

# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

Second Session – 50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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Thursday, November 2, 2023

### **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

- (a) Statements by Members
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- (e) Tabling of Documents
- (f) Notices of Motion
- (g) Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given
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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

## **Second Reading Bills**

2. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board -

"Balanced Budget Act" (Bill 4).

3. 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).

4. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology –

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

5. Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture –

"An Act to Repeal the Farm Products Corporation Act" (Bill 42).

6. Minister of Justice and Public Safety -

"An Act Respecting King's Counsel and Order of Precedence in the Courts" (Bill 53).

7. Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs -

"An Act Respecting Towns and Local Service Districts" (Bill 54) (adjourned).

8. Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation –

"An Act to Repeal the Colonial Building Act" (Bill 57).

9. Government House Leader -

"An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act" (Bill 60).

Minister of Digital Government & Service NL –

"An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act, 1997" (Bill 61).

11. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board -

"An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act and the Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill 62).

#### MOTIONS

### **Government Motions**

- 1. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board To introduce a bill entitled:
  - "An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 35).
- 2. 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).
- 3. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board To introduce a bill entitled:
  - "An Act to Repeal the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act" (Bill 44).
- 4. Minister Responsible for Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Office To introduce a bill entitled:
  - "An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015" (Bill 45).
- 5. Minister of Environment and Climate Change To introduce a bill entitled:
  - "An Act to Amend the Water Resources Act" (Bill 46).
- Government House Leader To move:
  - **WHEREAS** subsection 16(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* requires that an independent committee, called a Members' Compensation Review Committee, be appointed at least once during each General Assembly; and
  - **WHEREAS** in accordance with subsection 16(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker has consulted with the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Third Party on the appointment to the said committee; and
  - **WHEREAS** the Government House Leader, Opposition House Leader and Third Party have agreed with the introduction of this resolution; and
  - **WHEREAS** under subsection 16(4) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, a Members' Compensation Review Committee appointed under this resolution must report to the Speaker on its recommendations within 120 days of its appointment;

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- (1) That Heather Jacobs, KC, is appointed to the Members' Compensation Review Committee, with the appointment to be effective on December 1, 2023;
- (2) That in accordance with section 16 of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act, the Members' Compensation Review Committee shall inquire into and prepare a report respecting the salaries, allowances, severance and pensions to be paid to the Members of the House of Assembly; and
- (3) That in particular, the Committee shall:
- (a) recommend the annual salary for Members of the House of Assembly;
- (b) review and make recommendations regarding additional salary provisions for positions identified in subsection 12(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*;
- (c) recommend a formula or means for making annual salary adjustments for salary amounts referenced in clauses (a) and (b) above;
- (d) review and make any recommendations regarding the current severance pay policy for Members of the House of Assembly;
- (e) review the current provisions for Members' pensions and provide any recommendations for adjustments;

**AND THAT**, as part of its inquiries, the committee may consult with appropriate persons who can assist the committee with respect to its required duties and shall consult with current Members of the House of Assembly and the House of Assembly Service regarding any issues identified in the current regime as well as any administrative, legislative or other impacts of proposed recommendations;

**AND THAT** the House of Assembly shall conclude any contractual arrangements required to carry out the intent of this resolution;

**AND THAT** the Members' Compensation Review Committee deliver its report to the Speaker on or before April 1, 2024.

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