

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, March 6, 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.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m on Thursday, March 7.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following bill was read the third time and passed:

A bill, "An Act to Repeal the Colonial Building Act" (Bill 57).

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill 36).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill 36) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 36 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill 36).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4” (Bill 36).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 36 be read the third 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, 2025 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 63) for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) 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 recessed at 12:01 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Mount Pearl-Paradise Chamber of Commerce.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing Tom O'Keefe of Placentia and their contributions to the community.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the Marystown Mariners U15 Female division that represented Team Canada at the Global Girls Hockey Game recently held in Marystown.

The Member for St. George's - Humber (S. Reid) recognizing winter carnival committee volunteers, who make winter carnivals possible in the District of St. Georges - Humber and around the province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing William and Rose Flowers and their work related to Gracie's Hockey Tournament, organized in memory of their late daughter.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) recognizing Pharmacy Appreciation Month.

The Members for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (P. Pike) recognizing National Social Work Month.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) 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 on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on:

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

Thursday, March 14

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

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall 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.

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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 Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding amendments to the *Limitations Act* to remove limitation periods for civil child abuse claims.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding introducing legislation recognizing housing as a human right.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding reforming the justice system to better serve survivors of sexual assault.

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Hogan) replied to the petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called Orders of the Day.

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, 2025 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 63) for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee

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had adopted a resolution and recommended that 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, 2025 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 63) 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, 2025 the sum of \$3,286,755,700.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2025 and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 63) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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