

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

The House met at 10:03 a.m.

## **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved:

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

The Speaker (D. Bennett) put the question and declared the motion defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House recessed at 12:23 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members’ Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing actor Colin Furlong of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Placentia - St. Mary’s (S. Gambin-Walsh) recognizing Anita O’Keefe of Great Barasway for volunteer efforts in the preservation of local history.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Olympic figure-skater Kaetlyn Osmond on their recent induction into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Harold Rideout of the Bishop’s Falls Lions Club and recipient of the Melvin Jones Award.

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### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Labrador Affairs (L. Dempster) regarding additional supports for young Labrador athletes.

The Members for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (J. Haggie) recognizing March as Pharmacy Appreciation Month.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) 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**

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

**THAT**, notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall meet to conduct Government Business on Friday, March 7 from 10:00 a.m., and that if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

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### **Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

### **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the need for improved wi-fi and cell service in the district.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding the need for road infrastructure upgrades in the community of St. Shotts.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding fair compensation for clinical nursing placements and the removal of fees associated with clinical placements.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding electricity rates in Northern Labrador.

### **Point of Order**

The Minister of Education (K. L. Howell) raised a point of order regarding unparliamentary language used by the Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) during Oral Questions.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) withdrew the comments.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

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The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

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 Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2026 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 105) for the granting of interim 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 (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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(3), the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Thursday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.

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