

Members Elect met in the Assembly Chamber on the afternoon of November 1, 2007 for the Swearing in Ceremony and Election of Speaker.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

Mr. Clerk, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has arrived.

CLERK (MacKenzie): Admit His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Please be seated.

As Clerk of the House of Assembly, it gives me great pleasure to welcome His Honour, all Members-Elect and invited guests.

This is the second time that the Queen's Representative in this Province, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, will officiate at a Swearing In Ceremony for Members elected during a General Election, as he also officiated in 2003 for those elected to the 45th General Assembly. On behalf of my fellow House officers, the Clerk Assistant, the Law Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms, as well as all staff of the House of Assembly Service, I wish to state that we look forward to working with and serving all Members during the 46th General Assembly.

A Proclamation has been issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor under the Great Seal of the Province. It reads as follows:

To: William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly – Greeting;

WHEREAS under section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to those persons elected to be Members of the House

of Assembly in the General Election held on October 9, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the said section of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, further requires that the persons declared elected as Members during the General Election held on the said date must take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance before they can take seats in the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said William MacKenzie and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to request that the Members Elect gather in the House of Assembly Chamber on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance before me.

Your Honour, I am pleased to report that Mr. Paul Reynolds, the Chief Electoral Officer, has published a report in the October 26, 2007 edition of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* assuring us that forty-five Members Elect, were duly elected on October 9, 2007 and one Member Elect was acclaimed on October 5, 2007. All are entitled to take their oath or affirmation of allegiance and oath or affirmation of office. The October 26, 2007 edition of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* containing the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer is deemed to be tabled and formerly entered into the House records.

It should be noted that the Writ of Election has not been returned from the District of the Isles of Notre Dame. There is a recount presently taking place before the Supreme Court with respect to the election in that district. Also, the election in the District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans will take place on November 6, 2007. Further, the Member Elect for Topsail is unavoidably absent today and will be sworn in at a later date.

During the ceremony to follow, each Member Elect will be called in the alphabetical order in which his or her district is inscribed on the Roll of Members - that is the large, hand printed document you see on the Table in front of the Clerk Assistant.

Members Elect will come forward, as they are called, to stand in front of His Honour, on the right side at the bottom of the Speaker's dais. A Volume of Holy Scripture, located on the small table, is held by the Member Elect if taking Oaths.

Each Member Elect will swear an oath of allegiance or affirm allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, as Queen of Canada, before His Honour. This requirement is set forth in Section 128 of the *Constitution Act of 1867*.

Each Member Elect will also make an oath or affirmation of office. This requirement is set forth in Section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. Samples of either the oaths or affirmations are printed and lying on each desk. We ask Members Elect to carry their copies as they come forward.

After completing the Oaths or Affirmations, each Member Elect will proceed to the Table near Ms Murphy, the Clerk Assistant, to sign the Members' Roll. Then, proceed to the end of the Table near Ms Proudfoot, the Law Clerk, to sign the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, and finally the Oath or Affirmation of Office. Once all Members have signed the Roll of Members, the signatures will be witnessed by His Honour, as well as the Clerk, Clerk Assistant and Law Clerk. A facsimile of the Members' Roll will be prepared by my Office and given to each Member as a memento of this event at a later date, as well as the original Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, witnessed by His Honour.

We ask that you hold your applause during the ceremony.

Your Honour.

[His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, returns to the Speaker's Chair.]

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR (Edward Roberts, ONL, QC): Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

I think you have dealt with all of the formalities, but, just to be certain, I made a copy of Section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, which originally was known as the *British North America Act*. Here are the operative words. You paraphrased them; here are the actual words: "...every Member of a Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly of any Province shall before taking his..." - and I will add her, his or her - "...Seat therein take and subscribe before the Lieutenant Governor of the Province or some Person authorized by him or her, the Oath of Allegiance contained in the Fifth Schedule to this Act...".

On the advice of my Premier, I have not authorized anybody other than myself to administer the Oath in this instance, so I shall do so and I confirm that the Oath is, in fact, that set forth in the Fifth Schedule of the 1867 Constitution Act.

Please go ahead, Sir.

CLERK: We shall now begin.

For the electoral District of Baie Verte-Springdale, the hon. Tom Rideout.

MR. RIDEOUT: I, Thomas G. Rideout, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Thomas G. Rideout, do swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Baie Verte-Springdale, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election:

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Bay of Islands, Mr. Terry Loder.

MR. LODER: I, Terry Loder, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Terry Loder, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Bay of Islands, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Bellevue, Mr. Calvin Peach.

MR. PEACH: I, Calvin Peach, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Calvin Peach, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Bellevue to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Bonavista North, Mr. Harry Harding.

MR. HARDING: I, Harry Harding, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Harry Harding, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Bonavista North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or

private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Bonavista South, Mr. Roger Fitzgerald.

MR. FITZGERALD: I, Roger Fitzgerald, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Roger Fitzgerald, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Bonavista South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to hold the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Burgeo & LaPoile, Mr. Kelvin Parsons.

MR. PARSONS: I, Kelvin Parsons, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Kelvin Parsons, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Burgeo & LaPoile, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interests to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Burin-Placentia West, the hon. Clyde Jackman.

MR. JACKMAN: I, Clyde Jackman, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Clyde Jackman, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Burin-Placentia West, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or personal or private interests to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Cape St. Francis, Mr. Jack Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: I, Jack Byrne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Jack Byrne, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Cape St. Francis, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991*, respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Carbonear-Harbour Grace, the hon. Jerome Kennedy.

MR. KENNEDY: I, Jerome Kennedy, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Jerome Kennedy, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Carbonear-Harbour Grace, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair, Ms Yvonne Jones.

MS JONES: I, Yvonne Jones, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Yvonne Jones, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Conception Bay East-Bell Island, the hon. Dianne Whalen.

MS WHALEN: I, Dianne Whalen, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Dianne Whalen, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Conception Bay East-Bell Island, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or to affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Conception Bay South, Mr. Terry French.

MR. FRENCH: I, Terry French, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Terry French, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member of the District of Conception Bay South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or

indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Exploits, Mr. Clayton Forsey.

MR. FORSEY: I, Clayton Forsey, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Clayton Forsey, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Exploits, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Ferryland, Mr. Keith Hutchings.

MR. HUTCHINGS: I, Keith Hutchings, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Keith Hutchings, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Ferryland, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Fortune Bay-Cape la Hune, Ms Tracey Perry.

MS PERRY: I, Tracey Perry, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Tracey Perry, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Fortune Bay-Cape la Hune, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Gander, the hon. Kevin O'Brien.

MR. O'BRIEN: I, Kevin O'Brien, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Kevin O'Brien, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Gander to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Grand Bank, Mr. Darin King.

MR. KING: I, Darin T. King, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Darin T. King, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Grand Bank, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South, Mr. Ray Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: I, Ray Hunter, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Ray Hunter, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Green Bay South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Harbour Main, the hon. Tom Hedderson.

MR. HEDDERSON: I, Tom Hedderson, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Tom Hedderson, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Harbour Main, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Humber East, the hon. Tom Marshall.

MR. MARSHALL: I, Thomas William Marshall, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Thomas W. Marshall, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Humber East, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Humber Valley, Mr. Darryl Kelly

MR. KELLY: I, Darryl Kelly, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Darryl Kelly, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Humber Valley, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matter; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Humber West, the hon. Danny Williams.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER WILLIAMS: I, Danny Williams, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Danny Williams, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Humber West, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Kilbride, Mr. John Dinn.

MR. DINN: I, John Dinn, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, John Dinn, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Kilbride, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Labrador West, Mr. James Baker.

MR. BAKER: I, Jim Baker, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Jim Baker, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Labrador West, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interests to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Lake Melville, the hon. John Hickey.

MR. HICKEY: I, John Hickey, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, John Hickey, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Lake Melville, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Lewisporte, Mr. Wade Verge.

MR. VERGE: I, Wade Verge, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Wade Verge, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Lewisporte, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Mount Pearl North, Mr. Steve Kent.

MR. KENT: I, Steve Kent, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Steve Kent, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Mount Pearl North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Mount Pearl South, the hon. Dave Denine.

MR. DENINE: I, Dave Denine, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Dave Denine, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Mount Pearl South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted

by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral district of Placentia & St. Mary's, Mr. Felix Collins.

MR. COLLINS: I, Felix James Collins, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Felix James Collins, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Placentia & St. Mary's, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Port au Port, Mr. Tony Cornect.

MR. CORNECT: Je, Tony Cornect, jure que je scrai fidèle et porterai vraie allégeance à Sa Majesté la Reine Elizabeth Deux, à ses héritiers et à ses successeurs en conformité de la loi. Que Dieu me soit en aide.

Je, Tony Cornect, jure

(a) que je suis habile à exercer les fonctions de député(e) de la circonscription de Port au Port dans laquelle j'ai été élu(e);

(b) que je n'ai pas sciemment contrevenu à la loi sur les élections (*Elections Act, 1991*) relativement à toutes activités concernant mon élection;

(c) que j'exercerai fidèlement, au mieux de mes compétences, les fonctions et les attributions du poste et qu'aucun intérêt financier direct ou indirect ni aucun autre intérêt personnel ou privé n'influencera ma conduite ou l'exercice de mes fonctions relatives aux questions d'intérêt public; et

(d) j'accepte de respecter le Code de déontologie des députés adopté par la Chambre d'assemblée. Que Dieu me soit en aide.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Port de Grave, Mr. Roland Butler.

MR. BUTLER: I, Roland Butler, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Roland Butler, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Port de Grave, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. Barbe, Mr. Wallace Young.

MR. YOUNG: I, Wallace Young, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Wallace Young, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. Barbe, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. George's-Stephenville East, the hon. Joan Burke.

MS BURKE: I, Joan Burke, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Joan Burke, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. George's-Stephenville East, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's Centre, the hon. Shawn Skinner.

MR. SKINNER: I, Shawn Skinner, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Shawn Skinner, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's Centre, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's East, Mr. Edward Buckingham.

MR. BUCKINGHAM: I, Edward Charles Buckingham, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Edward Charles Buckingham, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's East, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's North, Mr. Bob Ridgley.

MR. RIDGLEY: I, Bob Ridgley, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Bob Ridgley, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted

by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's West, Ms Sheila Osborne.

MS OSBORNE: I, Sheila Osborne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Sheila Osborne, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's West, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's South, Mr. Tom Osborne.

MR. T. OSBORNE: I, Tom Osborne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Tom Osborne, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Election Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi, Ms Lorraine Michael.

MS MICHAEL: I, Lorraine Anne Michael, to solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Lorraine Anne Michael, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Terra Nova, the hon. Paul Oram.

MR. ORAM: I, Paul Oram, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second,

Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.
So help me God.

I, Paul Oram, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Terra Nova, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of The Straits & White Bay North, the hon. Trevor Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: I, Trevor Taylor, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Trevor Taylor, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of The Straits & White Bay North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or

private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Torngat Mountains, the hon. Patty Pottle.

MS POTTLE: I, Patty Pottle, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Patty Pottle, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Torngat Mountains, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Trinity-Bay de Verde, the hon. Charlene Johnson.

MS JOHNSON: I, Charlene Johnson, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Charlene Johnson, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Trinity-Bay de Verde, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Trinity North, the hon. Ross Wiseman.

MR. WISEMAN: I, Ross Wiseman, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Ross Wiseman, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Trinity North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Virginia Waters, the hon. Kathy Dunderdale.

MS DUNDERDALE: I, Kathy Dunderdale, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Kathy Dunderdale, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Virginia Waters, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Before I complete my role in today's proceedings by witnessing the Roll of the Members, perhaps I could be permitted to say a few words. You do not have a Speaker, I am not sure there is anybody who could stop me at this stage.

Let me say to all collectively, as I think I said to each of you individually, to offer you my very warm congratulations on your election and to welcome back those who served in the previous Assembly, and a word of welcome to those who sit today in this House for the first time.

I cannot help but think back to the first time I took the oath - we only had one oath in those days. It was a much simpler world, I guess. It was in 1966. Forty-one years ago,

and almost forty-one years to the day, as I recollect the House met in November that year. The election was in September. I took the same oath seven more times. I believe the hon. gentleman from Baie Verte-Springdale is the only member here who has taken the oath eight times. He is still in the game - he may get to nine yet - I am not.

I have always considered being a Member of the House of Assembly a proud distinction, an honour conferred upon men and women by their citizens; perhaps the highest honour that our citizens here in Newfoundland and Labrador, fellow Newfoundlanders or fellow Labradorians can confer.

I wish you all joy of the job; all joy the next few years. I suspect you are in for an interesting period. The first House in which I sat there were thirty-nine sitting to the Speaker's left and three to the Speaker's right. In those days the desks were less fixed, I guess is the phrase. But, I wish you well and I know I speak for every person in this Province today when I say that our hopes ride with you all. God grant you all wisdom in your deliberations.

Thank you.

[Applause]

CLERK: Please be seated.

A Proclamation has been issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, under the Great Seal of the Province, which reads as follows:

“TO: William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly:

GREETING;

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Office of Speaker of the House of Assembly is vacant;

AND WHEREAS it is not expedient to call together the 46th General Assembly until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker;

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said William MacKenzie and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the 1st day of November, 2007 that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to choose some person to be their Speaker and to present such person for the Lieutenant Governor's approbation when I, or my successor, call the House of Assembly together in session.”

As of 4:30 yesterday afternoon, October 31, 2007, the deadline in accordance with the Standing Orders, only one candidate declared his or her intention to seek the Office of Speaker. Pursuant to the Standing Orders, I declare Mr. Roger Fitzgerald, the hon. Member for Bonavista South, elected as Speaker of the 46th General Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador.

[Applause]

The hon. the Premier and the Opposition House Leader lead Mr. Fitzgerald to the Speaker's Chair.]

MR. SPEAKER (Fitzgerald): Mr. Premier, hon. Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and visitors to our House of Assembly.

First of all, I would like to congratulate all members who were successfully elected on October 9.

To offer oneself for politics, as the Lieutenant Governor referred, is certainly a humbling experience. When you see so many people rally behind your leader, your party, and believe in you, yourself, over a twenty-one day period, when you go out knocking on doors, delivering material, it is

a very, very humbling experience, but you never get involved by yourself. Your family is always involved, and I would like to recognize the families of all sitting members here today, especially my own family.

[Applause]

MR. SPEAKER: I would also like to recognize the member who occupied this Chair prior to me - for the first time in his life he is unemployed - the hon. Harvey Hodder. I thank you, Sir, on behalf of all sitting members, for the dignity and the impartiality that you brought to this office in your tenure.

[Applause]

MR. SPEAKER: I also take the opportunity today to thank the good people in Bonavista South who have supported me over the past six elections. In the first one I was not successful enough to be here, but the following five saw me sit here with great majorities thanks to the good people who came out and rallied behind me and rallied behind what we all believed in. As a result of that, while I came up short in 1989, I am very humbled to be returned in this election, five elections after.

I would like to thank all of the forty-six members who are sitting in this Assembly today for your words of support and encouragement as I made my telephone calls and campaigned for the election to the Speaker's Chair.

While there was no election, I have to refer to the Dean of the House of Assembly, the hon. Deputy Premier: How long has this acclamation been on the go?

[Laughter]

MR. SPEAKER: The political universe will change for me over the next four years, since I will not be engaging in debate in this Assembly. The Speaker of a democratic

Parliament must not only be impartial but must also be seen to be impartial.

Since I represent a rural district and I will have no voice at a caucus table, I will expect those members whom I will have access to, to take the voice and the concerns of the people I represent to the people who are decision makers.

As your Speaker, I pledge to be fair and reasonable in all matters affecting this office. I will treat all members with respect, and I will consult and take advice wisely.

I feel there is a need for the Speaker's office to become, especially at this time, actively involved in an outreach service, and I pledge and make a commitment today, as the Speaker in the Speaker's office, to accept any, or as many as we possibly can, invitations to go to the high schools of Newfoundland and Labrador, especially rural areas, to talk about the good things that happen within this Chamber and the commitment that hon. members bring when they are elected to come here and represent members' interests.

[Applause]

MR. SPEAKER: In fact, I have one invitation offered already and I intend to accept and carry out that function next week.

I fully intend to live up to the expectation of the people who elected me in a non-political way, and I feel in a non-political way I can still be a voice for the district that I represent and bring their concerns forward.

I do not intend to bore you with a long speech today. I have made many of those in the past fourteen and a half years, and I am certain I will hear many more, which I will not have a lot of control over, in the next four years.

In closing, I would like to refer to a statement taken from the Members' Handbook that was recently circulated. I

believe it might be attributed to the hon. John Fraser, a former Speaker with the House of Commons in Ottawa. It is simple and to the point. It reads: In any Legislature the minority has a right to be heard but the majority has a right to govern. I will repeat that: In any Legislature the minority has a right to be heard but the majority has a right to govern.

Ladies and gentlemen, this Speaker will be guided by these words.

Thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to move that Mr. Jack Byrne, the Member for Cape St. Francis, be elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Opposition House Leader.

MR. PARSONS: Mr. Speaker, we second that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: You have all heard the motion. All those in favour signify by saying, 'aye'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Against, if any.

Motion is carried.

On motion, Mr. Jack Byrne is elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

MR. PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that Mr. Tom Osborne, the Member for St. John's South, be elected Deputy Chair of Committees of the House of Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Opposition House Leader.

MR. PARSONS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to second that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is properly moved and seconded.

All those in favour, 'aye'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Against, if any.

The motion is carried.

On motion, Mr. Tom Osborne is elected Deputy Chair of Committees of the House of Assembly.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Government House Leader.

MR. RIDEOUT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move that the House on its rising do adjourn to the call of the Chair and that this House now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: This House now stands adjourn until the call of the Chair.

On motion, the House adjourned to the call of the Chair.