

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The House met at 10 a.m.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Government House Leader (S. Crocker), the Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) was appointed Deputy Chair of Committees.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on the motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (Budget Motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

It was moved and seconded that the House recess at 12:04 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and, on motion, the House recessed accordingly.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members’ Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing a food drive at the Star of the Sea in Holyrood in support of Little Food Pantries.

The Member for St. John’s Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Buckmasters Circle Community Centre for its contribution to the community.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing Ryder Rowsell and his fundraising efforts for Young Adult Cancer Canada.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Swift Current Academy and their Deep Learning Project.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Travis Winters of Makkovik and his quick action and bravery in saving his uncle.

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## **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (K. L. Howell) recognizing September 28 as municipal elections day in Newfoundland and Labrador and the Make Your Mark campaign from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. The Members for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) recognizing women appointed to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) recognizing employees of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure who provided assistance with forest fires in Ontario. The Members for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

## **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

### **Point of Order**

During oral questions, the Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (P. Parsons) raised a point of order regarding comments by the Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding cuts to the Department of Women and Gender Equality.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees**

There were no reports by Standing and Select Committees presented.

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### **Tabling of Documents**

The Speaker, pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act, tabled the minutes of the meeting of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on:

December 23, 2020;  
January 5, 2021; and  
May 19, 2021.

### **Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

### **Answers to questions for which notice has been given**

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

### **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the Registry of Deeds and the policy surrounding land transfer processes.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding an independent investigation into the 2021 provincial general election.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) regarding a replacement for Shoal Harbour Bridge.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding a review of the Animal Health and Protection Act.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on the motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (Budget Motion).

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) moved the following amendment:

**THAT** all words after the word “That” be deleted in the motion before the House, Motion 1, and the following words be substituted: “this House exposes this government’s failure to properly plan and implement strategies that will create the conditions for the growth of economic opportunity and jobs in Newfoundland and Labrador building effectively on our strengths.”

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Motion (being a non-confidence motion) and, on motion, was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(3), the Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.