 34(2) of the House of Assembly Act, as amended by the House of Assembly (Amendment) Act, c. 1 of the Statutes of Newfoundland, 1993."

The Speaker put the question

The motion was carried.

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, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, May 28th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

Friday, May 28th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) recognized and welcomed Chief Elijah Harper to the Assembly.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement marking the official launch of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conservation Corps, a non-profit initiative designed to provide training and employment opportunities for young people in the area of environmental enhancement and conservation.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement respecting Fit Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) made a statement to refute an article on foreign overfishing which appeared in the The Evening Telegram on May 25th.

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. 8).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Bill No. 7) was introduced and 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 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, May 31st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Monday, May 31st, 1993

Be it known that at 9:30 o'clock in the morning there appeared before the Honourable Noel Goodridge, Chief Justice of Newfoundland at the Court of Appeal, Mr. Nick Careen, Member returned for the District of Placentia who took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly and the Leader of the Opposition.

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Monday, May 31st, 1993

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

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) 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, LL.D

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)

Gerald Smith Kay Young Fabian Manning

Assembly Chamber May 31st, 1993"

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 tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Culture (Mr. Walsh) tabled a statement respecting National Tourism Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled the Reports of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of March and April, 1993.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Culture gave an oral answer respecting the Avalon Tourism Study.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) tabled an answer respecting social assistance caseloads.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (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 A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Bill No. 1) 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 Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3) 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 Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) 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 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

A. John Noel

Tuesday, June 1st, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement respecting the selection of exploration permits on 6 parcels of land on the West Coast of the Province.

In reply to a question for which which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) gave an answer respecting admission to first year education courses at the University.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8) 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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Deparmtne of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3) 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 Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5) 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, June 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan) made a statement announcing the week of June 5 - 12, 1993 as Canadian Environment Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement announcing Government's intent to make the assets and services of Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited available for possible purchase by the private sector.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, pursuant to section 49(2) of the Financial Administration Act, tabled a list of temporary loans raised under sections 48 and 49 of that Act for the period March 4, 1993 to May 19, 1993.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) tabled an answer respecting information on expenses and remuneration claimed by and paid on behalf of Dr. H. W. Hulan as Chairperson of the Task Force on Agrafoods.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert).

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, 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

The Honourable the Government House Leader and Chairperson of the Striking Committee (Mr. Roberts) presented the Report of the Striking Committee, with respect to the membership of two Standing Committees, as follows:

The Public Accounts Committee

- Mr. Neil Windsor Member for Mount Pearl
- Mr. Danny Dumaresque Member for Eagle River
- Mr. John Crane Member for Harbour Grace
- Mr. Oliver Langdon Member for Fortune Hermitage
- Mr. Melvin Penney Member for Lewisporte
- Mr. Glen Tobin Member for Burin Placentia West
- Mr. Alvin Hewlett, Member for Green Bay

The Standing Orders Committee

- Hon. Edward Roberts Member for Naskaupi
- Hon. Winston Baker Member for Gander
- Hon. Thomas Lush Member for Bonavista North
- Mr. William Matthews Member for Grand Bank
- Mr. Loyola Sullivan Member for Ferryland.

On motion the Report was received and adopted by the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) tabled the 1992 Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

By leave of the House, it was agreed that the House would not sit on June 10th, June 11th and June 14th, in addition to which, Private Members' Day on Wednesday, June 9th would be dispensed with in favour of Government business.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Ms. Cowan) presented a statement respecting National Access Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) made a statement respecting foreign overfishing on the Grand Banks outside Canada's 200-mile economic zone.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave an answer respecting the St. John's Regional Fire Department.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) as 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
Public Service Commission.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (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 Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Bill No. 7) 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.

By leave of the House, it was agreed to extend the hours of sitting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in order to complete the 3 concurrence debates on those days, if the extra time was needed.

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

On motion the House then adjourned.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) as 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 Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Penney) 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
Tourism and Culture
Industry, Trade and Technology.

On motion these Reports were received and on motion and by leave of the House debate on the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee was deferred until after Routine Proceedings while debate on the Report of the Resource Estimates Committee was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) 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. 13).

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 Guaranteeing Of Certain Loans Under The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (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 Raising Of Loans By the Province" (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells), seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) gave notice and by leave of the House moved the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the United Nations Conference on High Seas Fisheries, to be held in New York from July 12 - 30, is designed to build upon the Law of the Sea and provide for effective conservation of high seas fisheries resources;

AND WHEREAS June 8 is the first anniversary of "OCEANS DAY", declared during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit); a conference which highlighted the serious problems facing the oceans of the world, and the action necessary to protect them for future generations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House of Assembly declare June 8, 1993 to be Oceans Day; a day to raise public awareness and promote co-operative action for the health of the world's oceans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada should take a leadership role at the UN Conference, along with New Zealand, Chile, Iceland, and Argentina, and other "likeminded nations", to ensure a treaty-based solution to the problems of high seas overfishing, and that any new treaty would include minimum standards for the conduct of high seas fisheries, commitments to comply with the fisheries management decisions of competent international organizations like the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), a binding dispute resolution mechanism, and recognition of the superior rights of coastal states."

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, 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

Wednesday, June 9th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), on behalf of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells), made a statement announcing the appointment of Dr. Len Williams as Deputy Minister of Education. The Minister also announced that Dr. Robert Crocker had been seconded from Memorial University to take special responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission - Our Children: Our Future.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the Report of Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House adopt the following amendments to Standing Orders of the House of Assembly:

"The Standing Orders of the House of Assembly are amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 54 the following:

Legislation referred to Committee when House is not in session

- "54.1(1) The Government House Leader may direct the Law Clerk to refer to one of the Standing Committees established under S.O. 84(a) (a), (b) and (c), a draft public Bill which the Government propose to introduce into the House at some later time.
- (2) The Standing Committee to which the draft public Bill is referred under S.O. 54(1) shall review that draft public Bill, taking evidence from witnesses in either private or public hearings as its members may deem desirable, but may sit outside St. John's only with prior leave of the House.

(3) The Standing Committee to which a draft public Bill is referred shall report to the House with respect to the Bill by the later of the tenth sitting day after the receipt by its Chair of the Bill or the day set by the Government House Leader for commencement of the Second Reading debate on proposed legislation.

Bills referred to Committee when House is in session

- 54.2(1) Subject to S.O. 54.2(4), a Bill which has been read a second time may be referred to the appropriate Committee, as determined by S.O. 54.2(3), upon that Committee's request. The Committee shall review the Bill, taking evidence from witnesses in either private or public hearings as its members may deem desirable, and shall report to the House with respect to the Bill within 10 sitting days after the day the Bill receives Second Reading.
- (2) The House shall give no further consideration to a Bill referred 54.2(1) under S.O. until Committee has made its report with respect thereto, unless the House otherwise orders, by means of motion of which due notice has been given, which motion may be spoken to by one member of the Opposition, and shall be replied to by a Minister, for not more than 10 minutes each, which motion may be put to the House at any time after the Bill has been read for the second time.
- (3) A bill referred under S.O. 54.2(1) shall be sent to the S.O. 84 Standing Committee which deals with the Bill's subject matter, unless the House orders it sent to a Select Committee, by means of a motion of which due notice has been given, which motion shall not be debatable.

(4) Notwithstanding S.O. 54.1 and S.O. 54.2(1) to (3), financial measures shall be dealt with in accordance with the hitherto established procedure, or such new procedure as may be established by the House from time to time."

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock and further that by agreement, the House would adjourn at the earlier of 5 o'clock p.m. or when the Concurrence debate ended.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15th 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 15th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) moved that the House of Assembly send a letter to Ms. Kim Campbell, M.P. congratulating her on becoming the Prime Minister Designate of Canada. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's (Mr. Harris) seconded the motion.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) made a statement to announce that he had ordered a judicial inquiry into the death of John Rich of Nain, Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11)".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) 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. 16).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) made a declaration under section 33 of the House of Assembly Act declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16). He informed the House that he would not participate in the Debate on this Bill.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of South Brook respecting the repair of a bridge over South Brook on the Trans Canada Highway.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 p.m.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) rose on a point of order to question this procedure.

The Speaker recessed the House.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that in accordance with Rulings of former Speakers and House precedents, the motion not to adjourn at 5 p.m. was in order.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 p.m.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 5 standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) with respect to the following amendments to the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly:

"The Standing Orders of the House of Assembly are amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 54 the following:

Legislation referred to Committee when House is not in session "54.1(1) The Government House Leader may direct the Law Clerk to refer to one of the Standing Committees established under S.O. 84(a) (a), (b) and (c), a draft public Bill which the Government propose to introduce into the House at some later time.

- (2) The Standing Committee to which the draft public Bill is referred under S.O. 54(1) shall review that draft public Bill, taking evidence from witnesses in either private or public hearings as its members may deem desirable, but may sit outside St. John's only with prior leave of the House.
- (3) The Standing Committee to which a draft public Bill is referred shall report to the House with respect to the Bill by the later of the tenth sitting day after the receipt by its Chair of the Bill or the day set by the Government House for commencement Leader of Second Reading debate on the proposed legislation.

Bills referred to Committee when House is in session

- 54.2(1) Subject to S.O. 54.2(4), a Bill which has been read a second time may be referred to the appropriate Committee, as determined by S.O. 54.2(3), upon that Committee's request. The Committee review the Bill, shall taking evidence from witnesses in either private or public hearings as its members may deem desirable, and shall report to the House with respect to the Bill within 10 sitting days after the day the Bill receives Second Reading.
- (2) The House shall give no further consideration to a Bill referred under S.O. 54.2(1) until Committee has made its report with respect thereto, unless the House otherwise orders, by means of motion of which due notice has been given, which motion may be spoken to by one member of the Opposition, and shall be replied to by a Minister, for not more than 10 minutes each, which motion may be put to the House at any time after the Bill has been read for the second time.

- (3) A bill referred under S.O. 54.2(1) shall be sent to the S.O. 84 Standing Committee which deals with the Bill's subject matter, unless the House orders it sent to a Select Committee, by means of a motion of which due notice has been given, which motion shall not be debatable.
- (4) Notwithstanding S.O. 54.1 and S.O. 54.2(1) to (3), financial measures shall be dealt with in accordance with the hitherto established procedure, or such new procedure as may be established by the House from time to time."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved an amendment.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

By leave, in accordance with Standing Order 54.2, Bill No. 1, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In the Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" and Bill No. 7, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale of Tobacco To Minors", were upon the request of the Social Services Committee, referred to the Committee for review.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade and Technology" (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade and Technology" (Bill No. 4) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 6) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker put the question that Bill No. 2 be read a second time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Minister of Justice, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism & Culture, the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Whalen, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan, Mr. Harris.

Against: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved an amendment.

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Department of Industry, Trade and Technology" (Bill No. 4).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12).

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 and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3)

A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2)

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade & Technology" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 3, 5, 2, 4, 6 and 12 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was agreed that Private Members' Day would be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 16th.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 9 o'clock in the evening.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the Annual Report and the financial statements of the Canada - Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24).

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16).

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

By leave of the House, the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24).

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

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade & Technology" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12).

On motion it was 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 Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader made a declaration under section 33 of the House of Assembly Act declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21). He informed the House that he would not participate in the Debate on this Bill.

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

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8) 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 Schools Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act" (Bill No. 9) 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 Government Money Purchase Pension Plan Act, The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act, The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991 And The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Government Money Purchase Pension Plan Act, The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act, The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991 And The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10) 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 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. 15).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 14).

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

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 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 \$250,000,000 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 in the Newfoundland Government Sinking Fund."

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

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure 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 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. 15)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 14)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 13).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 15, 14 and 13 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave of the House, pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

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

By leave of the House, pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave of the House, pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections 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 St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned at 6:35 o'clock in the evening.

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) made a statement to announce that he had received the results of the Judicial Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Leonard Roy Trickett.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement respecting mining and mineral exploration under the terms of the Province's Strategic Economic Plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting Occupational Health and Safety Week on June 21 - 27.

In reply to a question for notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) gave an oral answer respecting the cancellation of a toll free number used by Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) gave an oral answer respecting lump fish.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting a primary processing license for the crab plant in Fleur De Lys.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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. 21). The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin), seconded by the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews), moved the following amendment to the Second Reading of Bill no. 21:

"That this Bill be not now read a second time but be read 6 months hence".

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated following which 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 Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (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 To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill no. 20 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales 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 presently

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

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8).

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Government Money Purchase Plan Act, The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act, The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991 And The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Culture (Mr. Walsh) moved the following amendments in Committee:

- 1.(1) that clause 10 of the Bill be amended by adding to the proposed subsection 46(1) after the figure "\$200,000" the phrase "and in default of payment to a period of imprisonment of not more than 6 months"; and
- (2) that clause 10 of the Bill be further amended by adding to the proposed subsection 46(2) after the figure "\$200,000" the phrase "and in default of payment of a period of imprisonment of not more than 6 months"."

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23).

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 Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Schools Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Government
 Money Purchase Pension Plan Act,
 The Public Service Pensions Act,
 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act,
 The Uniformed Services Pensions Act,
 1991 And The Memorial University
 Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 8, 9, 10, 18, 17, 19, 20, 11, 24 and 23 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16), with amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 16 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 18th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 8:08 o'clock in the evening.

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The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) supported by the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) congratulated the Newfoundland Darts Team upon winning the Canada Cup.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) made a statement to announce Government's decision with respect to the manufacture and sale of reconstituted milk.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer and tabled statistics respecting the Student Employment Program.

The Member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District, namely the communities of Wing's Point, Clarke's Head and Victoria Cove, requesting funding for the upgrading and paving of the roads in their communities.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Schools Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Government
 Money Purchase Pension Plan Act,
 The Public Service Pensions Act,
 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act,
 The Uniformed Services Pensions Act,
 1991 And The Memorial University
 Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 17)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23).

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bills be printed as above and they be submitted to His Honour for His Assent.

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 Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) moved the following amendment in Committee:

"that Clause 2 of the Bill be struck out and the following substituted:

"2. This Act shall be considered to have come into force on June 1, 1993, but shall not apply to a corporation until the beginning of its next fiscal year after May 31, 1993."."

The Chairperson ruled the amendment in order after which the amendment was debated.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and the amendment carried on a voice vote. A division was called.

Various points of order were raised by Members respecting the procedure following which the Chairperson recessed the Committee.

Following the recess, the Chairperson ruled that the proper procedure for calling a division was in order.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism & Culture, the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands, Mr. Noel, Mr. Tulk, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. K. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

The Chairperson declared that the amendment had been defeated and the Committee had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) rose on a Point of Order respecting the right of the Minister of Social Services to vote in the Division because he was not actually in his seat when the vote was called. The Minister asked that his vote not be recorded.

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 Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21), without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bill be read a third time presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 12 o'clock noon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a third time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour for His Assent.

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

The Speaker put the question on the Budget motion that he do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

The motion was carried that the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair and Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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 of Supply.

The Committee considered and passed the Estimates and the total of the Heads of Expenditure of the Executive Council, the Legislature and the Consolidated Fund Services.

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

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

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

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

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

"June 14, 1993

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, 1994, by way of Supply in the amount of \$2,929,968,800 and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Frederick W. Russell Lieutenant-Governor"

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

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

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the total contained in the Estimates and directed that a Resolution and Bill be adopted to give effect to the same.

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

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee of Supply had passed the amount of \$2,929,968,800.00 contained in the Estimates of Supply and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole on Supply with respect to the Estimates of 1993-94, together with a Resolution and Bill No. 22 consequent thereto be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Speaker put the motion and the motion was carried.

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

The Committee of Ways and Means 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, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 22).

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Ways and Means reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and Bill No. 22 consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 22 be introduced to give effect to same.

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 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, 1994, the sum of \$1,913,766,800."

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, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 22) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave, the House reverted to Routine Proceedings whereupon the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) tabled the following documents:

- (a) The 1990-91 Annual Report of the Department of Social Services;
- (b) The 1991-92 Financial and Statistical Report of the Division of Developmental and Rehabilitative Services of the Department of Social Services.

There was a short recess, while Members awaited the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

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 Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 22).

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 Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department of Tourism and Culture" (Bill No. 3)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act" (Bill No. 2)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Department Of Industry, Trade & Technology" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 12)

A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 8)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Schools Act" (Bill No. 9)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Government Money Purchase Pension Plan Act, The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991, The Teachers' Pensions Act, The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991 And The Memorial University Pensions Act" (Bill No. 10)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 18)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 17)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act (Bill No. 19)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 11)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 16)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Law Society Act" (Bill No. 24)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 23)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 21).

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, November 16, 1993

In accordance with Standing Order 54.1, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts), directed the Clerk to refer the following draft Bills to the appropriate Standing Committees noted next to those Bills:

Committee

"An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)	Social Services
"An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 25)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 33)	Government Servoces
"An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41)	Social Services
"An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38)	Social Services
"An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36)	Government Services
"An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37)	Government Services
"An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49)	Government Services

"An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27)	Resource
"An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35)	Social Services
"An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43)"	Social Services
"An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31)	Social Services
"An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 30)	Social Services
"An Act To Repeal the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29)	Social Services
"An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28).	Social Services

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Wednesday, November 17, 1993

In accordance with Standing Order 54.1, the Honourable the Government House Leader directed the Clerk to refer the following Bills to the Social Services Committee:

"An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44)

"An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45).

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 22nd, 1993

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

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32).

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45).

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37)

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35).

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

- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43)"
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 30)

- A Bill "An Act To Repeal the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28).

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

"WHEREAS the privatization of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro will burden the people of the Province with higher costs for electricity, more unemployment, the alienation of water rights, and the transfer of tens of millions of dollars every year out of the Province in dividends to shareholders;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government retain Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro as a Crown-owned corporation."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Address in Reply by the Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Jack Byrne). The Members for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque), Placentia (Mr. Careen), St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) and Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) spoke in the debate 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 Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) 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 23rd 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 23rd, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement respecting the fiscal position of the Province for the 1993-94 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made an oral statement respecting a fire in the Town of Ramea.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), supported by the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight), rose to recognize the life of Mr. Jack Cater and asked the House to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Cater.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, presented a Report Respecting Bill No. 1, "A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In the Province" and Bill No. 7, "The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors". Both Bills were referred to that Committee in June.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with Section 55(3) of the Financial Administration Act, tabled the guaranteed loan payout by the Province since his last Report to the House.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an oral answer respecting the proposed privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) gave an oral answer respecting the proposed privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition from his District supporting the Roman Catholic School system.

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36)

A Bill	"An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35)
A Bill	"An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43)"
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act" (Bill No. 30)
A Bill	"An Act To Repeal the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate on the Address in Reply was continued by the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald). The Members for Burgeo Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert), Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne), Stephenville (Mr. K. Aylward) and Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) spoke in the debate and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Discussion took place respecting a request from the Press Gallery Association to allow television cameras and still photographers in the Chamber during tomorrow's private members' debate. The Speaker was directed to advise the Association that television and still photography would be permitted in the House on the condition that the proceedings would be broadcast in their entirely at some point and that the media would be free to excerpt what portions they wish for news and current affairs usage.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 24th 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 24th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement respecting the reorganization of hospital boards in the St. John's Region.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), supported by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris), paid tribute to former Members of the House of Assembly - namely Mr. Walter Hodder, Mr. Harold Starkes and Mr. Hugh Shea and requested that letters of condolence be forwarded to the families of the late former Members.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion standing in the name of the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin):

"WHEREAS the privatization of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro will burden the people of the Province with higher costs for electricity, more unemployment, the alienation of water rights, and the transfer of tens of millions of dollars every year out of the Province in dividends to shareholders;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government retain Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro as a Crown-owned corporation."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Careen and Mr. Harris.

Against: The Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Crane, Mr. Murphy, the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Minister of Tourism & Culture (Mr. Walsh), Mr. Noel, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews and Dr. Hulan.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 25th 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 25th, 1993

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

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Penney), as Chairperson of the Resource Committee, presented a Report of that Committee recommending passage of Bill No. 27, "An Act To amend The Forestry Act", without amendment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) 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. 39).

It was agreed that this motion would replace the motion inadvertently introduced by the Honourable the Minister of Finance on November 22, 1993 with respect to the same Bill No. 39.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (Bill No. 51).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate on the Address in Reply was continued. The Members for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley), Port au Port (Mr. Smith), Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan), Terra Nova (Ms. Young), Menihek (Mr. A. Snow), Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) spoke in the debate and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, it was agreed that the debate on the Address in Reply continue until 5 o'clock at which time it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, November 26th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned in accordance with the agreement reached by Members.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, November 26th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to encourage men to speak out about violence against women by participating in the White Ribbon Campaign.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee, presented a Report of that Committee recommending passage of the following Bills, without amendment:

"An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 25), "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36), "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32), "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26), "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39), "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37), "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 33), "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate on the Address in Reply was continued. The Members for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford), St. John's East (Mr. Harris), St. George's (Dr. Hulan), Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett), Fogo (Mr. Tulk) spoke in the debate 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 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 29th, 1993

In accordance with Standing Order 54.2, Bill No. 46, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" and Bill No. 51, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978", were upon the request of the Government Services Committee, referred to that Committee for review.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 29th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement respecting certain comments made by the Opposition House Leader Friday in relation to the private interests of the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) made a statement respecting the 1994 quotas for groundfish in Atlantic Canada as contained in the recommendations of the Fisheries Research Conservation Council.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act, and The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 52).

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

"WHEREAS the Strategic Economic Plan of Newfoundland and Labrador firmly establishes the private sector as being the primary engine of economic growth within the Province;

AND WHEREAS 66% of all new jobs are generated in the area of small family businesses;

AND WHEREAS small family businesses account for 55% of the gross national product;

AND WHEREAS various studies and reports have pointed to small and medium size businesses as one of the potential growth areas of the economy of this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly reaffirms its recognition of small business as a major part of the private sector economy of this Province and reaffirms its commitment to

support organizations that promote the interest of small business,

develop programs to assist small businesses in this Province,

promote the fostering of an economic environment wherein small business development is encouraged,

continue to streamline the regulatory structures and processes of government so as to simplify and enhance the possibility of success of small business enterprises,

encourage the development of entrepreneurship in the Province at the small business level generally."

The Member for Fortune-Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS it is essential to our future that we transform the education system of Newfoundland and Labrador from one of persistent under-achievement to one whose achievement levels rank with the best in the nation;

AND WHEREAS it is entirely within our capacity to make changes to achieve this goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves in principle the reform of the Elementary and Secondary education system of Newfoundland and Labrador set out in "Adjusting the Course - Restructuring the School System for Educational Excellence."

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. D. Dumaresque) presented a petition from residents of Mary's Harbour and Lodge Bay seeking an improved road system in their district.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement announcing Government's strategy to combat the spread of HIV and the treatment and care of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. The Minister also tabled a Departmental Report with respect to this topic.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) made a statement respecting Government support of military flight training in Labrador. The Minister also tabled a brochure entitled, "Low-Level Flying in Labrador".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General supported by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) rose to recognize the passing of Mr. George Bernard Summers, former Secretary for Justice and former Canadian Ambassador to Chile and Iran and asked that the House send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Summers.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion standing in the name of the Member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon):

"WHEREAS it is essential to our future that we transform the education system of Newfoundland and Labrador from one of persistent under-achievement to one whose achievement levels rank with the best in the nation;

AND WHEREAS it is entirely within our capacity to make changes to achieve this goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves in principle the reform of the Elementary and Secondary education system of Newfoundland and Labrador set out in "Adjusting the Course - Restructuring the School System for Educational Excellence."

- (b) whether there are categories of accountants other than Chartered Accountants who are qualified to perform public accounting functions;
- (c) the present criteria for licensing as a Certified General Accountant in Newfoundland, and whether the training and qualifications of CGAs, in and of themselves, or under certain conditions, are adequate to qualify some or all of them to perform public accounting functions;
- (d) the legislative provisions required to ensure the maximum competition in the marketplace by qualified individuals, consistent with the protection of the public;
- (e) the body or bodies that should be empowered to license Public Accountants, and the composition and manner of appointment to same; and
- (f) other matters directly and necessarily related thereto.

AND THAT the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; THAT they may sit at St. John's at all times during the Assembly for which they are appointed, whether or not the House is in Session, adjourned or prorogued; AND THAT they may hold hearings at St. John's to receive representations from members of the public. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee shall submit their report to the House by 31 March, 1994."

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

"WHEREAS the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council in makings its recommendations for 1994 Quotas, is recommending that the Gulf Cod Fishery be closed and quotas for other stocks be substantially reduced;

AND WHEREAS if implemented, these recommendations will have a direct impact on the fishermen and plantworkers on the Southwest and Northwest Coasts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly support acceptance of the recommendations made by the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council and the implementation by the Federal Government of a fair and adequate compensation package to fishermen and plant workers in that area."

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), 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. 56).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, 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 guaranteeing of certain loans under The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 57).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move:

"THAT the Public Accounts Committee be authorized to consider and report upon evidence taken by the Committee during the 4th Session of the 41st General Assembly."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan) gave an answer respecting certain environmental matters that fall within her mandate.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (No. 32) 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 Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (No. 36) 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 Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (No. 37) 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 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 3rd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), in accordance with section 28(3) of the Financial Administration Act, tabled a Special Warrant as authorized by Order in Council 93-738 for \$6,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Employment and Labour Relations Head of Expenditure. The Warrant was issued for the Emergency Employment Response Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled a copy of Minute of Council 93-499 which relates to certain precommitments authorized under the **Financial Administration Act** for the Department of Forestry and Agriculture.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) made a declaration under section 33 of the House of Assembly Act declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on Motion No. 7, the establishment of the Select Committee on Public Accountancy.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Motion No. 7 with respect to the following:

"WHEREAS the practice of public accountancy in the province is regulated by The Public Accountancy Act,

and whereas that Act provides that chartered accountants have the right to be licensed to practice public accountancy in the province but does not accord that right to other accounting designations;

AND WHEREAS the other jurisdictions of Canada have passed legislation or are contemplating passing legislation to accord certified general accountants the same rights or substantially the same rights to practice public accountancy as are presently enjoyed by chartered accountants;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Members for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), Kilbride (Mr. Ed. Byrne), Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor), Port au Port (Mr. Smith) and St. John's North (Mr. Lloyd Matthews) be and they are hereby appointed as a Select Committee to examine into and to report upon;

- (a) the present criteria for licensing as a Public Accountant in Newfoundland, and whether those criteria are unnecessarily restrictive;
- (b) whether there are categories of accountants other than Chartered Accountants who are qualified to perform public accounting functions;
- (c) the present criteria for licensing as a Certified General Accountant in Newfoundland, and whether the training and qualifications of CGAs, in and of themselves, or under certain conditions, are adequate to qualify some or all of them to perform public accounting functions;
- (d) the legislative provisions required to ensure the maximum competition in the marketplace by qualified individuals, consistent with the protection of the public;
- (e) the body or bodies that should be empowered to license Public Accountants, and the composition and manner of appointment to same; and
- (f) other matters directly and necessarily related thereto.

AND THAT the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; THAT they may sit at St. John's at all times during the Assembly for which they are appointed, whether or not the House is in Session, adjourned or prorogued; AND THAT they may hold hearings at St. John's to receive representations from members of the public. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee shall submit their report to the House by 31 March, 1994."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded with respect to the following Motion No. 8 standing in the name of the Government House Leader:

"THAT the Public Accounts Committee be authorized to consider and report upon evidence taken by the Committee during the 4th Session of the 41st General Assembly."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55).

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 Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (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 Judgment Interest Act" (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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31) 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29) 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28) 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27) 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, December 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly. until tomorrow.

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 Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan), 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.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) tabled the 1991-92 and 1992-93 Annual Reports and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts), on behalf of 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. 59).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 58).

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the five-year Federal-Provincial Rural Cooperation Agreement expires on March 31, 1994;

and WHEREAS funding under this agreement supports, among other programs, rural development associations, cooperatives and local development organizations to plan and implement economic development programs in rural Newfoundland and Labrador;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports the negotiation of a new Rural Co-operations Agreement that will continue to fund Rural Development Associations."

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27) 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 Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator.

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

"November 30, 1993

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Administrator 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, 1993, by way of Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Noel Goodridge**Administrator"

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

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

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. 53).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax" (Bill No. 39).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 56).

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 57).

On motion the Committee of Supply and the Committee of the Whole House rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply and the Committee of the Whole House reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply and the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters referred to it 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 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, 1993, the sum of \$42,360,000."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the Income Tax Act."

"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."

"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 the following Bills were read a first, second and third time and passed:

- 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, 1993 And For
 Other Purposes Relating To The
 Public Service" (Bill No. 53)"
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act 1957 (No. 2) (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2) (Bill No. 57).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 53, 39, 56 and 57 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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (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 The City of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (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 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary 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.

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

On motion the House then adjourned at 6:20 o'clock in the evening.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 7th, 1993

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

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, presented a Report of that Committee recommending passage of the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Repeal the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act" (Bill No. 55).

The Committee further recommended that Bill No. 41, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors' Act" and Bill No. 47, "An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" be enacted along with certain proposed amendments as contained in the Report.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee presented the Report of that Committee respecting its deliberations on the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) rose on a Point of Privilege in order to establish a **prima facie** case of privilege by arguing that the privileges of Members had been violated by the refusal of the majority of Members of the Public Accounts Committee to investigate certain matters before that Committee.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), tabled the list of public officials who serve on the Strategic Social Planning Group.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) tabled a response respecting social service investigators.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens from the District of Naskaupi respecting health care services in Labrador.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 58)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 59).

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 Repeal The Youth Advisory Council 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 Repeal The Youth Advisory Council 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 To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (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 Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (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 and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35) 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 Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41) 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.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44) 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 Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44 and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be read a second time presently.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:26 o'clock in the evening.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

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 (Mr. Decker) gave an oral answer and tabled certain information respecting the allegation that confidential student information had been leaked at the University.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens in the Province respecting the appointment of an equal number of men and women to the Police Complaints Commission.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion standing in the name of the Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning):

"WHEREAS the five-year Federal-Provincial Rural Cooperation Agreement expires on March 31, 1994;

AND WHEREAS funding under this agreement supports, among other programs, rural development associations, cooperatives and local development organizations to plan and implement economic development programs in rural Newfoundland and Labrador;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports the negotiation of a new Rural Co-operations Agreement that will continue to fund Rural Development Associations."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

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

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 9th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to recognize the 45th Anniversary of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) tabled the 3rd Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Economic Recovery Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled the 1991-92 and 1992-93 Annual Reports of the Newfoundland Public Service Commission.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee tabled a Report of that Committee recommending the enactment, without amendment, of "An Act To Amend The Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44).

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens in the Province respecting the appointment of an equal number of men and women to the Police Complaints Commission.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission 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 Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission 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 Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act" (Bill No. 55) 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 the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the Committee consider the amendments as shown in bold face type in Reprinted Bills No. 1 and 7. The motion was carried.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Reprinted Bill No. 1).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) and the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) moved certain amendments to clauses 4 and 5 of Bill No. 1.

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendments defeated.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the various amendments to clauses 1, 4, 5, 13 and 15 as set forth in bold face type in the Reprinted Bill No. 1. The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Reprinted Bill No. 1), as amended.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved the various amendments to clauses 4, 7 and 12 as set forth in bold face type in the Reprinted Bill No. 7.

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Reprinted Bill No. 7), as amended.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Committee continued its debate.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 25).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 33).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (Bill No. 51).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44).

The Member for Humber East moved a certain amendment to clause 2.

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44).

By leave, the Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45).

By leave, the Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55).

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 Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44).
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 25, 26, 34, 33, 32, 36, 37, 43, 31, 29, 28, 27, 51, 38, 40, 35, 41, 44, 45 and 55 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In The Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Reprinted Bill No. 1) and the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale Of Tobacco To Minors" (Reprinted Bill No. 7) with amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Reprinted Bills No. 1 and 7 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Reprinted Bills No. 1 and 7 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 6:04 o'clock in the evening.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 10th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) gave an oral answer respecting the Fisheries Loan Board.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. L. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of students at Eugene Vaters Pentecostal Collegiate opposing the proposed Government Model to restructure the denominational education system in the Province.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District to encourage Government to locate regional health care services in Labrador.

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In the Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Reprinted Bill No. 1)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale of Tobacco to Minors" (Reprinted Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32)

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance 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 Automobile 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that, pursuant to Standing Order 54.2, Bill No. 58 be referred to the Social Services Committee.

The motion was carried.

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. 59) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 59) 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 Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) moved that, pursuant to Standing Order 54.2, Bill No. 59 be referred to the Government Services Committee.

The motion was carried.

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. 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 Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (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 presently by leave.

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

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that clause 3 of Bill No. 46 be amended by deleting the figure "15" and substituting the figure "19" in the proposed subsection 6(4).

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50).

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 Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 42 and 50 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46), with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment to Bill No. 46 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a third time presently.

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

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46).

On motion it was ordered that the above noted Bills be printed as above and they be submitted to His Honour 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 Municipalities Act (No. 2)" (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 Amend The Municipalities Act (No. 2)" (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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 14th 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 Minister of Tourism and Culture (Mr. Walsh) made a statement in which, on behalf of all Members, he paid tribute to Tommy Sexton and asked the Speaker to send a letter of condolence to the Sexton family. The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) both spoke to and supported the Minister's statement and concurred in the Minister's request that a letter of condolence be sent by the Speaker on behalf of all Members of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Marathon Petroleum Canada Ltd. proposes to commence drilling on the Port au Port Peninsula in the Spring of 1994.

The Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Nipper's Harbour, Baie Verte and Burlington opposing the importation of waste material and garbage into the Province.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of school children from Deer Lake Pentecostal School opposing Government's proposed model to reform the educational system.

A proposal for a New Income Supplementation Program and Other Reforms to the Income Security System was distributed to Members.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Election Act and The Elections Act 1991" (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 Election Act and The Elections Act 1991" (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.

During debate on Bill No. 52, the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) made a declaration under section 33 of the House of Assembly Act declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on clause 4 of the Bill.

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. 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, December 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, December 15th, 1993

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) made a statement to announce Government's intention to create a Literacy Development Council.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce that contract negotiations have been successfully concluded between Iron Ore Company of Canada and the United Steelworkers of America.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee, presented the Report of the Committee recommending that "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49) be enacted with an amendment to clause 1.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled a copy of Minute of Council 93-840 which relates to certain pre-commitments authorized under the **Financial Administration Act** for the Department of Works, Services and Transportation.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of Pentecostal parents of Botwood, Bishop's Falls, Point of Bay, Northern Arm and Grand Falls - Windsor opposing the Government's proposed model to reform the educational system.

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting regional health care services in Labrador.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion standing in the name of the Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay):

"WHEREAS the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council in makings its recommendations for 1994 Quotas, is recommending that the Gulf Cod Fishery be closed and quotas for other stocks be substantially reduced;

AND WHEREAS if implemented, these recommendations will have a direct impact on the fishermen and plantworkers on the Southwest and Northwest Coasts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly support acceptance of the recommendations made by the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council and the implementation by the Federal Government of a fair and adequate compensation package to fishermen and plant workers in that area."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker ruled on the Point of Privilege raised by the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) on December 7 respecting matters before the Public Accounts Committee. The Speaker ruled that a prima facie case of privilege had not been established.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) tabled the 1992 Annual Report of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.

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."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries 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 Electoral Boundaries 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.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, the House continued with regular business.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act (No. 49)".

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris), seconded by the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald), moved the following amendment:

"That all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"this House declines to give Second Reading to Bill No. 49, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act, in order to affirm the principle that the Labour continue Relation's Board to exercise with respect to the holding discretion representation and revocation votes to ascertain the true wishes of employees in appropriate circumstances and recognize that the existing constitutions, policies and procedures of trade unions satisfy the desire to have strike votes prior to a legal strike."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment.

The amendment was defeated.

Debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations 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 Labour Relations 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, December 17th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 8:19 o'clock in the evening.

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"(5) For the purpose of subsection (2), the total population of the province shall be considered not to include that portion of the total population living within the area of the province comprising the district proposed by the commission under subsection 15(4).".

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 48) with the amendment.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the regular adjournment time at 12 noon be suspended if necessary.

The House, by leave, agreed.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Government House Leader moved the amendments to Bill No. 49 on behalf of the Government and asked that the Opposition amendments be debated first. The House agreed.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved a certain amendment to clause 1 of Bill No. 49.

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Member for St. John's East moved an amendment to clause 3 of Bill No. 49. The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendment defeated

The Government House Leader moved the following amendments to Bill No. 49:

1. (1) That Clause 1 of Bill No. 9 be amended by striking out in the proposed subsection 47(4) the figure "10" and substituting the figure "5".

- (2) That Clause 1 of the Bill be further amended by deleting the proposed subsection 47(5) and substituting the following:
 - "(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), where a vote is taken in exceptional circumstances as determined by the board, the board may extend the time for the taking of the vote by the number of days which it considers appropriate.".
- (3) That Clause 1 of the Bill be further amended by deleting the proposed subsection 47(8) and substituting the following:
 - "(8) The board is bound by the outcome of a vote taken under this section except where the board determines that the procedure under this section has been influenced by intimidation, threat of dismissal or other kind of threat or coercion.".
- (4) That Clause 1 be further amended by adding immediately after the proposed subsection (8) the following:
 - "(9) With respect to an application for certification as a bargaining agent, the board shall adhere to the date of the application as the operative date for determining support on the basis of membership records.".
- 2.(1) That Clause 3 of the Bill be amended by striking out in the proposed subsection 51.1(3) the figure "10" and substituting the figure "5".
- (2) That Clause 3 of the Bill be further amended by deleting the proposed subsection 51.1(4) and substituting the following:
 - "(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), where a vote is taken in exceptional circumstances as determined by the board, the board may extend the time for the taking of the vote by the number of days which it considers appropriate.".

(3) That Clause 3 of the Bill be further amended by 'deleting the proposed subsection 51.1(7) and substituting the following:

"(7) The board is bound by the outcome of a vote taken under this section except where the board determines that the procedure under this section has been influenced by intimidation, threat of dismissal or other kind of threat or coercion.".

3. That the Bill be amended by adding immediately after clause 4 the following:

Commencement

"5. This Act comes into force on a day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.".

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49) with amendments.

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 Municipalities Act (No. 2)" Bill No. 54
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act And The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 52).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 54 and 52 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee further 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 Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49).

The amendments to Bills No. 48 and 49 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 48 and 49 be read a third time presently.

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

- A Bill "An Act Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (No. 2)" Bill No. 54
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Election Act And The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 52)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed for 15 minutes.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

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, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 53).

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 Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2) (Bill No. 57)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting A Smoke-Free Environment In the Workplace And In Public Places In The Province" (Reprinted Bill No. 1)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Control Of The Sale of Tobacco to Minors" (Reprinted Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 34)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act (Bill No. 33) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fire Prevention Act, 1991" (Bill No. 32) A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law In The Province Respecting Rail Service" (Bill No. 36) "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" A Bill (Bill No. 37) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judgment Interest Act" (Bill No. 43) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act" (Bill No. 31) A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act" (Bill No. 29) "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill A Bill No. 28) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 27) A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's (Loan) Act, 1978" (Bill No. 51) A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Youth Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 38) A Bill "An Act To Repeal Certain Obsolete And Spent Statutes" (Bill No. 40) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Social Services Act" (Bill No. 35) "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act" A Bill (Bill No. 41) A Bill "An Act To Amend Nursing Assistants Act" (Bill No. 44) "An Act To Repeal The Alcohol And Drug A Bill Dependency Commission Act" (Bill No. 45) A Bill "An Act To Amend The Colleges Act, 1991" (Bill No. 55)

A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992" (Bill No. 47)
A Bill	"An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal" (Bill No. 42)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 46)
A Bill	"An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 50)
A Bill	"An Act Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 60)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act (No. 2)" Bill No. 54
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Election Act And The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 52)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Electoral Boundaries Act" (Bill No. 48)
A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 49).
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His Honour the Lietuenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then 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.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly

Be it known on this day in accordance with section 13 of the Auditor General Act, the Auditor General submitted her Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993 to the Honourable the Speaker.

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In Private Session, the House agreed that the new procedure introduced by the Clerk with respect to the preparation and distribution of the draft minutes of the House be adopted. Under this arrangement, the Clerk will table draft minutes of the previous day's sitting as well as send copies of these draft minutes to the House Leaders. If there are any amendments or corrections, the House Leaders will advise the Clerk accordingly each sitting day.

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the motion of adjournment adopted by the House on December 17th, 1993.

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 First Session of the 42nd General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought before you by my Ministers. Your commitment to your work and diligence in these difficult times deserve our appreciation and acknowledgement.

Fifty-seven pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. I should point out to Honourable Members that in addition to this number, eight Bills were enacted during the Fifth Session of the 41st General Assembly which was dissolved on April 5th, 1993. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in finance, employment and labour relations, municipal affairs, health and the environment during 1993.

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

The Labour Relations Act was amended to provide that where an application for certification is supported by at least 40% of the employees in a bargaining unit to which an application relates, the Labour Relations Board shall conduct a vote to determine the wishes of the employees unless the union and the employer jointly request that the Board not take the vote. The Labour Relations Act was further amended to require that the Board conduct a vote in respect of any application for revocation of certification. The amendments to the Act would also make it mandatory to take a strike vote prior to a lawful strike.

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

After a comprehensive review by Members of the Social Services Committee, this House passed the Smoke-Free Environment Act. The purpose of that Bill is to create a smoke free environment in the workplace and public places in the Province. In tandem with that Bill, this House passed the Tobacco Control Act which will regulate the sale of tobacco in general and prevent the sale of tobacco to persons who are under the age of nineteen years.

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

The Memorial University Act was amended in order to clarify the law respecting the authority and responsibility of the Auditor General to conduct audits of the accounts of the University. As well, my Ministers introduced amendments to the Municipalities Act, the City of Corner Brook Act, the St. John's Municipal Elections Act and the City of Mount Pearl Act the purpose of which was to clarify the law respecting municipal elections in order to make the municipal law more uniform throughout the Province.

My Ministers introduced major amendments to the Liquor Control Act and the Tobacco Tax Act. It is the hope of my Ministers that these amendments will curb the amount of illegal smuggling of tobacco and liquor products into the Province.

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

Ever mindful of the service and sacrifice that volunteers made during the Second World War, my Ministers introduced a Bill that revised the law respecting the Volunteer War Service Medal by expanding the group of persons eligible to receive a medal for volunteer war service.

Many other significant legislative measures were also enacted during this Session.

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

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

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

It is my pleasure that the First Session of this 42nd General Assembly now be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then said, "It is the wish and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly".

A. John Noel Clerk of the House of Assembly