

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker addressed the Members regarding tone of, and language used, during debate.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) congratulating Sara Thorne of Chance Cove, who was the first female to win the Sportsman Main Event during the NASCAR Advanced Auto Parts Weekly Series.

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing the Three L Training and Employment Board in St. Lawrence, for their efforts to provide training and work experience to individuals who may experience challenges in the workplace.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) congratulating Rachael Moores of Pasadena, who was recently honored nationally for helping other students improve their financial knowledge.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) honouring deceased constituents and friends who left a mark on their community and offer condolences to their families.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Bishop's Falls.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) highlighting the Newfoundland and Labrador Community Transportation Program.

The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

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The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (S. Coady) recognizing Public Service Week 2021, and the hard work and dedication of public service employees.

The Members for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no presenting of reports by Standing and Select Committees.

Tabling of Documents

There were no tabling of documents.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Answers to questions for which notice has been given

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding upgrades to the Witless Bay Line.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding rezoning of agricultural land in George's Brook-Milton.

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The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding recognition of experience from recognized public and private schools when determining seniority for teachers.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding availability of seniors housing in Labrador West.

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding opportunities for the Bull Arm fabrication site.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order (32) and on motion the House proceeded to Orders of the Day.

The Speaker put the question and the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) moved:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 but shall instead meet at 2:00 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business; and

THAT, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) moved pursuant to notice that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

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 5:00 p.m.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:01 p.m.

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

The Speaker put the question.

The House divided.

AYES	NAYS
A. Furey	D. Brazil
S. Crocker	B. Petten
T. Osborne	T. Wakeham
J. Haggie	J. Wall
S. Coady	L. O'Driscoll
K. L. Howell	C. Tibbs
G. Byrne	L. Evans
D. Bragg	H. Conway Ottenheimer
E. Loveless	L. Parrott
B. Davis	C. Pardy
J. Abbott	P. Dinn
L. Demspster	P. Forsey
P. Parsons	J. Dwyer
A. Parsons	J. Dinn
J. Hogan	J. Brown
S. Stoodley	
S. Reid	
B. Warr	
P. Pike	
L. Stoyles	
S. Gambin-Walsh	
E. Joyce	
P. Lane	
P. Trimper	

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House that they had received a message from the Lieutenant Governor.

The message was read to the House by the Speaker, as follows:

“11 June 2021

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 2022, by way of further Supply, 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.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Minister of Finance (S. Coady), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the message together with a certain resolution and Bill 8 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

During the debate, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved the following amendment to the Schedule:

SCHEDULE

<u>HEAD OF EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Consolidated Fund Services	\$143,277,500
Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador	\$22,717,700
Executive Council	\$127,522,700
Finance	(\$14,237,400)
Public Procurement Agency	\$1,479,400
Public Service Commission	\$7,496,000

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Transportation and Infrastructure	\$39,990,500
Legislature	\$11,306,100
Environment and Climate Change	\$44,498,500
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture	\$49,642,800
Immigration, Population Growth and Skills	(\$21,198,800)
Industry, Energy and Technology	\$638,048,400
Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	\$29,429,300
Children, Seniors and Social Development	\$331,482,400
Education	\$772,421,200
Health and Community Services	\$2,076,204,800
Justice and Public Safety	\$192,789,200
Municipal and Provincial Affairs	\$82,969,300
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation	\$30,094,500
Total	\$4,565,934,100

The Chair suspended the proceedings to review the amendment.

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

The Chair put the question and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued and concluded on Bill 8 as amended for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report that they had passed the amount of \$8,024,380,400 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and had adopted a resolution as amended and recommended that Bill 8 as amended be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

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Pursuant to order and on motion, the amendments were read the first and second time.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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, 2022 the sum of \$4,565,934,100.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the bill entitled “An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ended March 31 2022 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill 8) as amended was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 8 as amended and entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and Bill 17 Relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under the “An Act To Authorize The Raising of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province”.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report that the Committee had adopted a certain resolution and recommended that Bill 17 be introduced to give effect to the same.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the Committee be 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 to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province a sum of money not exceeding \$1,500,000,000.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, Bill 17 entitled “An Act to Authorize the Raising of Money by Way of Loan by the Province” was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 17 entitled as above be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for assent.

On motion the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.