

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

The House met at 10 a.m.

**EXTRAORDINARY DEBATE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 8(7)  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND AND  
LABRADOR HYDRO AND HYDRO-QUÉBEC**

Debate resumed on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan):

**WHEREAS** a Memorandum of Understanding for a New Long-Term Energy Purchase and Development Initiative between Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Hydro-Quebec was signed on December 12, 2024 (the MOU):

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly support Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro proceeding with the MOU toward the Definitive Agreements, as defined in the MOU.

Pursuant to order, the House welcomed guests:

Brady Yauch, Senior Manager, Markets and Regulatory Affairs, Power Advisory

Jason Chee-Aloy, Managing Director, Power Advisory

By leave, the House agreed to modify the rules of debate, clause 8 as follows:

8. Invited guests of the Legislature will be permitted to be present on the floor of the House to answer Members' questions as follows:
  - a. January 6, 7 & 9: up to three representatives from NL Hydro;
  - b. January 8, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.: up to two representatives from Power Advisory; and
  - c. January 8, from 6-9 p.m.: up to two representatives from JP Morgan.

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### **Point of Order**

During the debate, the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) raised a point of order regarding the perception the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) was purposefully extending the time taken to answer a question posed by the Leader of the Opposition (T. Wakeham) with the intent to expend the Official Opposition's allotted time for debate. The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

On motion, the House recessed at 12:01 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 1 p.m.

Debate resumed on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan).

### **Point of Order**

During the debate, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49, regarding comments made by the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (G. Byrne). The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (G. Byrne) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

On motion, the House recessed at 2:53 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) resumed the Chair at 3:12 p.m.

Debate resumed on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan).

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) tabled:

Hydro-Quebec: Hydro-Quebec delivers a strong performance in challenging times (press release), February 21, 2024.

On motion, the House recessed at 4:23 p.m.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6 p.m.

Debate resumed on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan).

Pursuant to order, the House welcomed guests:

Konstantin Akimov, Managing Director, Advisory and Mergers and Acquisitions,  
J.P. Morgan

David Rawlings, Managing Director, Senior Country Officer Canada, J.P. Morgan

Walter Parsons, Vice-President, Transmission Interconnections and Business  
Development, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) tabled:

Revenues, Expenses, & Dividends (Nominal \$ Billions) (table).

On motion, the House recessed at 7:20 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:37 p.m.

Debate resumed on the resolution standing in the name of the Government House Leader (J. Hogan).

On motion, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 9, at 10 a.m.

**Kim Hawley George, KC**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)