

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Mom's Girls Comedy group and their participation in the Toronto Sketch Festival.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the Clarenville All Stars and their participation in the 2023 Winter Games.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing the winners of the Conception Bay South Athletic Awards and the inductees to the Hall of Fame.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing the late Simeon Nicodemus Nochasak of Makkovik.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Trinity Hogan on their receipt of a Merit Award at the 2022-23 Lion's International Peace Poster Contest.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) recognizing April 22 as Earth Day.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) 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 Public Accounts Committee (H. Conway Ottenheimer) presented a report entitled:

50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – Report 2: Review of the Auditor General’s Report on the MV Veteran & MV Legionnaire.

## **Tabling of Documents**

Pursuant to paragraph 20(1)(f) and section 51 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker tabled:

House of Assembly Management Commission: 2021-2022 Annual Report.

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

January 26, 2022;

February 16, 2022;

June 1, 2022;

June 14, 2022;

June 21, 2022;

June 24, 2022;

June 28, 2022;

July 6, 2022;

August 17, 2022;

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October 17, 2022;

October 19, 2022;

November 24, 2022;

December 5, 2022;

January 13, 2023; and

January 31, 2023.

### **Notices of Motion**

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act” (Bill 39).

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, April 26, 2023 but shall instead meet at 2:00 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business.

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 Thursday, April 27, 2023.

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

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

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## Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding the development of a strategy to address current shortages of early childcare workers.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding a commitment to fund accessible post-secondary education for all Newfoundland and Labrador students.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding the need to pave Wheeler's Road in Neal's Pond for safety reasons.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bill was introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 38).

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

On motion, debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

During the debate, the Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) moved the following sub-amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

**THAT** the amendment that was previously presented, the non-confidence motion, be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and also by adding immediately thereafter the following words: "and that this House also faults the government for its failure to hold the Federal Government to its obligations to Newfoundland and Labrador to provide sufficient health funding and other transfers, its failure to participate in implementing the Health Accord, and its failure

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to do enough to drive economic growth and diversification for a secure, sustainable future in our province.”

The Speaker (B. Warr) recessed the proceedings to consider the sub-amendment.

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

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

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 26 at 10 a.m.

**Sandra Barnes**

Clerk of the House of Assembly