

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

On motion, debate continued on the sub-amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

On motion, the House recessed at 12:06 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddock) withdrew remarks made in Oral Questions on May 13, further to a point of order raised by the Minister of Health Services (K.L. Howell) on that date.

The Minister of Seniors (J. Abbott) withdrew remarks made in Oral Questions on May 12, further to a point of order raised by the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) on that date.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) recognizing Julius Dicker of Nain for his advocacy for the people of Nain and the Labrador Inuit.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) congratulating the CBS Kiwanis Minor Baseball Association as a recipient of the Jays Care Foundation "Field of Dreams" grant.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Kyle Morgan of Bishop's Falls for his success as a musician and entertainer.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) congratulating Sowing Seeds Growing Community for providing produce to those in need and promoting food sustainability.

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The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna) recognizing the contributions of the Robbins family of Lumsden.

The Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (P. Parsons), with leave, congratulating Jacob Lewis of Butlerville on winning the top prize in the Canada's Got Talent competition.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles), with leave, recognizing Courtney Abbott and Eamon Fogwill as Mount Pearl's Youth of the Year.

The Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (F. Hutton), with leave, honouring the late Jim Pendergast, Wabana Fire Chief.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health and Community Services (K.L. Howell) acknowledging National Nursing Week and all nurses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Members for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Seniors (J. Abbott) recognizing June as Seniors' Month.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) and Labrador West (J. Brown) 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.

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Tabling of Documents

By leave, the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) tabled:

Correspondence dated September 29, 2014 from the then Leader of the Official Opposition to the Western Regional Action Committee.

News article from The Telegram dated February 4, 2021;

Correspondence dated July 28, 2021 from the then Minister of Health and Community Service to the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce); and

Correspondence dated July 28, 2021 from the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) to the then Minister of Health and Community Services to the Member.

The Minister of Jobs, Immigration and Growth (G. Byrne) tabled:

Access to information request response TI/112/2021, dated September 20, 2021.

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.

Petitions

There were no petitions.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown):

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WHEREAS Labrador is an integral part of this province;

WHEREAS geography dictates that Labradorians must rely on air travel for many non-tourism reasons such as education, bereavement leave, visiting sick loved ones, or medical treatments not covered under MTAP;

WHEREAS the cost of travel to and from Labrador is prohibitively expensive;

WHEREAS the cost of living in Labrador is already far higher than the rest of the province and these extra travel fees create an added burden on people's household budgets;

WHEREAS the differential in travel costs for people on the island and in Labrador puts the latter at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS Labrador is a strong economic driver of this province and justice therefore demands that Labradorians should not experience any added economic hardship solely on the basis of geography;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this honourable House calls on the government to work with Indigenous partners, businesses, and the federal government to implement a plan that reduces costs and increases the accessibility of air travel to, from, and within Labrador.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

On motion, the House recessed at 4:53 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5:33 p.m.

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

The Speaker put the question.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

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The Speaker put the question.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Debate continued and concluded on the budget motion.

The Speaker put the question.

The House divided.

Aye	Nay
J. Hogan	T. Wakeham
L Dempster	B. Petten
J. Haggie	L. Parrott
S. Crocker	P. Dinn
B. Davis	H. Conway Ottenheimer
P. Pike	J. Wall
S. Reid	J. Dwyer
G. Byrne	L. Paddock
S. Coady	L. Evans
P. Parsons	L. O'Driscoll
E. Loveless	C. Pardy
K. Howell	P. Forsey
F. Hutton	C. Tibbs
S. Stoodley	J. McKenna
J. Abbott	J. Brown
S. Gambin-Walsh	E. Joyce
J. Korab	P. Lane
P. Trimper	
L. Stoyles	

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker, as follows:

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“12 May 2025

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2026, by way of further Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Signed: Joan Marie J. Aylward
Lieutenant Governor.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled “An Act for 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 Related to the Public Service” (Bill 107) for the granting of 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 (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report they had passed the amount of \$6,457,051,700 contained in the estimates of supply for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and had adopted a certain resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled “An Act for 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 Related to the Public Service” (Bill 107) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

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

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Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

THAT it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to His Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2026 the sum of \$6,457,051,700.

The Speaker put the question and declared the resolution carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act for 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 Related to the Public Service” (Bill 107) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.

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