

Tuesday, June 11th, 2019

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

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to congratulate the cadets and instructors of 83 Briton Cadet Corps on a successful Annual Review Ceremony.

The Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels (Mr. Bragg) made a Statement to recognize the academic and athletic accomplishments of Noah Carter.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to congratulate this year's graduates of the Adult Basic Education Programme on Bell Island.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Paul Furey who demonstrated great courage and sacrifice in saving the life of a gentleman from the same community.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to pay tribute to Lorraine Michael, former MHA for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi, for her commitment to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

By leave, the Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Simon Lono.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for Human Resource Secretariat (Mr. Osborne) made a Statement to recognize Public Service Week which runs from June 9th – 15th, 2019.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources (Mr. Byrne) made a Statement to recognize World Oceans Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled, pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2019-093 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$40,000 against its budgetary appropriations in each of 2020-21 to 2023-24 to facilitate the award of a five-year contract to MERX Networks Inc., for the provision of an e-Procurement Solution;

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- (b) Order in Council 2019-094 which authorized the Minister of Health and Community Services to pre-commit the expenditure of funds against its budgetary appropriations for a 30-year period beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 in accordance with the contract payment schedule on file with the Clerk of the Executive Council, to facilitate a Design-Build-Finance-Maintain Project Agreement with NL Healthcare Partners for long term care facilities in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor;
- (c) Order in Council 2019-111 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$11,299,880 in 2020-21, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Johnson's Construction Ltd. For paving work on the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (d) Order in Council 2019-112 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$62,238 in each of fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24; and \$46,679 in 2024-25, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations to lease office space in Conception Bay South from MBM Development Ltd.;
- (e) Order in Council 2019-118 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$328,000 annually, against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate an agreement with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for the Deaf for visual sign language services, for a five-year term with an option to renew for an additional five-year term;
- (f) Order in Council 2019-119 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit up to \$110,000 annually, against its budgetary appropriations for fiscal years 2020-21 through 2024-25, to facilitate the award of a six-year contract to Xerox for the provision of high-capacity printers to the Department of Finance;
- (g) Order in Council 2019-120 is which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$15,500,000 in 2020-21 and \$5,000,000 in 2021-22, against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate the award of a contract to Lindsay Construction for the construction of the new Paradise Intermediate School in Paradise.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) tabled a document entitled Busing Eligibility.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion:

“That the **Striking Committee** comprise:

the Member for Burgeo – La Poile
 the Member for Burin – Grand Bank
 the Member for St. John’s West
 the Member for St. John’s Centre
 the Member for Mount Pearl North

And the Committees of the House of Assembly for the 49th General Assembly be constituted as follows:

Public Accounts Committee

the Member for Cape St. Francis
 the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
 the Member for St. George’s – Humber
 the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
 the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels
 the Member for Stephenville – Port au Port
 the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi

Privileges and Elections Committee

the Member for St. George’s Humber
 the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels
 the Member for Burin – Grand Bank
 the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island
 the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi

Standing Orders Committee

the Member for Burgeo – La Poile
 the Member for St. John’s West
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 the Member for Windsor Lake
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Miscellaneous and Private Bill Committee

the Member for St. George's – Humber
the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
the Member for Mount Scio
the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi
the Member for Conception Bay South

The Member for Mount Pearl – Southlands (Mr. Lane) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to instate legislation which would include provisions to ensure the safety, hygiene and all other required care for patients with cognitive debilitating conditions in long-term care homes.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to eliminate the 1.6 km policy for all Elementary Schools in the Province and in Junior and Senior High Schools where safety is a primary concern.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to revise the policy on personal care home access.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Standing Order 74 be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 74 (2) the following:

- (3) Notwithstanding Standing Order 74(2), where a Head of Expenditure has been referred to a Committee established under Standing Order 72 and the time used in debate of that Head of Expenditure exceeds 3 hours, the additional time shall also be deducted from the time allocated under Standing Order 71.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons):

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committees of the House of Assembly for the 49th General Assembly be constituted as follows:

Government Services Committee

the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
the Member for Conception Bay South
the Member for Ferryland
the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels
the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
the Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate
the Member for Mount Scio
the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi

Resource Committee

the Member for St. George’s – Humber
the Member for Cape St. Francis
the Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels
the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
the Member for Mount Scio
the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi
the Member for Terra Nova

Social Services Committee

the Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate
the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island
the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave
the Member for Mount Scio
the Member for St. George’s – Humber
the Member for St. John’s Centre
the Member for Topsail – Paradise

The Speaker put the question and declared the Resolution carried.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion debate commenced on the motion “That this House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) informed the House that he had received a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“6 June, 2019

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2010, in the aggregate of \$7,576,549,700, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Judy M. Foote**,
Lieutenant Governor”.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) that the Message together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

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. Reid took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The budgetary documents were distributed.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Reid) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask 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.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved pursuant to Standing Order 72(1) and (3) that

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

Consolidated Fund Services;
the Department of Finance;
the Executive Council;
the Public Service Commission;
Service NL;
the Public Procurement Agency; and
the Department of Transportation and Work.

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

the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour;
the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources;
the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation; and
the Department of Natural Resources.

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

the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development;
the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development;
the Department of Health and Community Services;
the Department of Justice and Public Safety;
the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment; and
the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the following motion “That this House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (the Budget Speech) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.