

Thursday, January 9, 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:

Jennifer Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

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

Michael Ladha, K.C., Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

On motion, the House recessed at 12:00 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).

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) tabled:

Expert Input into Churchill Falls negotiations (backgrounder), January 6, 2025.

Protocole d'entente relatif à une nouvelle initiative d'achat et de développement d'énergie à long terme entre Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro et Hydro-Québec, 12 décembre 2024.

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Point of Order

During the debate, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) raised a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 49, regarding unparliamentary language used by the Minister of Housing and Mental Health and Addictions (J. Abbott). The Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) spoke to the point of order.

The Minister of Housing and Mental Health and Addictions (J. Abbott) spoke to the point of order and withdrew their comment.

On motion, the House recessed at 3:05 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) resumed the Chair at 3:28 p.m.

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

By leave, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) tabled:

Hydro-Quebec: An Important Step Towards Securing Quebec's Energy Future
(press release), December 12, 2024.

On motion, the House recessed at 4:52 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:54 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 Government House Leader (J. Hogan) raised a point of order requesting the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) table the document from which they were reading. The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) agreed and was granted leave to do so.

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By leave, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) tabled:

Email thread respecting the MOU and the Consumer Advocate, January 9, 2025.

By leave, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) tabled:

A copy of the controversial 1969 contract. *La Presse* (online article), January 6, 2025.

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) moved an amendment.

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment not in order.

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

On motion, the House recessed at 8:55 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 8:57 p.m.

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

The Speaker put the question. Pursuant to Standing Order 16(2), the bells were rung to summon the Members.

The House divided.

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AYES	NAYS
A. Furey	
J. Hogan	
L. Dempster	
J. Haggie	
F. Hutton	
B. Davis	
J. Abbott	
G. Byrne	
S. Coady	
P. Parsons	
E. Loveless	
K. Lynn Howell	
A. Parsons	
S. Crocker	
S. Stoodley	
P. Pike	
S. Reid	
S. Gambin Walsh	
P. Trimper	
L. Stoyles	
J. Korab	
J. Dinn	
J. Brown	
E. Joyce	
P. Lane	

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The Speaker declared the resolution carried.

The House adjourned to the call of the chair.

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