

Monday, March 3, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker introduced journalling clerk: Jennifer Peckham.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing students Mariell Sanchez and Chloe Regular of Conception Bay South, award recipients of the Heritage NL's Heritage Places contest.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Tracey Porter of Bishop's Falls and their contributions to the community.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing the Jacob Puddister Memorial Foundation and the Jacob's Garden of Hope in Bay Bulls.

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Feels (J. McKenna) recognizing Clifford Rowe of Fogo Island, recipient of a Confederation 75 Anniversary medal.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Harvey Sheppard of Grand Falls-Windsor and their contributions to the community.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) regarding the Buy From Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Campaign.

The Members for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddock) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

During Oral Questions, the Minister of Housing (J. Abbott) tabled:

Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Crosbie Group. December 2024.

Altus Group. Appraisal report: 32.036 Ac vacant land, Outer Ring Road at Logy Bay Road, St. John's. May 18, 2018.

Kirkland Balsom. Appraisal report: estimate of current market value, vacant land, Nils Way, St. John's. November 27, 2024.

Pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Minister of Finance (S. Coady) tabled the following pre-commitments:

Order-in-Council 2024-204 authorizing the Department of Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$60,900.36, excluding HST, in fiscal years 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29, and \$45,675.27, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2029-30 to facilitate an agreement with Xerox Canada Ltd. to lease a digital colour press for the King's Printer;

Order-in-Council 2024-205 authorizing the Department of Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$35,443.56, excluding HST, in fiscal years 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29, and \$26,582.67, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2029-30 to facilitate an agreement with Xerox Canada Ltd. to lease an automatic punch and wire coil bookbinding system for the King's Printer;

Order-in-Council 2024-206 authorizing the Department of Environment and Climate Change to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$183,430, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2025-26, to facilitate an agreement with Heron Hydrologic Ltd. to develop a cost-benefit tool for climate change adaptation;

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Order-in-Council 2025-007 authorizing the Office of the Chief Information Office to pre-commit funds up to \$241,000, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations for each of the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, to facilitate the extension of an agreement with Microsoft Canada Inc. for the provisioning of server and cloud software products;

Order-in-Council 2025-008 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$18,791,500, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$8,761,700, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2026-27, to facilitate the award of a contract to Lindsay Construction Limited for the design and construction of a new high school in Portugal Cove-St. Philips;

Order-in-Council 2025-009 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, and \$5,519,600 in 2027-28, excluding HST, to facilitate the award of a contract to Brook Construction (2007) Inc. for the extension and redevelopment of Dorset Collegiate; and

Order-in-Council 2025-032 authorizing the Department of Justice and Public Safety to pre-commit the following amounts against its budgetary appropriations: \$93,898 USD, excluding HST, in fiscal year 2025-26, and \$19,098 USD, excluding HST, in fiscal years 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29 and 2029-30 to facilitate a Software Agreement with VertiQ Software, LLC for the provision of case management software for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Notices of Motion

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House approve in general the budgetary policy of the government.

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a resolution and related Bill 105 for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

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“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106).

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a resolution and related Bill 107 for the granting of supply to His Majesty.

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) 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, March 5 but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on March 4.

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 Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding replacing the broken filtering screen at the Amherst Cove depot.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding reinstating the residential energy rebate.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding providing volunteer fire departments with adequate tools and equipment in a timely manner.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding repairs and upgrades to the breakwater in Trepassey.

The Minister of Housing (J. Abbott) replied to the petition.

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The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding equal access to Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre services for children from Labrador.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

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. 6" (Bill 100).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 6" (Bill 100) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 100 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. 6" (Bill 100).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion, the Committee rose.

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. 6" (Bill 100).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 100 be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Law Enforcement Oversight

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Commission and the Complaints Process Relating to Law Enforcement Officers” (Bill 102).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Law Enforcement Oversight Commission and the Complaints Process Relating to Law Enforcement Officers” (Bill 102) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 102 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 Respecting the Establishment of the Law Enforcement Oversight Commission and the Complaints Process Relating to Law Enforcement Officers” (Bill 102).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole 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 adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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