

Thursday, May 2, 2024

INTRASESSIONAL PROCEEDING

At 10 a.m., Jim McKenna the Member returned for the District of Fogo Island - Cape Freels appeared before the Lieutenant Governor.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly advised Her Honour that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a notice in The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette declaring Jim McKenna the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of Fogo Island - Cape Freels in the by-election of April 15, whereupon Jim McKenna subscribed to the Affirmation of Allegiance and the Affirmation of Office and signed the Members' Roll.

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The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna), duly elected in the by-election of April 15, was formally introduced to the House of Assembly and took their seat.

The Speaker acknowledged former Member for Exploits, Clayton Forsey.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce), notwithstanding Standing Order 25(2) and with leave, recognizing the late Trevor Childs and Nicholas Skinner of Lark Harbour, who lost their lives in a fishing tragedy on April 21.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing the Northern Lights Theatre Company for their performance of Making God Laugh at the 72nd annual Provincial Drama Festival in Gander.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing the late Innu Elder David Nuke, former Innu Nation President.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) recognizing the Mount Pearl Blades for hosting the 2024 Atlantic Junior B Hockey Championships.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing Falon McLoughlan of Mount Pearl on their recruitment to Team Canada for the 2024 Deaf Pan American Games.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham), with leave, recognizing the Our Lady of Mercy Church in Port au Port, on its participation in the Next Great Save.

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Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (T. Osborne) recognizing the Memorial University Faculty of Medicine on receiving the 2024 Rural Medical Education Award from the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

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

The Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) recognizing May 5 as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, also known as Red Dress Day.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

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

There were no notices of motion.

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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:

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding road conditions on Route 60.

The Member of Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding extending financial assistance to community wells in unincorporated communities.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding the reinstatement of marine services between the island portion of the province and Labrador.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

On motion, debate continued and concluded on the motion "That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (budget motion).

The Speaker put the question.

The House divided.

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Ayes	Nays
A. Furey	T. Wakeham
J. Hogan	B. Petten
L. Dempster	L. Parrott
J. Haggie	P. Dinn
G. Byrne	H. Conway Ottenheimer
B. Davis	J. Wall
F. Hutton	J. Dwyer
T. Osborne	C. Tibbs
S. Coady	L. O'Driscoll
P. Parsons	C. Pardy
E. Loveless	P. Forsey
K. L. Howell	J. McKenna
A. Parsons	J. Dinn
S. Crocker	J. Brown
J. Abbott	L. Evans
P. Pike	E. Joyce
S. Reid	P. Lane
L. Stoyles	
P. Trimper	

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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:

“26 April 2024

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 2025, by way of further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of section 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Signed: Joan Marie Aylward
Lieutenant Governor”

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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 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 72) for the granting of supply to His Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) 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 \$9,743,070,100 contained in the estimates of supply for the fiscal year 2024-25 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 Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2025 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 72) 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 \$6,456,314,400.

The Speaker put the question 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 72) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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