

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddock) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Springdale Air Cadet Squadron.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing the award winning Clarenville High robotics team.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) recognizing Mason Gill of Octagon Pond Elementary and other award winners of the Elks Club Avalon Spelling Bee.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Makenna Kearley of Grand Le Pierre for their volunteer work.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Brody Freeman of Champney's Arm on their receipt of the Church Lads Brigade Gallant Conduct Medal.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety (J. Haggie) recognizing May 11 to 17 as National Police Week.

The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (L. Dempster) recognizing investments supporting the growth of Newfoundland and Labrador's lobster fishery.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Point of Order

The Member for St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows (K. Howell) raised a point of order regarding unparliamentary language having been used during Oral Questions.

The Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) and the Members for Corner Brook (G. Byrne) and Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to section 56 of the *Automobile Insurance Act*, the Minister of Government Modernization and Service Delivery (S. Stoodley) tabled:

Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. Annual Report on Automobile Insurance for the year ended March 31, 2025.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

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Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding improvements to cell phone service in the district.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding working towards removing barriers that impact timely access to adequate health care for Northern Labrador residents.

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

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding the need to enact legislation banning the use of temporary replacement workers during a strike or lockout.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) as follows:

THAT for the purpose of reviewing the Estimates of the Executive Council in Committee of the Whole House, debate shall proceed in the same manner as adopted by Committees of the House reviewing estimates; that is, in ten minute question and answer periods.

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 consider the estimates of Executive Council and the Legislature.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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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 recessed at 2:55 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:08 p.m.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the estimates of Executive Council and the Legislature.

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 the Committee had passed without amendment the estimates of Executive Council and the Legislature.

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

On motion, the House recessed at 5:21 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:03 p.m.

On motion, debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

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During the debate, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) moved the following sub-amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

THAT the amendment that was previously presented, the non-confidence motion, be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and also by adding immediately thereafter the following words: “and that this House also faults the Liberal government for its failure to support residents, communities, and businesses located in rural areas of our great province.”

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the sub-amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the sub-amendment in order.

Point of Order

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) raised a point of order regarding unparliamentary language used during debate by the Member for Corner Brook (G. Byrne) by their having made an incorrect statement.

The Member for Corner Brook (G. Byrne) spoke to the point of order.

The Speaker (P. Trimper) ruled there was no point of order rather it was a disagreement between honourable Members.

Debate commenced on the sub-amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

Kim Hawley George, KC

Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)