

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing and thanking the Kinette Club of Mount Pearl for their community support in the district.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Diane Murdoch on their retirement after a long career in corrections and community supports.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing Zara Rutherford for completing her record-setting around the world solo-flight, and for being a role model for young women in Labrador and around the world.

The Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (D. Brazil) to recognize the late Judge Robert Smith and his contribution to the legal profession and volunteerism.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing the Concert Crowd, a performing arts group in Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills (G. Byrne) regarding the support of Newfoundland and Labrador for the people of Ukraine.

The Members for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (J. Hogan) presented a report entitled:

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Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a resolution and related Bill 45 for the granting of interim supply to Her Majesty.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and related Bill 46 relating to the advancing or guaranteeing of certain loans made under *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957*.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and related Bill 47, relating to the raising of loans by the province.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act” (Bill 48).

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House approve in general the budgetary policy of the government.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain resolutions and related Bill 49 for the granting of supply to Her Majesty.

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The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Act” (Bill 52).

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act Respecting Access to Health and Education Services” (Bill 51).

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Repeal the Colonial Building Act” (Bill 50).

The Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Standing Orders Committee tabled on March 15, 2022.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members’ Day on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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.

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:

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The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding flood risk mapping and flood forecasting of the Churchill River.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the rising cost of fuel and the need for a fuel rebate for truckers in the province.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding the wait list for cataract surgery in Western Newfoundland.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding ambulance services in the Trepassey to Cape Broyle area.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding efficient access to Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation (CDLI) courses for Labrador students.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order 32, the Government House Leader (S. Crocker), moved orders of the day.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) asked leave of the House to proceed to interim supply debate. Leave was granted.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor.

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

"10 March, 2022

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 2023, by

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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”.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a resolution and a related 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 Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 45) for the granting of interim supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

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



Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.