

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

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

The Speaker (Mr. Reid) tabled a Special Measures Order (Exemption Order) exempting the House of Assembly from the prohibition on gatherings of more than 10 people imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to notice and by leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) moved, seconded by the Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons), the following motion:

“THAT, notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House:

AND THAT Routine Proceedings of the House of Assembly are suspended for this sitting day, and the Orders of the Day provided for in this motion shall be dealt with in the manner provided by it;

AND THAT Notice of Motion is deemed to have been given on the following Bills:

1. The Interim Supply Act, 2020, No. 2, Bill No. 29
2. The Interim Supply Act, 2020, No. 3, Bill No. 30
3. An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957, Bill No. 31
4. The Loan Act, 2020, Bill No. 32
5. An Act Respecting Certain Measures in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bill No. 33;

AND THAT the Bill, An Act Respecting Certain Measures in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bill No. 33 shall be deemed to have been read a First Time;

AND THAT notice shall be deemed to have been given under Standing Order 11(1) that this House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, March 26, 2020.”

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a certain Resolution and related Bill entitled “An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province” (Bill No. 32).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 32 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the 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 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,000,000,000.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province” (Bill No. 32) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) moved that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a certain Resolution and related Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 31).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommend that Bill No. 31 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

“That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957*, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 31) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) informed the House that he had received a Message from Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

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

“24 March, 2020

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2021, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly”.

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

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 29 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Ms. Stoodley took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Stoodley) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommend that Bill No. 29 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the 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, 2021 the sum of \$200,000,000.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 29) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) informed the House that he had received a Message from Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

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

“25 March, 2020

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2021, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly”.

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

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On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 30 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had adopted a certain Resolution and the Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 30 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the 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, 2021 the sum of \$1,971,702,600.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 30) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33) was read the second

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time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bennett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Bennett) reported that the Committee of Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33) with an amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the amendment was read a first and second time.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled as amended “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33) was read third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor for her assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn at the call of the Chair.

On motion the House then adjourned *sine die*.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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Be it known on this day at 6:15 o'clock in the evening the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Judy Foote, PC, ONL, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed Her 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 Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, “An Act Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2021 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, “An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province” (Bill No. 32);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Certain Measures In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic” (Bill No. 33).

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name, I Assent to these Bills”.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.