

# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

Second Session  $-\,50^{\text{th}}$  General Assembly

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

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- (e) Tabling of Documents
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- (g) Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given
- (h) Petitions

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

## Concurrence

Chair of the Government Services Committee –

Concurrence in the Government Services Committee Report: Consideration of Estimates 2023 (adjourned).

# **Committee of Supply**

3. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

Estimates of Executive Council and the Legislature.

# **Committee of the Whole**

Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

"An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 38).

# **Second Reading Bills**

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

"Balanced Budget Act" (Bill 4).

6. Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture –

"Aquaculture Act, 2022" (Bill 17).

7. Government House Leader -

"An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 22). (adjourned)

Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

"An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers" (Bill 23).

9. Minister of Digital Government and Service NL – To move:

"An Act to Amend the Architects Act, 2008" (Bill 29).

10. Minister of Digital Government and Service NL – To move:

"An Act Respecting the Regulation of Mortgage Brokerages and Mortgage Brokers in the Province" (Bill 30).

11. Minister of Health and Community Service – To move:

"An Act to Amend the Patient Safety Act" (Bill 31).

12. Minister of Health and Community Service – To move:

"An Act to Amend the Pharmaceutical Services Act" (Bill 32).

13. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology –

"An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy" (Bill 33).

14. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology –

"An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34).

15. Minister of Education –

"An Act to Amend the Memorial University Act" (Bill 39).

#### MOTIONS

#### **Government Motions**

1. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

"That this House Approve in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (Budget Speech) (adjourned).

2. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

"That this House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for Granting of Supply to His Majesty" (Bill 26).

3. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

"That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a resolution relating to the raising of loans by the Province" (Bill 37).

4. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To introduce a bill entitled:

"An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 35).

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To introduce a bill entitled:

"An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4" (Bill 36).

6. Government House Leader – To move:

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

7. Government House Leader – To move:

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023.

8. Government House Leader – To move:

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

9. Government House Leader – To move:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 but shall instead meet at 2:00 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government Business

**AND THAT**, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight".

10. Government House Leader – To move:

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

#### **Private Members Motions**

Member for Exploits – To move:

**WHEREAS** Crown Lands' enforcement of the provisions of the Lands Act abolishing squatters' rights against the Crown has created undue hardship for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who honestly, and in good faith, have occupied and developed their lands;

**AND WHEREAS** historical titles in Newfoundland and Labrador trace back centuries, and are relied upon by the public but not by the Crown;

**AND WHEREAS** people have occupied their lands for generations based on informal title without interference from the Crown;

AND WHEREAS people have strong local community support for their claims of title and face opposition only from the Crown Lands Division;

AND WHEREAS municipalities maintain comprehensive records of land ownership which are not considered by the Crown in determining title claims;

AND WHEREAS applicants for Crown Lands access are frustrated by inordinately long waits of months or years for their applications to be resolved, even for land which has long been occupied;

**AND WHEREAS** the policies and practices of the province's Crown Lands Division are impeding economic development in Newfoundland and Labrador and imposing high costs upon the public;

impacts potentially thousands AND WHEREAS this issue Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, many of whom may not yet know it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the government to move expeditiously to bring forward legislative amendments to ensure fair reconciliation of existing claims for people seeking title to the land they have occupied in good faith for generations and which is recognized within their communities; and to take steps in the interim to address Crown Lands' actions against occupied properties in the province.

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