

Thursday, April 7, 2022

The House met at 2 p.m.

BUDGET SPEECH

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved “That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government.”

The Speaker proposed the motion.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) delivered the budget speech.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved debate on the budget speech be adjourned.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House that a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker, as follows:

“1 April, 2022

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 2023, in the aggregate of \$7,974,380,800, 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”.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved the Message together with the Estimates be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The budget documents were distributed.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) 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.

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Notices of Motion

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

“An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 54).

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety on June 6, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal Report was tabled in this Honourable House on June 25, 2019 as required by section 28.2 of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required to approve, vary or reject the report;

AND WHEREAS government has decided to ask this Honourable House to accept all of the recommendations of the tribunal as contained in its report of June 4, 2019;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the 2018 Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the Tribunal be implemented effective April 1, 2017.

Referral of Estimates to Committees

By leave and pursuant to Standing Order 72(1) and (3), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved that

(a) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Consolidated Fund Services;
Department of Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador;
Department of Finance;
Public Procurement Agency;
Public Service Commission; and
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

(b) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

Department of Environment and Climate Change;
Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture;
Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills;
Department of Industry, Energy and Technology; and
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation.

(c) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development;
Department of Education;
Department of Health and Community Services;
Department of Justice and Public Safety;
Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs; and
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.