

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the work of Lions Clubs in the district.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing members of the Frequent Flyers: Stephanie MacNeil, Shelly Collier, Candice Bartlett, Robin O'Quinn, Nancy Blanchard, Nadine Butt, Stephanie Downey and Valeda Drake, and their efforts to support parents of sick children.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing individuals from the district who participated in the recent Canada Winter Games.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Henda Akoubi of the Association of New Canadians and the staff of Bishop Abraham on a successful Cultural Fair.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) recognizing their mother, Margie War, on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) recognizing the responsible management of the province's finances.

The Leader of the Official Opposition (D. Brazil) and the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) announcing expanded access to anti-coagulant drugs under the prescription drug program. The Members for Topsail Paradise (P. Dinn) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

### **Tabling of Documents**

There were no documents tabled.

### **Notices of Motion**

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would move the House not adjourn 5:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 21.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) 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 22 but shall instead meet at 2 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

### **Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

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## **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding access to mental healthcare in the province.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding reliable and affordable access to insulin.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding adjusting regulations in rural communities to allow property development by granting road access to said properties.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (E. Loveless) replied to the petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding electricity rates in Northern Labrador.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding ensuring accessible childcare is available.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and with leave, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

A bill,           An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy" (Bill 33),  
and

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A bill, "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2024 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 21) for the granting of interim supply to His 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 Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled "An Act Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31 2024 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 21) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be 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 His Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2024 the sum of \$2,974,162,700.

The Speaker put the question on the resolution and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial

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Year Ending March 31 2024 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 21) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and a related bill entitled “An Act to Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill 28) relating to the Stephenville International Airport.

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 the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means 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 recessed at 5:13 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:46 p.m.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to continue considering a resolution and a related bill entitled “An Act to Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill 28) relating to the Stephenville International Airport.

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.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled “An Act to Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill 28) be introduced to give effect to the same.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be 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 further to amend *The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957*, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bond or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations.

The Speaker put the question on the resolution and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill 28) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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:

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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, by way of Supplementary 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.

Signed: Judy M. Foote

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

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“An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Additional Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 25) for the granting of supplementary supply to His 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 Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report they had passed the amount of \$20,000,000 contained in the estimates of supply for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and had adopted a certain resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled “An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Additional Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 25) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be 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 His Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2023 the sum of \$20,000,000.

The Speaker put the question on the resolution and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Additional Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 25) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22 at 10 a.m.

**Sandra Barnes**

Clerk of the House of Assembly