



# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

### **Committee of the Whole on Supply**

2. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

Resolution respecting the granting of interim supply to His Majesty and related bill (Bill 105). (*progress*)

### **Third Reading Bills**

3. Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 6” (Bill 100).

4. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Law Enforcement Oversight Commission and the Complaints Process Relating to Law Enforcement Officers” (Bill 102).

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106).

### **Committee of the Whole**

6. Government House Leader –

“An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act” (Bill 22).  
(*progress*)

### **Second Reading Bills**

7. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“Balanced Budget Act” (Bill 4).

8. Minister Responsible for Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Office –

“An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015” (Bill 45).

9. Minister of Environment and Climate Change –

“An Act to Amend the Water Resources Act” (Bill 46).

10. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act” (Bill 81).

11. Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology –

“An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90). (*adjourned*)

12. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act to Amend the United Church of Canada Act” (Bill 99).

13. Government House Leader –

“An Act to Amend the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act No. 2” (Bill 103).

## MOTIONS

### Government Motions

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

“That This House Approve in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (Budget Speech).

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

“That This House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supply to His Majesty” (Bill 107).

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

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 8” (Bill 108).

4. Minister of Health and Community Services – To move:

“An Act to Amend the Provincial Health Authority Act” (Bill 109).

5. Government House Leader – To move:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

6. Government House Leader – To move:

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.

### QUESTIONS

13. Member for Placentia West - Bellevue – To ask the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs:

On Monday, March 3rd, the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue asked in Question Period: “How many of this year’s medical graduates have the Liberals secured to provide care to the residents of our district?”

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs answered “I won’t have this year’s figures because the CaRMS match hasn’t started yet. I certainly don’t immediately have at hand the numbers for last year. I’ve got numbers for just about everything else here.”

Therefore, the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue is asking the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to provide that information.

14. Member for Terra Nova – To ask the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation:

On Tuesday, March 4th, the Leader of the Official Opposition asked of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in Question Period: “So I ask the minister: Will he now admit that he bought the land without an independent appraisal done or is the information that he tabled yesterday wrong? Which one is it?”

On the same day, the Leader of the Official Opposition also asked: “Why did the minister use taxpayers' dollars to buy this land without having an independent appraisal done?”

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation in responding to the question said: “I will, obviously just being in this role or alternating in this role for a very short period of time, endeavour to get more information on that for the Member Opposite. But the reality is, it's my understanding, that the appraisal was done before there was any land purchased, but I will certainly get that information for the Member Opposite.”

Therefore, the Member for Terra Nova is asking the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation to provide the information.

15. Member for Ferryland – To ask the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation:

On Tuesday, March 4th, the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation committed to ask the Auditor General to investigate the sale of land on Snow's Lane. The Minister said: "We will initiate and we will ask the Auditor General to review the sale of this land."

Therefore, the Member for Ferryland is asking the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation to provide a record to demonstrate that he has asked the Auditor General to investigate the sale of the land on Snow's Lane.

16. Member for Conception Bay South – To ask the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs:

On Tuesday, March 4th, the Member for Conception Bay South in Question Period asked a question about missed calls by the Mobile Crisis Response Team. The Member said: "However, a recent ATIPP request revealed that the Mobile Crisis Response Team in St. John's has 10 missed mobile calls a month, which means 10 people aren't getting the help they need when they need it. This is by the month."

The Member for Conception Bay South also asked: "Speaker, the question is why are there 10 calls being missed a month. That's the question. Can I have an answer for that, Minister? Why are there 10 calls being missed a month?"

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs replied saying: The Member opposite raises a very interesting point. I do not have the figures in front of me for that. I will certainly look into it and get back to him with the answer."

Therefore, the Member for Conception Bay South is asking the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to provide that information.

17. Member for Bonavista – To ask the Minister of Finance:

On Wednesday, March 5th, the Leader of the Official Opposition asked the Minister of Finance: “Can you tell the plant workers, the harvesters and the producers exactly how much of the \$200 million that she announced has been allocated to the fishery?”

The Minister of Finance has not yet provided a detailed breakdown of how the \$200 million will be spent.

Therefore, the Member for Bonavista is asking the Minister of Finance to provide a detailed breakdown of how the \$200 million will be spent, with details on how much will be available for each industry or program.

18. Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay – To ask the Minister of Finance:

On Wednesday, March 5th, the Leader of the Official Opposition asked the Minister of Finance: “Now that the architect of the sugar tax has resigned, will you eliminate the sugar tax to help Newfoundlanders and Labradorians?”

The Minister of Finance did not provide a yes or no answer.

Therefore, the Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay is asking the Minister of Finance if the sugar tax will be eliminated or continued for the fiscal year 2025-2026?

19. Member for Topsail-Paradise – To ask the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs:

On Wednesday, March 5th the Opposition House Leader asked about a letter relating to the procurement from US companies in the health care system. The Opposition House Leader said: “Speaker, my quick question is: When was it done? Who done it? Simple question, if he never, his predecessor. We don't know if it was the predecessor, the guy that's on holidays, who done it and when was it done?”

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs said: “As to what the department has done prior to my arrival there, I will look into it and I will let the Member opposite know.”

Therefore, the Member for Topsail-Paradise is asking the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to provide a detailed update and copies of correspondence as to when NLHS was asked to review US based contracts.

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