

JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
FIRST SESSION
of the
FORTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND
1996

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Wednesday, the twentieth day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six, being the Forty-fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Wednesday, ^{March} ~~May~~ 20th, 1996

In accordance with the **Election Act**, a General Election was held on the 22nd day of February, 1996 after which His Honour, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, by his Proclamation bearing the date of the 11th day of March, 1996 appointed Wednesday, the 20th day of March for the meeting of the General Assembly for the despatch of business. The following is the list of names of those persons returned by the returning officers for the several Electoral Districts to represent those Districts in the General Assembly:

Paul Shelley	Baie Verte
Brian Tobin	Bay of Islands
Percy Barrett	Bellevue
Beaton Tulk	Bonavista North
Roger Fitzgerald	Bonavista South
William Ramsay	Burgeo & LaPoile
Mary Hodder	Burin-Placentia West
Jack Byrne	Cape St. Francis
Art Reid	Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair
James Walsh	Conception Bay East & Bell Island

Robert French	Conception Bay South
Roger Grimes	Exploits
Loyola Sullivan	Ferryland
Oliver Langdon	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
Sandra Kelly	Gander
Judy Foote	Grand Bank
Anna Thistle	Grand Falls - Buchans
Don Whelan	Harbour Main - Whitbourne
Robert Mercer	Humber East
Rick Woodford	Humber Valley
Paul Dicks	Humber West
Edward J. Byrne	Kilbride
Perry Canning	Labrador West
Ernest McLean	Lake Melville
Melvin Penney	Lewisporte
Julie Bettney	Mount Pearl
Anthony Sparrow	Placentia & St. Mary's
Gerald Smith	Port au Port
John Efford	Port de Grave

Chuck Furey	St. Barbe
Kevin Aylward	St. George's-Stephenville East
Joan Marie Aylward	St. John's Centre
John Ottenheimer	St. John's East
Lloyd Matthews	St. John's North
Tom Osborne	St. John's South
Rex Gibbons	St. John's West
Jack Harris	Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi
Tom Lush	Terra Nova
Chris Decker	The Straits & White Bay North
Ralph Wiseman	Topsail
Wally Andersen	Torngat Mountains
Lloyd George Snow	Trinity - Bay de Verde
Doug Oldford	Trinity North
Gerry Reid	Twillingate & Fogo
Walter Noel	Virginia Waters
Harvey Hodder	Waterford Valley

It is noted that the writ of election for the District of Windsor - Springdale had not been returned because of a judicial recount.

At 10:00 o'clock in the morning, those Members returned by the returning officers as noted above and as confirmed by the Chief Electoral Officer in a Notice published in **The Newfoundland Gazette** on March 15, 1996, gathered in the Assembly Chamber with family and friends seated in the Public Galleries. Whereupon, A. John Noel, the Clerk of the House of Assembly and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant, preceded by Cyril Kirby, the Sergeant-at-Arms, entered the Chamber followed by the Honourable James R. Gushue, Chief Justice of Newfoundland and the Honourable T. Alexander Hickman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Trial Division.

The Clerk of the House addressed the gathering and then read the following Proclamation as issued under the Great Seal of the Province, as follows:

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories
QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frederick W. Russell
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:

Edward Roberts
Minister of Justice

TO: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J.R. GUSHUE
Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Court of Appeal

and

HONOURABLE T. ALEXANDER HICKMAN
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
Trial Division

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YOU that, confiding in your loyalty, fidelity and circumspection, We, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council for the Province of Newfoundland, have thought fit to constitute and appoint and by these

presents do constitute and appoint you or either of you to be our Commissioners for the purpose of administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the persons elected to be Members of our General Assembly for Newfoundland at the General Election held on the 22nd day of February, 1996, hereby granting unto you all the rights, powers and advantages which to the said office do or may lawfully appertain, and requiring you diligently to perform the duties thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Newfoundland to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six and in the forty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Arthur Reid
REGISTRAR GENERAL"

The Clerk of the House of Assembly, as in duty bound, and the names of the Members returned for the several Districts having been called over by the Clerk, they appeared and took and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the presence of the Commissioners, as follows:

Paul Shelley

Baie Verte

Brian Tobin

Bay of Islands

Percy Barrett

Bellevue

Beaton Tulk	Bonavista North
Roger Fitzgerald	Bonavista South
William Ramsay	Burgeo & LaPoile
Mary Hodder	Burin-Placentia West
Jack Byrne	Cape St. Francis
Art Reid	Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair
James Walsh	Conception Bay East & Bell Island
Robert French	Conception Bay South
Roger Grimes	Exploits
Loyola Sullivan	Ferryland
Oliver Langdon	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
Sandra Kelly	Gander
Judy Foote	Grand Bank
Anna Thistle	Grand Falls - Buchans
Don Whelan	Harbour Main - Whitbourne
Robert Mercer	Humber East
Rick Woodford	Humber Valley
Paul Dicks	Humber West
Edward J. Byrne	Kilbride
Perry Canning	Labrador West
Ernest McLean	Lake Melville

Melvin Penney	Lewisporte
Julie Bettney	Mount Pearl
Anthony Sparrow	Placentia & St. Mary's
Gerald Smith	Port au Port
John Efford	Port de Grave
Chuck Furey	St. Barbe
Kevin Aylward	St. George's-Stephenville East
Joan Marie Aylward	St. John's Centre
John Ottenheimer	St. John's East
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Ralph Wiseman	Topsail
Wally Andersen	Torngat Mountains
Lloyd George Snow	Trinity - Bay de Verde
Doug Oldford	Trinity North

Gerry Reid	Twillingate & Fogo
Walter Noel	Virginia Waters
Harvey Hodder	Waterford Valley

After each Member took the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and signed the Roll of Members, the following Proclamation was then read by the Clerk of the House:

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories
QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Frederick W. Russell
Lieutenant-Governor

Edward Roberts
Minister of Justice

TO: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. R. GUSHUE
Supreme Court of Newfoundland & Court of Appeal

and

HONOURABLE T. ALEXANDER HICKMAN
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
Trial Division

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Forty-Third General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland should be open for the despatch of business on Wednesday, the twentieth day of March, 1996, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the 11th day of March, 1996.

AND WHEREAS it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the General Assembly together should be declared until the said day nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Honourable J. R. Gushue and Honourable T. Alexander Hickman, or either of you, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the 20th day of March, 1996, that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some person to be their Speaker and present such person on the same day for my approval.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in our City of St. John's this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six and in the forty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

Arthur Reid
REGISTRAR GENERAL"

The Honourable James R. Gushue, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, then said:

"Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:
We have it in Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to acquaint you that His Honour will, as soon as the Members of this House shall be sworn or affirmed, declare the causes of His calling this Assembly; and, it being necessary that a Speaker of this House should be first chosen, it is His pleasure that you do proceed to the appointment of some proper person whom you shall so choose here today at 2:00 o'clock for His Honour's approval."

The Commissioners having left the Assembly Chamber and the public galleries having been cleared, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) then addressing himself to the Clerk, who standing up pointed to him and then sat down, moved "that Lloyd Snow, Member elected for the District of Trinity - Bay de Verde, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker" which motion was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan).

No other person being proposed as Speaker, the question was put by the Clerk that Lloyd Snow do take the Chair as Speaker of the House.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Snow was then conducted to and placed in the Chair by the Honourable the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition.

Whereupon, the Speaker, standing on the steps, addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour unanimously conferred upon him.

The Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, that Percy Barrett, the Member for the District of Bellevue be elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Premier seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, moved that Melvin Penney, Member for the District of Lewisporte be elected as Deputy Chairperson of Committees.

The motion was put by the Speaker and unanimously carried.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the House then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel'. The signature is stylized with a prominent initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 20th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

At 2 o'clock the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon, the Lieutenant-Governor, having taken his seat, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour:

The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Lloyd Snow, Esquire, Member for the District of Trinity - Bay de Verde, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for the approval of Your Honour."

His Honour was then pleased to reply:

"On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker."

Whereupon the Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"Your Honour having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as its Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal subjects, the people of this Province, to respectfully claim of Your Honour their accustomed rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament and that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times, and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and privileges which have been confirmed to them by Your Honour's Predecessors."

His Honour was pleased to reply:

"On behalf of Her Majesty I do confirm this House in the enjoyment of all its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges."

His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech From the Throne.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect To Certain Recommendations of The Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Members met in the General Assembly and that for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy.

It was unanimously agreed that the Speech should be taken as read and copies distributed to Members.

It was moved by the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) and seconded by the Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in reply to the Gracious Speech with which he had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft the Address In Reply.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) spoke to the motion.

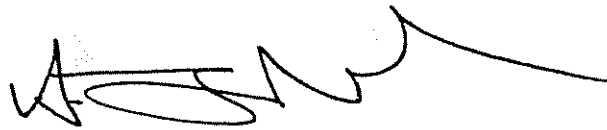
The motion was adopted by the House and it was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Ms. Mary Hodder, Member for Burin - Placentia West
Mr. Bob Mercer, Member for Humber East
Mr. Tom Osborne, Member for St. John's South.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 2)

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 22nd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 22, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to congratulate the Honourable James R. Gushue on his recent appointment as Chief Justice of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Premier made a further statement to pay tribute to the late Miss Katherine (Kit) Murphy former transcriber and Editor of Debates. By leave of the House it was moved that the Clerk, on behalf of the House, send an appropriate letter of condolence to Miss Murphy's family in order to extend the sympathy of Members and to mark her contribution to the work of the House during her years of service. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) concurred in the statement and the motion.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved the appointment of the Striking Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 84, to consist of the following Members:

Honourable Beaton Tulk - Member for Bonavista North
Mr. Oliver Langdon - Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
Mr. Bill Ramsay - Member for Burgeo & LaPoile
Mr. Harvey Hodder - Member for Waterford Valley
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South

The Speaker put the motion which was unanimously carried.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of concerned citizens opposing the proposed closure of Presentation House Inc. as Newfoundland's only emergency shelter for children under 12 years of age.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District on the Southside Road requesting that the CN Freight shed either be cleaned up and restored or dismantled because of health and safety hazards.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"March 12, 1996

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1997, by way of Interim Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the **Constitution Act, 1867**, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Frederick W. Russell
Lieutenant Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

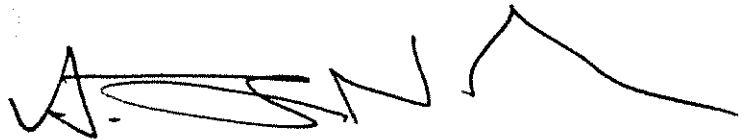
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matter to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

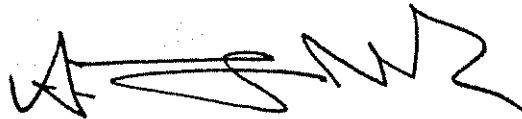
On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 25, 1996

Be it known that at 11:30 o'clock in the morning, there appeared before the Honourable James R. Gushue, Chief Justice of Newfoundland at the Court of Appeal, Mr. Graham Flight, Member returned for the District of Windsor - Springdale in the General Election held on February 22, 1996, who took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 25th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Bids for petroleum exploration permits had been selected in Western Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) in her capacity as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women made a statement to announce the appointment of members of the Provincial Strategy Against Violence Team.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 39 of the **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992**, tabled the Annual Report of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Newfoundland Power has asked the Public Utilities Board to approve an increase in electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power since it has a monopoly in the delivery of an essential commodity in this Province is not at risk of becoming non competitive;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power having made some \$27.8 million in profit last year is not in need of extra revenue from consumers;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power in passing corporate income tax increases on to consumers would be defying government's intention of ensuring corporations dip into their own profits to help bear the costs of public fiscal responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the expanding low energy use market is a situation that Newfoundland Power helped create by advising consumers to reduce their demand for electrical energy, and it would be wrong for the public Utilities Board to try and alter this situation by penalizing the consumers who heeded the company's advice;

AND WHEREAS many Newfoundlanders who do not use Newfoundland Power delivered electricity to heat their homes instead use wood furnaces because they cannot afford to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS differential rate increases while penalizing the poor for not using electric heat will do nothing to provide them with the money they need to pay for electric heat so as to increase the company's competitiveness but will force many to dip into their food budgets to pay for the electricity they need for lights;

AND WHEREAS it is Newfoundlanders on low and fixed incomes who use the smallest amount of electricity since they have the fewest electrical run amenities and it is therefore the poor who will bear the brunt of a differential rate increase;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders suffering from the fish resource crisis, the general economic downturn, and deep government spending cuts can not afford increases in essential commodities like electricity at this time;

AND WHEREAS not having had a rate increase since 1992 is no justification for a rate increase today in 1996;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador do whatever is required to ensure that an increase in electricity rates does not occur at this time."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Westport in his District expressing concern with the proposed change in the Schools Act in particular the closure of the school in that community.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase the Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 26th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to recognize five outstanding teachers who were recently presented with the Prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Service, Technology and Mathematics. The winners were Brenda Stamp, Cyril O'Reilly, Ruth Mercer, David Keefe and Allan Neil.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to announce a province wide campaign to heighten awareness, understanding and interest in local government. As well, the Minister announced the intention of recognizing the week of April 22 - 28 as Local Government Awareness Week.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,
the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, CM, LLD

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

signed: Mary Hodder
Bob Mercer
Tom Osborne

Assembly Chamber
March 22, 1996"

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of concerned citizens opposing the proposed closure of Presentation House Inc. as Newfoundland's only emergency shelter for children under 12 years of age.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Interim Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 27th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave an answer with respect to the fishery by-catch limits.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) gave an answer with respect to environmental concerns raised by the Member for St. John's South pertaining to CN property on the Southside Road in St. John's

The Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Town of Marysvale in his District requesting the Government to fund the repair and pavement of English Harbour Road.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne):

"WHEREAS Newfoundland Power has asked the Public Utilities Board to approve an increase in electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power since it has a monopoly in the delivery of an essential commodity in this Province is not at risk of becoming non competitive;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power having made some \$27.8 million in profit last year is not in need of extra revenue from consumers;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland Power in passing corporate income tax increases on to consumers would be defying government's intention of ensuring corporations dip into their own profits to help bear the costs of public fiscal responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the expanding low energy use market is a situation that Newfoundland Power helped create by advising consumers to reduce their demand for electrical energy, and it would be wrong for the public Utilities Board to try and alter this situation by penalizing the consumers who heeded the company's advice;

AND WHEREAS many Newfoundlanders who do not use Newfoundland Power delivered electricity to heat their homes instead use wood furnaces because they cannot afford to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS differential rate increases while penalizing the poor for not using electric heat will do nothing to provide them with the money they need to pay for electric heat so as to increase the company's competitiveness but will force many to dip into their food budgets to pay for the electricity they need for lights;

AND WHEREAS it is Newfoundlanders on low and fixed incomes who use the smallest amount of electricity since they have the fewest electrical run amenities and it is therefore the poor who will bear the brunt of a differential rate increase;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders suffering from the fish resource crisis, the general economic downturn, and deep government spending cuts can not afford increases in essential commodities like electricity at this time;

AND WHEREAS not having had a rate increase since 1992 is no justification for a rate increase today in 1996;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador do whatever is required to ensure that an increase in electricity rates does not occur at this time."

After some debate, the Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) moved, seconded by the Member for Bonavista North (Hon. Beaton Tulk) that the Resolution be amended by deleting all the words after "rates" in the first "Whereas" and by adding the following:

"**WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power has a monopoly in the delivery of an essential commodity in this Province;

AND WHEREAS there is a great deal of concern about the proposed electrical rate increases being sought by Newfoundland Power;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador ensure that the recently appointed Consumer Advocate use every possible means to bring the concerns of the consumer to bear on and be reflected in any decision forthcoming from the Public Utilities Board on the rate application by Newfoundland Power."

The House recessed for 5 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 28th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), the Member of Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) that the Speaker send letters of condolence to the families of the late Anthony (Ank) Murphy and Val Earle, former Members of the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Reports of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of November and December, 1995 and January, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation also tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission for the financial year ending March 31, 1995.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) presented a Report of the Striking Committee and moved that the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

Public Accounts Committee

Mr. Ed Byrne - Member for Kilbride
Mr. Tom Lush - Member for Terra Nova
Mr. Don Whelan - Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne
Ms. Anna Thistle - Member for Grand Falls - Buchans
Mr. Doug Oldford - Member for Trinity North
Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for Cape St. Francis
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South

Select Committee on No-Fault Insurance

Mr. Rick Woodford - Member for Humber Valley
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South
Mr. Perry Canning - Member for Labrador West
Mr. Gerry Reid - Member for Twillingate & Fogo
Mr. Anthony Sparrow - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's

Select Committee on Children's Interests

Mr. Gerald Smith - Member for Port au Port
Mr. Harvey Hodder - Member for Waterford Valley
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West

Government Services Committee

Mr. Ralph Wiseman - Member for Topsail
Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for Cape St. Francis
Mr. Doug Oldford - Member for Trinity North
Mr. Gerald Smith - Member for Port au Port
Mr. Anthony Sparrow - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South
Mr. Ed Byrne - Member for Kilbride

Resource Committee

Mr. Perry Canning - Member for Labrador West
Mr. Paul Shelley - Member for Baie Verte
Mr. Rick Woodford - Member for Humber Valley
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Ms. Anna Thistle - Member for Grand Falls-Buchans
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South
Mr. Tom Osbourne - Member for St. John's South

Social Services Committee

Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Mr. John Ottenheimer - Member for St. John's East
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West
Mr. Don Whelan - Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne
Mr. Gerry Reid - Member for Twillingate & Fogo
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Mr. Harvey Hodder - Member for Waterford Valley

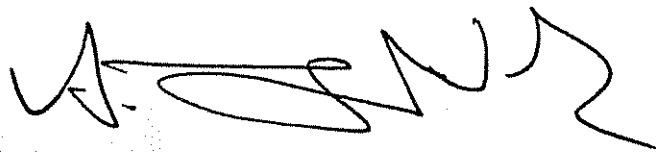
The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 29th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 29th, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement to advise Members that the selection process for the Art Procurement Program had been completed. The Minister also tabled the list of the selected pieces of art.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province opposing the reduction in service and effectiveness of the Department of National Revenue caused by a reduction of staff at the Revenue Canada Taxation Centre in St. John's.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government of the Province to cease any further reductions in funding for the Western Regional Health Board.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), by leave, gave an answer relating to the Nelson Group's report that was presented to the Marystown Shipyard Board of Directors last year.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 2).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1997, the sum of \$1,023,126,600."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 2 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed briefly, after which the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Administrator.

His Honour the Administrator took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Interim Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

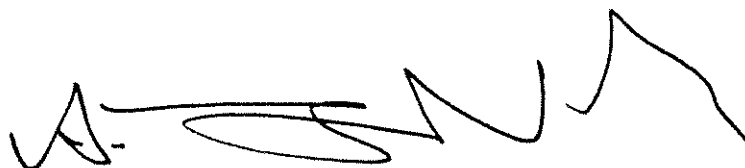
His Honour the Administrator then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I assent to this Bill".

His Honour the Administrator then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province, the Deputy Speaker, may give Notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the Notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 14th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the motion of adjournment adopted by the House on March 29th, 1996.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 5(4) of the **Internal Economy Commission Act**, advised the House with respect to the membership of the Commission of Internal Economy. The members are:

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett).

The Hon. Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks)

The Hon. Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward).

The Hon. Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder).

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne).

And the Honourable the Speaker.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider the Raising of Supply to be Granted to Her Majesty.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the fisheries is in a state of transition in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the economic condition of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador has a strong correlation to the state of the fishery;

AND WHEREAS the future of the Province's fisheries lies in careful management, cultivation, and preservation of the fisheries resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly support the present and future initiatives of Aquaculture and Fish Farming for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in an attempt to revitalize the once vibrant fishery."

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Baccalieu Trail requesting the Minister of Education to retain first year university courses at the Carbonear Campus, Eastern College.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District opposing the closure of St. Joseph's Elementary School and requesting the Government to bring pressure on the School Board to rescind the decision.

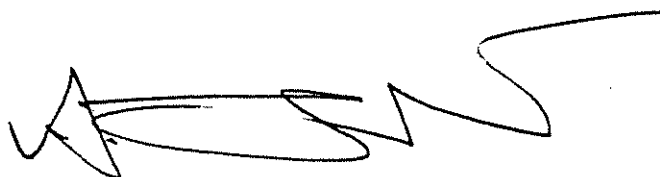
The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 15th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to advise the House that the Iron Ore Company of Canada and the United Steelworkers of America had reached a new three year contract with respect to the Company's mine in Labrador City.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon):

"WHEREAS the fisheries is in a state of transition in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the economic condition of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador has a strong correlation to the state of the fishery;

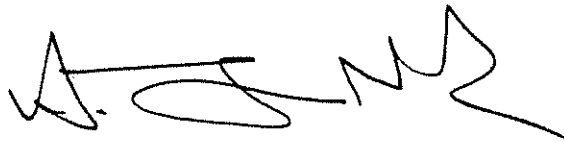
AND WHEREAS the future of the Province's fisheries lies in careful management, cultivation, and preservation of the fisheries resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly support the present and future initiatives of Aquaculture and Fish Farming for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in an attempt to revitalize the once vibrant fishery."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 16th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and that the Speaker leave the Chair. In making the motion the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board that debate on the Budget Speech be adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"May 13, 1996

The Honourable the Minister of Finance:

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1997, in the amount of \$2,842,497,800 and, in accordance with the provisions of the **Constitution Act, 1867**, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **James R. Gushue**
Administrator".

The budgetary documents were distributed.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board that the Message together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions with respect to the Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions with respect to the Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and moved:

(a) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Finance
Works, Services and Transportation
Government Services and Lands
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Public Service Commission;

(b) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Social Services
Education
Health
Environment and Labour
Justice; and

(c) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

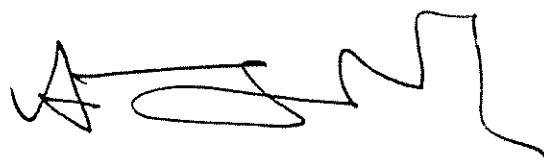
Fisheries and Aquaculture
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Tourism, Culture and Recreation
Industry, Trade and Technology
Mines and Energy
Development and Rural Renewa.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 21st, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that Government had accepted the recommendation of the Department of Environment and Labour to increase the Province's minimum wage.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the 1995 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) tabled the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on the operations carried out under the **Automobile Insurance Act** for the period April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS ensuring ready access to high-quality post-secondary education is crucial in developing a productive workforce and building a vibrant economy;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government, after having reduced Memorial University's operating budget in real terms by substantial amounts in recent years, has announced in this year's Budget that the University's total grant will be reduced by \$8.1 million in 1996-97, by a further \$3.0 million in 1997-98, and by a further \$3 million in 1998-99;

AND WHEREAS these deep cuts, coupled with rising costs, will oblige the University to consider such significant measures as further tuition fee increases, program cuts, and course offering reductions;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of first-year University courses in most centres will decrease the accessibility of a University education for many prospective students, especially those living in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS higher tuition fees will further discourage and in many cases prevent prospective students from attending University unless they are wealthy;

AND WHEREAS a decrease in University programs and course offerings could place new obstacles before students seeking to graduate, could force some to endure the extra costs and other difficulties associated with going to institutions outside this Province, and could undermine the quality of University programs and its good reputation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House urge the Provincial Government to guarantee that the operating grant for Memorial University will not be less than its 1995-96 level in 1996-97, 1997-98, or 1998-99."

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

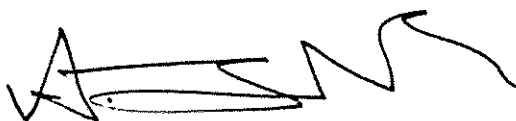
The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 22nd, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to recognize the Mount Pearl Senior High School Choir which had recently placed first and won a gold medal in an International Show Choir Competition in the Bahamas. The Members for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) and Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in agreement with the statement and the House agreed that the Speaker would send a letter of congratulations on behalf of all Members of the House.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to replace Long Run Bridge on Route 10 in Cape Broyle.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne):

"WHEREAS ensuring ready access to high-quality post-secondary education is crucial in developing a productive workforce and building a vibrant economy;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government, after having reduced Memorial University's operating budget in real terms by substantial amounts in recent years, has announced in this year's Budget that the University's total grant will be reduced by \$8.1 million in 1996-97, by a further \$3.0 million in 1997-98, and by a further \$3 million in 1998-99;

AND WHEREAS these deep cuts, coupled with rising costs, will oblige the University to consider such significant measures as further tuition fee increases, program cuts, and course offering reductions;

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AND WHEREAS a decrease in University programs and course offerings could place new obstacles before students seeking to graduate, could force some to endure the extra costs and other difficulties associated with going to institutions outside this Province, and could undermine the quality of University programs and its good reputation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House urge the Provincial Government to guarantee that the operating grant for Memorial University will not be less than its 1995-96 level in 1996-97, 1997-98, or 1998-99."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Penney, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 23rd, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting the proposed budgetary elimination of the Public Examination Marking Board.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement respecting the recent acquisition by Inco Ltd. of the shares of Diamond Fields Resources Inc. whereby Inco will gain ownership and control of the Voisey's Bay Project in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons), in accordance with section 3(2) of the **Mineral Act**, tabled the Report of Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) tabled the 1995 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board and the schedules of proceedings before that Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the following:

- (a) the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995;
- (b) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994;
- (c) pursuant to section 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, a list of Temporary Loans raised under the Act; and
- (d) pursuant to section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, a list of Guaranteed Loans paid by the Province for the period March 17, 1995 to May 10, 1996.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the House of Assembly has asked Parliament to amend Term 17 of the Terms of Union between Newfoundland and Canada;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly in doing so, has followed the amending procedure prescribed by Section 43 of the **Constitution Act, 1982**;

AND WHEREAS enactment of a revised Term 17 is essential if the government is to implement necessary and urgently needed changes in the province's educational system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House respectfully asks the members of the House of Commons and the Senate to consider the proposed amendment to Term 17 at their very earliest convenience, and to decide the issue before Parliament rises for its summer recess."

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that this House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider Certain Resolutions Relating to the Advancing or Guaranteeing of Certain Loans made under the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that this House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider Certain Resolutions Relating to the Guaranteeing of Certain Loans under the Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself Into a Committee of the Whole to Consider Certain Resolutions Relating To The Raising of Loans By The Province (Bill No. 14).

It was moved by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) and agreed to by all Members of the House that the remaining orders of the day be deferred in order to debate the resolution standing in the Premier's name.

Discussion took place with respect to the rules of debate.

The House recessed for 10 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

The Speaker put the question that the debate on the resolution standing in the Premier's name would proceed until 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon when the question would be put.

It was moved by the Government House Leader and agreed to by the House that all Members would speak for not more than ten minutes.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the resolution moved earlier by the Premier.

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) put the question on the resolution.

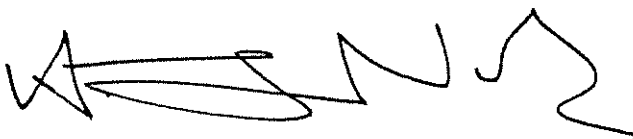
The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Penney, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Wiseman, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Ms. Jones.

The Speaker declared the resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 24th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 3:55 p.m.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, May 24th, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce the cancellation of public examinations this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to outline measures Government is taking to ensure that mineral exploration in Labrador is carried out in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for February, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And The Education Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Honourable the Minister of Education on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure and Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11). |

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For the Certification Of Profesional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to upgrade and resurface Route 360, known as the Bay D'Espoir Highway and the other roadways in the Bay D'Espoir area.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of residents in her District strongly opposing the closure of the RCMP Detachment in Cartwright.

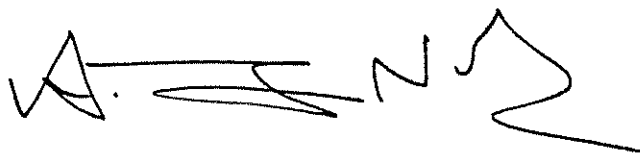
The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain school students in St. John's requesting Government to reinstate the provincial examination marking board.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, May 27th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 27th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) followed by the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to wish Mr. Cyril Kirby, the Sergeant-at-Arms, best wishes on his 80th birthday. After applause by Members, Mr. Kirby thanked Members for their kind remarks.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement explaining Government's new market value pricing policy with respect to Crown Lands.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) tabled the Annual Report of Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation for the fiscal year ended April 1, 1995.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the following:

- (a) a Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council '96-066 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$300,000 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure;
- (b) a Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council '96-088 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$1,700,000 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure; and
- (c) a Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council '96-359 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$800,000 to be expended under the Department of Health Head of Expenditure; and
- (d) a Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council '96-360 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$3,300,000 to be expended under the Department of Social Services Head of Expenditure.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) gave notice he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"**WHEREAS** INCO is acquiring Diamond Fields Resources and the huge nickel, cobalt and copper discovery at Voisey's Bay;

AND WHEREAS the Voisey's Bay nickel resource will be the lowest cost nickel resource in the world;

AND WHEREAS the investment and employment opportunities flowing from this new mining opportunity is a major step in the economic future of this province and the region of Labrador in particular;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that given that INCO has committed to the construction of the Mine, the Mine Mill, the Smelter and the Refinery, this Honourable House strongly endorses a policy of directing INCO to fully assess the economics of any and all smelter and refinery sites in Labrador first."

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a petition on behalf of certain high school students requesting Government to reinstate the Public Examination Marking Board.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

The Member for Humber Main - Whitbourne (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to fund the repair and pavement of Lush's Road in the Town of Marysvale.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District opposing the discontinuation of the school bus service to the Community of Shea Heights.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill	"An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13)
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Schools Act and The Education Act" (Bill No. 8)
- A Bill "An Act Top Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12)
- A Bill "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 28th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) tabled an answer respecting the Government's new Crown lands pricing policy.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents in his District protesting the discontinuation of school bus service to the Community of Shea Heights.

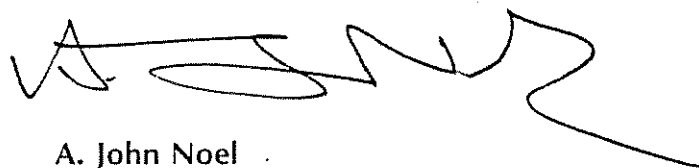
The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of students requesting Government to reinstate public examinations and the Public Examination Marking Board.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly



A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 29th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman), as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Finance
Public Service Commission
Works, Services & Transportation
Government Services & Lands
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the fiscal year April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a Petition protesting the late opening of the winter trout fishing season for Zone 2 and requesting the 1997 season be opened from February 15 to March 15.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of high school students requesting Government to reinstate public examinations and the Public Examinations Marking Board.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning):

"WHEREAS INCO is acquiring Diamond Fields Resources and the huge nickel, cobalt and copper discovery at Voisey's Bay;

AND WHEREAS the Voisey's Bay nickel resource will be the lowest cost nickel resource in the world;

AND WHEREAS the investment and employment opportunities flowing from this new mining opportunity is a major step in the economic future of this province and the region of Labrador in particular;

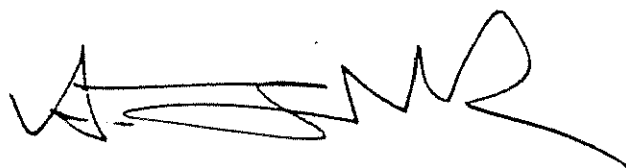
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that given that INCO has committed to the construction of the Mine, the Mine Mill, the Smelter and the Refinery, this Honourable House strongly endorses a policy of directing INCO to fully assess the economics of any and all smelter and refinery sites in Labrador first."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 30th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) on behalf of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) made a statement to announce that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will merge with the Canadian Exporters Association to form a new business organization to be called the Alliance of Manufacturers & Exporters Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) tabled the 1995 Annual Report of the Regional Services and Protection Section of the Wildlife Division of his Department.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Brophy Place, Kelly Street, Hunt's Lane, McGrath Place and Blackwood Place in St. John's requesting Government to continue school bus transportation to these streets.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District protesting the discontinuation of school bus service to the Community of Shea Heights.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

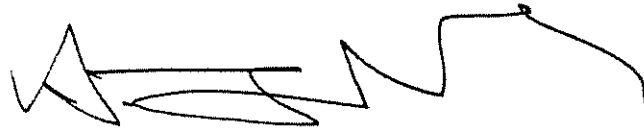
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For the Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 31st at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, May 31st, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement to mark the beginning of Tourism Awareness Month. The theme for this year's campaign is "Ready for '97".

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to announce the re-opening of the Salmonier Nature Park for 1996.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

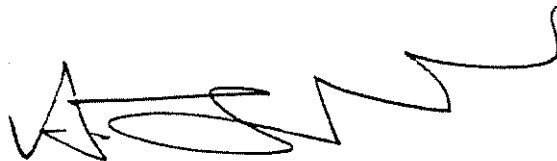
The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District protesting the discontinuation of school bus service to the Community of Shea Heights.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, June 3rd, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to announce that June 2nd to 8th had been declared National Transportation Week with this year's theme being "National Transportation: The Urban Connection".

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the new Crown land rates are so great that they will deprive many people the opportunity to have a cabin or cottage;

AND WHEREAS unemployed, underemployed, pensioners, low-income earners and other hurting Newfoundlanders have long enjoyed the freedom to have a cabin or cottage in the great outdoors, and will be denied this freedom under the new policy;

AND WHEREAS many cabin owners who have invested a great deal of time and manual labour in cleaning up the land, based on a traditional and historical low accessible rate for Crown land;

AND WHEREAS the money grab is no less than an attack on our traditional way of life;

AND WHEREAS there has been no public consultation on this new policy even though the government has promised to consult with and listen to people before making decision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House request the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to delay implementation of this new policy, call public hearings and only then implement policies according to presentations made and in line with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians' traditional access to Crown land."

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province protesting the change in Crown land fees.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the following Head of Expenditure:

Consolidated Fund Services

The Committee of Supply further considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

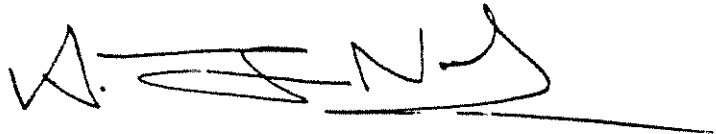
On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Head of Expenditure of the Consolidated Fund Services, without amendment, made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 4th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to thank all Members of the Canadian House of Commons who, last evening, expeditiously passed the Constitutional Resolution with respect to the Province's educational system.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Health
Justice
Social Services
Education
Environment and Labour.

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) as Chairperson of the Resource Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Mines and Energy
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Development and Rural Renewal
Fisheries and Aquaculture
Industry, Trade and Technology
Tourism, Recreation and Culture.

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the following:

- (a) pursuant to section 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, a list of Temporary Loans raised under the Act; and
- (b) pursuant to section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, a list of Guaranteed Loans paid by the Province for the period from March, 1995 to May, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move That a Further Estimate of Expenditure Related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to a Committee of Supply.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District protesting the discontinuation of school bus service to the Community of Shea Heights.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the province protesting the change in Crown land fees.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board moved that a Further Estimate of Expenditure Related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the following Head of Expenditure:

Executive Council

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

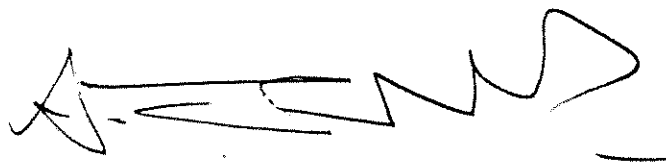
The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Head of Expenditure of the Executive Council, without amendment, made further progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 5th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement to explain the new Crown Lands Market Value Pricing Policy.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain owners in the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Virginia Waters (Mr. Noel) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Brophy Place, Kelly Street, Hunt's Lane, McGrath Place and Blackwood Place in St. John's requesting Government to continue school bus transportation to these streets.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne):

"WHEREAS the new Crown land rates are so great that they will deprive many people the opportunity to have a cabin or cottage;

AND WHEREAS unemployed, underemployed, pensioners, low-income earners and other hurting Newfoundlanders have long enjoyed the freedom to have a cabin or cottage in the great outdoors, and will be denied this freedom under the new policy;

AND WHEREAS many cabin owners who have invested a great deal of time and manual labour in cleaning up the land, based on a traditional and historical low accessible rate for Crown land;

AND WHEREAS the money grab is no less than an attack on our traditional way of life;

AND WHEREAS there has been no public consultation on this new policy even though the government has promised to consult with and listen to people before making decision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House request the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to delay implementation of this new policy, call public hearings and only then implement policies according to presentations made and in line with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians' traditional access to Crown land."

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

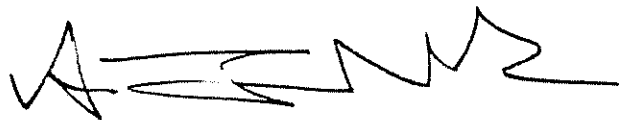
There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Ms. Jones.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) Mr. Lush, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, June 6th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Training (Ms. Bettney) presented the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for March, 1996.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain cabin owners in the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain cabin owners protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the following Heads of Expenditure:

Legislature
Contingency Reserve

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the Legislature and the Contingency Reserve, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

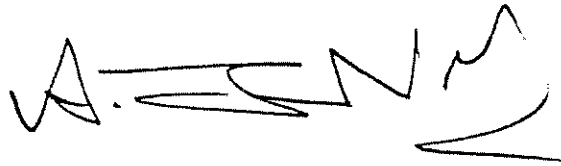
On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

At 4:30, there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, it was agreed to continue with the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 7th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, June 7th, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to announce and table the list of projects identified under the Provincial Capital Roads Program for 1996-97.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a petition on behalf of certain cabin owners in the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electrical rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery for all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

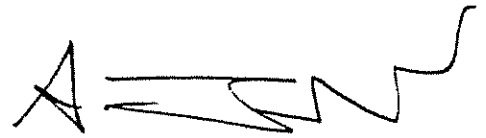
The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) rose, followed by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris), the Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) and the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush), to pay tribute and offer the condolences of all Members of the House to the family of the late Steve Neary, former Member of the House of Assembly who died during the morning.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Resource Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 10th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, June 10th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) as Minister Responsible for Workers' Compensation, made a statement with respect to the Workers' Compensation Commission and tabled the 1995 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Commission.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"**WHEREAS** the conservation and protection of our environment is of paramount importance to our lifestyle and heritage in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of Government to implement and maintain adequate regulations and enforcement to deal with the disposal of solid wastes throughout the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is a stewardship requirement on the part of companies which package consumer and other products consumed in our Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly encourage the Ministry of Environment to implement a packaging waste program that will ensure a reduction in the amount of solid waste committed to our landfills throughout the Province."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled copies of an exchange of letters between the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance respecting the advance of monies by the Federal Government under the **Newfoundland Additional Financial Assistance Act** (Term 29 of the Terms of Union).

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain cabin owners in the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Resource Estimates Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The House recessed at 6 o'clock for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

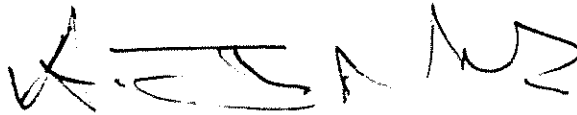
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Social Services Estimate Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 11th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned at 9:58 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 11th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement respecting a formal review of government's art procurement program. The Minister also tabled a copy of the recommendations put forward in that report.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the importance of the agrifood industry to the provincial economy. The Minister also paid tribute to Markland Cottage Winery and Empress Mushrooms.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement respecting a report entitled **Newfoundland and Labrador Air Access Study to Promote Tourism and Trade**. The Minister also tabled a copy of the report.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the employment of a marketing representative by the Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16).

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Newfoundland Dockyard is an important century-old Newfoundland industry ideally located in the northwest Atlantic to take advantage of trade and industrial development opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Marine Atlantic and the Government of Canada, to which Marine Atlantic answers, have jeopardized the future of the Newfoundland Dockyard during this sensitive period by preventing it from bidding on key projects involving the **Henry Larson**, the **Sir Humphrey Gilbert** and the **Iroquois**;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House express our condemnation of Marine Atlantic and the Government of Canada, to which Marine Atlantic answers, for the decisions to prevent the Newfoundland Dockyard from bidding on key projects involving the **Henry Larson**, the **Sir Humphrey Gilbert** and the **Iroquois**."

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to move quickly to implement the educational system reform as endorsed in the September 5, 1995 referendum, including the five elements of reform.

By leave, debate ensued between the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi with respect to this Petition.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) that all of the words after the word "that" be struck and be replaced with the following:

"That this House condemn the government for its failure to present a budget that reflects the mandate of the people of the Province and ignores the basic principles of sound fiscal management."

The House recessed briefly.

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) ruled the amendment in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion.

The House recessed at 6 o'clock for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening. The Speaker (Mr. Walsh) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the budget motion.

The House divided.

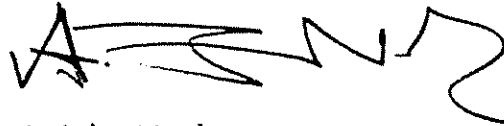
There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Ms. Jones.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), Mr. Flight, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the budget motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:27 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 12th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote) made a statement to announce the start of construction of a new gold mine and mill at Nugget Pond, near the Community of Snooks Arm.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo and LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay):

"WHEREAS the conservation and protection of our environment is of paramount importance to our lifestyle and heritage in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of Government to implement and maintain adequate regulations and enforcement to deal with the disposal of solid wastes throughout the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is a stewardship requirement on the part of companies which package consumer and other products consumed in our Province;

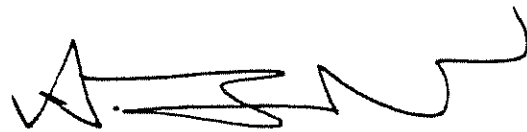
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly encourage the Ministry of Environment to implement a packaging waste program that will ensure a reduction in the amount of solid waste committed to our landfills throughout the Province."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 13th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, June 13th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce the establishment of a royalty regime which will apply to the development of all petroleum resources in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area with the exception of the Hibernia and Terra Nova projects.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that the Environmental Assessment Committee review of the Goulds By-Pass Road Environmental Preview Report had been completed and that the Report had been accepted by his Department.

The Member for Windsor - Springdale (Mr. Flight) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to reverse the decision to close the Springdale campus of the Central Newfoundland Regional College.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of many residents of the province requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

It was agreed that there would be no adjournment motion under Standing Order 31 at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Budget Speech.

The Speaker put the question on the Budget motion that he do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair and Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

"June 5, 1996

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1997, by way of Further Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Frederick W. Russell
Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed at 6 o'clock for dinner.

The Chairperson (Mr. Barrett) resumed the Chair of Committee at 7 o'clock.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the total contained in the Estimates and directed that a Resolution and Bill be adopted to give effect to the same.

On motion the Committee of Supply rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee of Supply had passed the amount of \$2,842,497,800 contained in the Estimates of Supply and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole on Supply with respect to the Estimates for 1996-97, together with a Resolution and Bill No. 15 consequent thereto be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Speaker put the motion and the motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of Ways Means.

The Committee of Ways and Means considered and passed a Certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 15).

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Ways and Means reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and Bill No. 15 consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 15 be introduced to give effect to same.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1997, the sum of \$1,819,371,200."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 15) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

On motion of the Government House Leader it was moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act" (Bill No. 4).

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills No. 3 and 4 be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolutions were read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the **Income Tax Act.**"

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the **Financial Corporations Corporation Tax Act**".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a first, second and third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income
Tax Act (Bill No. 3)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial
Corporations Capital Tax Act"
(Bill No. 4).

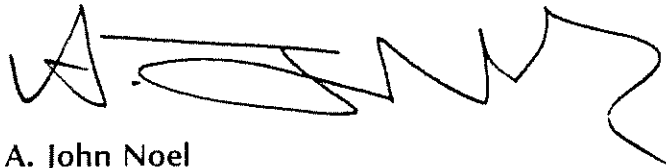
On motion it was ordered that Bills Nos. 3 and 4 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 14th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, June 14th, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the provincial preference policy and a certain tender for the refurbishing of buses owned by the St. John's Transportation Commission.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the forestry resource road contracts that had been awarded to private contractors throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the 1995-96 Annual report and audited financial statements of the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reinstate the Literacy 2000 program for the 1996-97 kindergarten class.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents in the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

By leave, the Government House Leader on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17).

For the avoidance of doubt in relation to the procedure on June 13th, 1996, it was moved and seconded that the following Bills be read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend the Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 3)

A Bill "An Act to Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act (Bill No. 4).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 3 and 4 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And to provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 9:

"1. That paragraph 5(2)(d) of Bill No. 9 be amended by striking out the words "Environment and Labour Relations" and substituting the word "Education".

2. That Bill No. 9 be further amended by re-numbering the clauses of it as required and by adding immediately after clause 18 the following:

Appeal panels "19.(1) For the period of 18 months from the date this Act comes into force, this section applies to an appeal from a decision of the board with respect to a refusal to certify a person or with respect to a certification that is given by the board, notwithstanding sections 14 to 18.

(2) The minister may appoint 2 or more appeal panels consisting of 3 members, 2 of whom shall be professional fish harvesters who are not members of the board chosen from a list provided by fish harvester's organizations.

(3) The third member of the panel shall not be a professional fish harvester and shall serve as the chairperson.

(4) An appeal panel shall only have jurisdiction to hear appeals from persons resident in that part of the province for which the minister makes the panel responsible.

(5) Sections 14, 16 and 17 apply to an appeal to the panel as if the appeal were being made to the board and to a panel as if the panel were the board.

(6) An appeal lies to the appeal board from a decision of an appeal panel and sections 14, 16, 17 and 18 apply to that appeal as if the appeal had been one from a decision of the board.

(7) This section shall have no effect 18 months from the date this Act comes into force."

3. That subclause 21(1) [(formerly 20(1)] of Bill No. 9 be amended by striking out the words "Code of Professional Conduct" and by substituting the words "Code of Ethics".

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson put the question and declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And to provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9), with amendments.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957)" (Bill No. 5).

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolutions were read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province the sum of \$150,000,000 and the additional sum or sums of money that may be required to retire, repay, renew or refund securities issued under an Act of the province or that may be paid into the Newfoundland Government Sinking Fund."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend **The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations."

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a first, second and third and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 14)

A Bill "An Act To Amend the Loan and Guarantee Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 5).

On motion, it was ordered that Bills Nos. 14 and 5 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed without amendment the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10).

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a third time presently, by leave.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And to provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9) with amendments and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 9 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a third time presently, by leave.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10)

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters" (Bill No. 9).

On motion it was ordered that the Bills No. 10 and 9 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave, on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

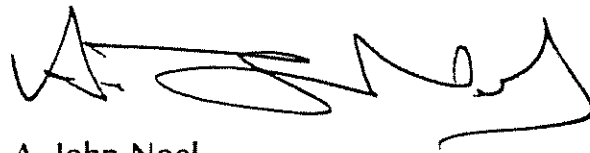
A Bill "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 17 and 18 be read a second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 12:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, June 17th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to announce details of the 1996 silvicultural program in the province.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith), as Chairperson of the Select Committee on Children's Interests, tabled the Report of that Select Committee. In presenting the Report the Member for Port au Port and the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) spoke briefly about the Committee's work and its recommendations.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the current automobile insurance rate structure in Newfoundland and Labrador is unfair and the rates are unacceptably high;

AND WHEREAS the statistical territories used as guides in setting insurance rates do not reflect fairly the risks to motorists in different areas of the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its disapproval of the current automobile insurance rate structure and insurance rates;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador take appropriate action to produce an improved automobile insurance rate structure that is fair and that gives consumers insurance rates that are more reasonable."

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Cormack in his District protesting the proposed increase in electricity rates and also that wood burning citizens not be penalized by the proposed increase.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province requesting the Government to move quickly to implement the educational system reform as endorsed in the September 5, 1995 referendum, including the five elements of reform.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province protesting the increase in Crown land fees.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting Government to prevent the proposed increase in Newfoundland Power electricity rates.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion on the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Legal Aid" (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Legal Aid" (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Portability of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Portability of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Committee recessed at 6 o'clock for dinner.

The Chairperson (Mr. Barrett) resumed the Chair of Committee at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16).

The Commission considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12).

The Commission considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law To Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that Bill No. 13 be amended by striking out in clause 3 the date "July 1, 1996" whenever it occurs and by substituting the date "August 1, 1996".

The amendment was debated after which the Chairperson put the question and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13), with the amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1).

On motion it was ordered that Bills Nos. 17, 18, 16, 12, 7 and 1 be read a third time on tomorrow.

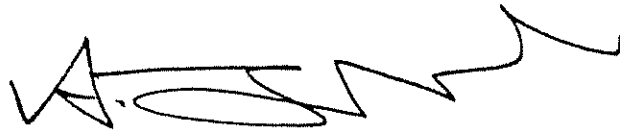
The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13) with an amendment and asked leave to sit again

The amendment to Bill No. 13 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 13 be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 7:15 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 18th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that Government had reached an agreement with the Salvation Army to purchase the Grace General Hospital properties.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly), made a statement to advise Members that three projects under the Federal-Provincial Agreement with respect to Gros Morne National Park will be commenced. These projects total more than \$5 million and include cross-country ski trails, Trout River campground upgrade and the construction of a Discovery Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) tabled the 1995 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board (tabled earlier). The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour also tabled the 1995 Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Review Division

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) tabled the 1995-96 Income Support Program Report in accordance with section 5 of the **Social Assistance Act**.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services also tabled the 1995-96 Financial and Statistical Report of the Division of Family and Rehabilitative Services.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) tabled Reports of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of April and May, 1996.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the 1995-96 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) gave an answer respecting the number of employees employed by the Health Care Corporation of St. John's.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reinstate the Food and Livestock Show for the Fall of 1996.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents requesting Government to reverse its budgetary decision pertaining to the purchase of resource materials for kindergarten students and reinstate the program in order to purchase the early literacy program resources.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province opposing the establishment of private fishing zones on rivers in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform" (Bill No. 1) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Portability of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 13) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17). |

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11).

After some debate, the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) moved the following amendments:

"1. That Clause 2 of the Bill be repealed and the following substituted:

"2. Subsection 3(2) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"(2) The board shall consist of not fewer than 11 and not more than 13 members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and of those members

- (a) one member shall be nominated by and shall be a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Newfoundland;
- (b) one member shall be nominated by and shall be a member of the Certified General Accountants Association;
- (c) one member shall be nominated by and shall be a member of the Society of Management Accountants of Newfoundland;
- (d) not fewer than 5 and not more than 7 members who are representatives, on a pro rated basis, of the groups referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall be nominated by the minister; and

- (e) 3 members who are representatives of the public shall be nominated by the minister."."

2. That Clause 3 of the Bill be repealed."

After further debate the Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 4 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

"3. Section 11 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Board may require further conditions be met

11. In addition to the powers of the board set out in section 10, the board may establish further conditions or requirements to be met by applicants who apply for a licence under this Act, including a requirement that the applicant obtain and maintain professional liability insurance."."

After some debate, the Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11), with amendments.

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11) with amendments.

The amendments to Bill No. 11 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a third time presently by leave.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder), the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) paid tribute to Mr. Jack Oates upon his impending retirement from the House of Assembly after 35 years of service.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and Loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty
 Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying
 Certain Expenses Of The Public Service
 For The Financial Year Ending March 31,
 1997 And For Other Purposes Relating To
 The Public Service" (Bill No. 15).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I Assent to this Bill".

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act"
(Bill No. 3) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Financial Corporations Capital Tax Act"
(Bill No. 4) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 14) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 5) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use and Operation of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems" (Bill No. 10) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Establish the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board And To Provide For The Certification Of Professional Fish Harvesters"
(Bill No. 9) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Law to Give Effect to Certain Recommendations of the Commissioner for Regulatory Reform"
(Bill No. 1) |

- A Bill "An Act To amend the Portability of Pensions Act (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legal Aid Act" (Bill No. 12)
- A Bill "An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Packaging Material Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act" (Bill No. 11).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".

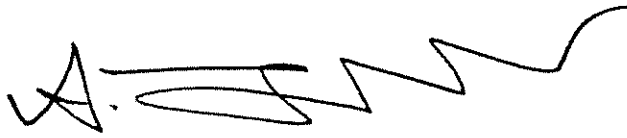
His Honour then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker stated that Mr. Oates wished to address Members. Mr. Oates thanked Members for their kind remarks.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, July 23rd, 1996

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barrett) took the Chair.

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on June 18, 1996.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a statement to congratulate the Holy Heart of Mary Chamber Choir and their Director, Ms. Susan Quinn, which recently placed first and won a gold medal in an International Chamber Choir Competition in Vienna. The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in agreement with the statement. The House agreed that the Speaker would send a letter of congratulations to the choir on behalf of all Members of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

By leave and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20). |

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province opposing the changes in prescription drug-dispensing fees.

The Member for Signal Hill Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the areas of New and Old Pennywell Roads in St. John's protesting the decision of the Department of Education to remove school buses from these areas.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province opposing the change in prescription drug-dispensing fees.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province opposing the change in prescription drug-dispensing fees.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province opposing the change in prescription drug-dispensing fees.

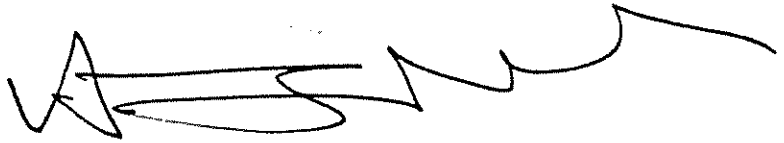
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And The Education Act" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And The Education Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) sought agreement from all Members to dispense with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, July 24th. The Deputy Speaker put the question to the House whereupon all Members agreed to this proposal.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', written in a cursive style.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, July 24th, 1996

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barraett) took the Chair.

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Deputy Speaker reserved his ruling on a Point of Order raised by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) with respect to certain questions asked during Question Period, which anticipated debate on a Bill.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send a letter of sympathy on behalf of all Members to the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) on the death of her infant child.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to support an open food and recreational fishery for all Newfoundland families or to close that fishery to all Canadians.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision Of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of The Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision Of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of The Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Schools Act And The Education Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) moved that clause 2 of Bill No. 8 be amended by striking out the proposed subsection 2.1(4).

After some debate, the Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 8:

"1. That clause 4 of Bill No. 8 be amended by adding immediately after the word "members" in the proposed subsection 6.3(1) the words and figures "elected under paragraph 6.1(2)(a)".

2. That clause 12 of Bill No. 8 be amended by adding immediately after the first comma in the proposed subsection 18(1) the words "subject to the provisions of this Act and the **Education Act** and".

The amendments were debated after which the Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And the Education Act" (Bill No. 8), with amendments.

The Committee recessed at 6:05 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Chairperson (Mr. Walsh) resumed the Chair of Committee at 7:05 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision Of Printing, Microfilming And Electronic Imaging To The Government Of The Province By Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19).

The Member for Kilbride rose on a Point of Order with respect to the agreement reached on Private Members' Day.

The Committee recessed for 6 minutes.

The Chairperson (Mr. Walsh) resumed the Committee and ruled that in accordance with an agreement reached yesterday, today would be reserved for Government Business and that there was no Point of Order.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening. The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate or further consideration of Bill No. 19 entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated", standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause, or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 19 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

On motion the Committee rose.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave so sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, July 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:25 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, July 25th, 1996

In Private Session, the Clerk Assistant announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barrett) took the Chair.

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Deputy Speaker reserved his ruling on a Point of Order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) respecting unparliamentary language.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Round Harbour requesting the Government to not abolish the noon hour busing for students in that community.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Walsh took the Chair of Committee.

The Honourable the House Leader moved Motion No. 2, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate or further consideration of Bill No. 19 entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated", standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause, or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 19 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

The Chairperson put question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19).

On motion the Committee rose.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19). |

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 20 and 19 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And The Education Act" (Bill No. 8), with amendments, and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The amendments to Bill No. 8 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a third time presently.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Schools Act and the Education Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a third time and passed and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed at 6:30 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy Act No. 2" was read a third time and passed and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 40, that "the question with respect to Third Reading of Bill No. 19 be now put".

The Deputy Speaker ruled the motion in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion that Third Reading of Bill No. 19 be now put.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated" (Bill No. 19) be read a third time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Penney, Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. MacLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. French, Mr. Harris.

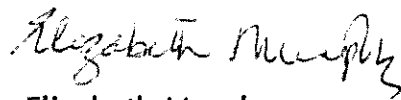
The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing, Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the Government of the Province by Kodak Canada Incorporated", (Bill No. 19) was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the Notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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Elizabeth Murphy
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly

Friday, July 26th, 1996

On Friday July 26th at 10:30 in the morning, the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk Assistant of the House attended upon His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House.

The Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

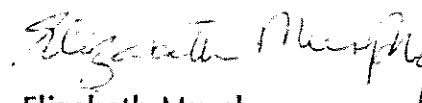
Whereupon the Clerk Assistant read the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Schools Act And
The Education Act" (Bill No. 8)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Accountancy
Act No. 2" (Bill No. 20)

- A Bill "An Act To Facilitate The Provision of Printing,
Microfilming and Electronic Imaging to the
Government of the Province by Kodak Canada
Incorporated" (Bill No. 19).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".



Elizabeth Murphy

Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 18th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on July 25th, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a statement respecting the mid-year budgetary position of the province for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce the release of "Special Matters: The Report of the Review of Special Education".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following:

"THAT the terms of reference of the Select Committee on No-fault Insurance be repealed and the following substituted:

THAT the Select Committee be renamed the Select Committee To Review The Property And Casualty Insurance Industry In Newfoundland And Labrador and that this Committee inquire into and report upon the property and casualty insurance industry in the Province in general, and specifically with respect to consumer concerns about the cost of insurance and availability of insurance, and address the following issues, among others:-

- the practicability, the utility and the desirability of introducing a system of no-fault insurance to compensate persons who suffer damages as a result of the operation of motor vehicles in Newfoundland and Labrador, and to address the following issues among others:
 - . the relative merits in respect of Newfoundland and Labrador of a pure no-fault model, a threshold no-fault model, and a choice system,

- . whether the present tort system can be improved,
 - . the estimated cost of each plan, and in particular whether it will cause any rise in insurance premiums beyond that anticipated under the present tort system,
 - . in the case of a threshold no-fault model, the appropriate threshold,
 - . the financial implications for Government, including the recovery of hospital and medical care costs,
 - . the potential of a no-fault plan to reduce the burden on the courts,
 - . and generally the effect of the adoption of a new regime on those who own and operate motor vehicles, the insurance industry and the legal system; and
- the present rating territories for automobile insurance and whether these territories are appropriate in today's marketplace;
 - whether regulation of automobile insurance rates by the Public Utilities Board provides for an effective mechanism to ensure reasonable rates and healthy competition among insurers;
 - whether Section B Accident Benefits Coverage should be mandatory, or voluntary as is now the case;
 - the appropriate capital requirements for insurance companies to ensure that policy holders are protected and to provide for a strong property and casualty insurance industry in the Province;
 - underwriting practices that may have questionable validity;
 - claims practices that may not be in the consumers' best interests;
 - adjusting and appraisal practices that may have questionable validity;

THAT the Committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, to sit in Session and out, and to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND THAT the Committee report to the House by 30 November, 1997."

By leave, following some debate, the Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural
 Planning Act" (Bill No. 35)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's
 Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Wednesday, November 20th has been declared National Child Day in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is charged with safeguarding the interests and safety of all children in our Province;

AND WHEREAS it is the mandate of the House of Assembly to assure that the legal rights and social interests of children are an integral and functional part of our approach to governance;

AND WHEREAS Government has a responsibility to assure that the viewpoints, rights and interests of children and youth are carefully considered and fairly represented in all matters that affect them;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on Children's Interests recommended the establishment of a Child and Youth Advocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Government immediately establish the Office of Child and Youth Advocate to

- (a) ensure that the rights and interests of children, youth and their families relating to designated services are protected and advanced and that their voices are heard and considered in the establishment of Government policies;
- (b) ensure that children, youth and their families have access to fair, responsive and appropriate complaint and review processes at all stages in the provision of designated services;
- (c) provide information and advice to the Government and communities about the availability, effectiveness, responsiveness and relevance of designated services to children, youth, and their families; and
- (d) promote and coordinate in communities the establishment of advocacy services for children, youth and their families;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Child and Youth Advocate function as an independent Officer of the Legislature with a clear and unimpeded mandate to review and comment upon the operations, programs and mandates of all provincial Government departments and agencies."

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the City of Mount Pearl requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province voicing opposition to the change in Crown Land fees.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting an investigation into safety regulations on all buses, in particular the installation and enforcement of seat belt use.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Tuesday, November 20th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, November 19th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement respecting Government's commitment to provide services to Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) made a statement respecting the Labrador Transportation Initiative, in particular, the development of an all weather transportation system in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce the membership to the new Professional Fish Harvester's Certification Board.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to announce Government's plans to introduce less than 25 Bills during this fall sitting of the House of Assembly and in particular Government's plans respecting the education reform Bill and the GST/RST harmonization Bill.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act and The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39)

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing changes to section 284 of the **City of St. John's Act** which will repeal certain funding provisions relating to Bowring Park and road repairs.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38). |

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barrett) ruled on a Point of Order raised on July 24th, 1996 by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) with respect to the application of the rule of anticipation to questions raised by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) concerning Bill No. 19, **The Printing Services Act**. The Deputy Speaker ruled that the Member for Terra Nova was quite right in that the rule could have been invoked in those circumstances.

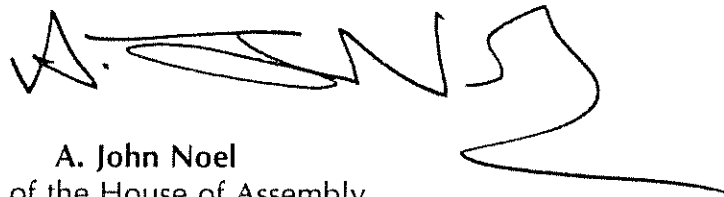
The Deputy Speaker further ruled on a Point of Order raised on July 25th, 1996 by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder) with respect to an issue of unparliamentary language. The Deputy Speaker ruled that given the clarification of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) and the context of the remarks, the words were not unparliamentary. However, the Deputy Speaker warned against the use of the word "false".

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 20th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, November 20th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Burin Minerals Ltd. had been granted economic diversification and growth enterprise (EDGE) status for the purpose of re-opening the fluorspar mine and mill at St. Lawrence.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement to recognize November 20th, 1996 as National Child Day in the province. The Minister also announced that, in cooperation with the School Children's Food Foundation, a Provincial Nutrition Fund will be established and funded for a 2 year pilot basis.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce the results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Official Opposition greets with dismay and alarm the discrimination against the province's construction workers currently denied jobs at the Bull Arm site;

AND WHEREAS the Official Opposition has asked the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take the following steps immediately:

- (1) to investigate what's happening now with qualified local construction workers being denied commissioning work at the Bull Arm site;
- (2) to insist that development companies present a much more detailed and transparent employment and training plan for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, both presently and for pending and future developments, to ensure that technology transfer is both evident and meaningful; and
- (3) to design enforceable regulations to protect our construction workers from the discrimination and abuse currently experienced where they are being treated as second-class workers in our own province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Honourable the Premier, in collaboration with the Honourable Ministers of Mines and Energy, Education, Industry, Trade and Technology and the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, insist immediately that the developer, Hibernia Management & Development Company (HMDC), with its contractors, together with the unions, through the Oil Development Council (ODC), address the escalating employment and future preparedness concerns at the Bull Arm site, and together forge a collective will and determination to ensure qualified local construction workers get an equitable and just number of quality construction and commissioning employment opportunities at the Bull Arm site, specifically by the following:

- (1) The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy insist both HMDC and their contractors detail human resource plans for both construction and production phases of their operations, such that all trade, technical and supervisory occupations are outlined, in full, and where short-falls exist in this province a corrective plan is instituted to address that short-fall by local workers. Furthermore, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy through his federal counterpart, immediately convene a meeting of all government parties signatory to the 1989 Memorandum of Understanding that was charged with the responsibility to ensure the present situation would not happen, that employment, training and technological transfer would happen, and now address and correct the issues that have been recognized;
- (2) the Honourable the Ministers of Education, Environment and Labour, along with the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, ensure that enforceable regulations exist, or existing ones modified, to provide present construction workers with fairer benefits from the construction and commissioning phase of Hibernia's development, and these workers are being prepared for other present and pending resource developments;
- (3) the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology address the issue of more local contractors on commissioning now at Hibernia so as to capture the required management and technical skills presently giving the edge to off-shore contractors for future developments at the expense of local contractors and their employees; and

- (4) that the Honourable the Premier identify, and the entire Government of Newfoundland and Labrador support, a re-focusing of efforts with all parties - developer, companies, government and workers, to recapture the policy "Newfoundland and Labrador first, and technology transfer a must" for all present and pending resource developments."

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents opposing changes to section 284 of the **City of St. John's Act** which will repeal certain funding provisions relating to Bowring Park and road repairs.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder):

"WHEREAS Wednesday, November 20th has been declared National Child Day in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is charged with safeguarding the interests and safety of all children in our Province;

AND WHEREAS Government has a responsibility to assure that the viewpoints, rights and interests of children and youth are carefully considered and fairly represented in all matters that affect them;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on Children's Interests recommended the establishment of a Child and Youth Advocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Government immediately establish the Office of Child and Youth Advocate to

- (a) ensure that the rights and interests of children, youth and their families relating to designated services are protected and advanced and that their voices are heard and considered in the establishment of Government policies;
- (b) ensure that children, youth and their families have access to fair, responsive and appropriate complaint and review processes at all stages in the provision of designated services;

- (c) provide information and advice to the Government and communities about the availability, effectiveness, responsiveness and relevance of designated services to children youth, and their families; and
- (d) promote and coordinate in communities the establishment of advocacy services for children, youth and their families;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Child and Youth Advocate function as an independent Officer of the Legislature with a clear and unimpeded mandate to review and comment upon the operations, programs and mandates of all provincial Government departments and agencies."

After some debate, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the words: "immediately establish" after the words: "that Government" in the Resolution be deleted and the following added:

"consider as part of a comprehensive response the establishment of"

and that the words: "AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" be deleted and the following added as subparagraph (e):

"and that the Office of Child and Youth Advocate function as an independent office of the Legislature with a clear and unimpeded mandate to review and comment upon the operations, programs and mandates of all provincial Government departments and agencies."

The House recessed for 6 minutes.

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, November 21st, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement and tabled a Report of the Ministerial Consultation Process with respect to the **Structuring the Education System**.

Be leave, after Question Period, the Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the status of the North America Marten (pine marten).

The Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the Audited Financial Statements of the Province of Newfoundland Pooled Pension Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995.

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and the St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Provide Firefighters with Protection from Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43). |

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of Bill No. 21, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, November 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 25th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the School Milk Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Ms. Bettney) presented the Reports of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of June, July, August and September, 1996.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain inshore fisherpersons requesting the existing CORE criteria be changed.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government to change the rates charged for automobile insurance in their area of the Province.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing changes to section 284 of the **City of St. John's Act** which will repeal certain funding provisions relating to Bowring Park and road repairs.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barrett) ruled on a point of order respecting the number of signatures attached to a Petition as required under Standing Order 92.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42) |

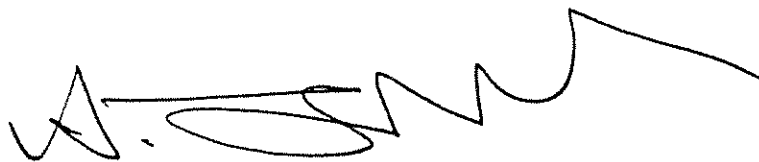
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide Firefighters with Protection from Personal Liability" (Bill No.43).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, November 26th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement respecting foreign overfishing, in particular Spain's request to the Federal Government not to implement Bill C-26, **An Act Respecting Oceans of Canada**.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that Government had approved funding for the purpose of establishing a Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44).

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are the rightful owners of the Churchill Falls power resource;

AND WHEREAS on average between 1976 and 1995, Hydro Quebec received 96% of the benefits while Newfoundland and Labrador only received 4% of the benefits; this has provided a daily revenue flow of 1.7 million dollars to Hydro Quebec while this province receives a mere 61 thousand dollars per day;

AND WHEREAS over the course of the agreement, Hydro Quebec will gain 56 billion dollars while CF(L) Co will have a cash shortfall of 340 million dollars;

AND WHEREAS the people of this province deserve a full and fair share of the wealth of our resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House fully endorse and support the government in its efforts to change this unconscionable contract to maximize the financial benefits accruing from this Labrador resource in the Labrador region of our province."

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of employees of the Newfoundland Dockyard requesting the Provincial Government to take an active stand along with the Federal Government and Marine Atlantic to reopen this vital industry.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the province strongly requesting the Government to introduce legislation to prohibit hunting and harrassment of big game animals by helicopters.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain inshore fisherpersons requesting the existing CORE criteria be changed.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Arnold's Cove requesting the Government to exclude their community from the current automobile insurance rating territory and place their community in the rural rating territory.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member of Labrador West (Mr. Canning) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 27th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, November 27th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a statement to announce that the Government had reached a joint pay equity agreement with NAPE for the general Government service.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to congratulate the newly elected council in the Town of Conception Bay South.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that a independent review panel had been appointed to conduct a public review of the Terra Nova development project.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the following:

- (a) a copy of Minute of Council, 96-851 which relates to certain pre-commitments for \$2 million to be expended under the Department of Works, Services & Transportation Head of Expenditure; and
- (b) a copy of Minute of Council, 96-829 which relates to certain pre-commitments for \$1.5 million to be expended under the Department of Works, Services & Transportation Head of Expenditure.

The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board also tabled the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning):

"WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are the rightful owners of the Churchill Falls power resource;

AND WHEREAS on average between 1976 and 1995, Hydro Quebec received 96% of the benefits while Newfoundland and Labrador only received 4% of the benefits; this has provided a daily revenue flow of 1.7 million dollars to Hydro Quebec while this province receives a mere 61 thousand dollars per day;

AND WHEREAS over the course of the agreement, Hydro Quebec will gain 56 billion dollars while CF(L) Co will have a cash shortfall of 340 million dollars;

AND WHEREAS the people of this province deserve a full and fair share of the wealth of our resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House fully endorse and support the government in its efforts to change this unconscionable contract to maximize the financial benefits accruing from this Labrador resource in the Labrador region of our province."

After some debate, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for the Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder), that the Resolution be amended by deleting the words "the government in its efforts to change" and substituting the words "a change to therefor."

The House recessed for two minutes.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Barrett) resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French.

Against: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Honourable the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Flight, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Penney, Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foot), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Harris, Ms. Jones.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution defeated.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

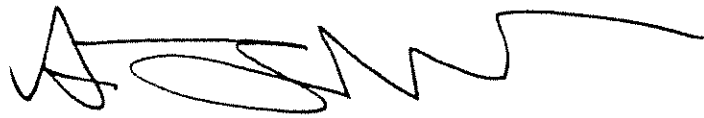
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Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, November 28th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a statement respecting the quarterly economic review for 1996. As well, the Minister tabled the **Economic Review** for November, 1996.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement respecting the Marystown Shipyard Limited and in particular the agreement on productivity improvement measures between the yard and its workforce. The Premier also announced the shipyard had secured on a new contract with AMFELS Inc. of Brownsville, Texas.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the current policy regarding the wearing of sidearms by officers of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary differs significantly from the policy regarding the wearing of sidearms by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police operating in this Province;

AND WHEREAS the training of officers of the RNC with respect to firearm use and other police matters is of an excellent quality that is comparable to that of officers of the RCMP;

AND WHEREAS there is no justification for a disparity in sidearms policy between the two police forces based on demographic or any other factors;

AND WHEREAS the number of firearms seized by RNC officers between April 1 and October 4, 1996 totals 30, and the number of weapons excluding knives seized in that same period totals 56;

AND WHEREAS the number of approved written requests by RNC officers to carry firearms between January 1 and October 4, 1996 totals 568;

AND WHEREAS the current policy which compromises the accessibility of firearms to RNC officers may jeopardize the safety of the officers and of the general public in the areas served by this police force;

AND WHEREAS recent events involving the illegal use of firearms in the area served by the RNC have raised public concerns about the capacity of the RNC to protect them against the consequences of firearms-related crimes;

AND WHEREAS the RNC Association has made a compelling case for the elimination of the disparity in sidearms policy between the RNC and the RCMP in this province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make the appropriate changes so that the policy regarding the wearing of sidearms by officers of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary will be consistent with the policy regarding the wearing of sidearms by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police operating in this Province."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne), the following amendment:

"That the motion for the Second Reading of Bill 21, which is now before the House of Assembly, be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"That Bill 21, "**An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act** be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Resource Committee of the House for further study and consultation."

The House recessed for eight minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and declared the amendment to the motion, that the Bill not be read a second time but the subject matter be referred to the Resource Committee, was in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 29th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, November 29th, 1996

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) made a statement respecting the management and delivery of health care services in the Burin, Bonavista and Clarenville regions.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement respecting recent meetings of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministerial Council on Social Policy Renewal and the Council's efforts to encourage governments in the country to renew Canada's social safety net.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46).

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of employees of the Newfoundland Dockyard requesting the Provincial Government to take an active stand along with the Federal Government and Marine Atlantic to reopen this vital industry.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

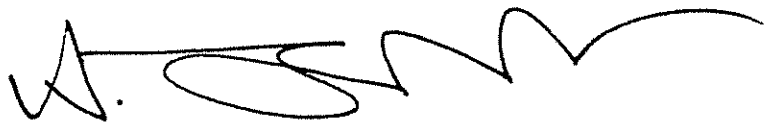
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 2nd, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) made a statement to announce a settlement had been reached in the claim of one of the victims of the Mount Cashel Orphanage and also to announce the Government had made an offer to settle the outstanding claims of 38 other individuals whose cases have not yet gone forward.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement that the decision by Voisey's Bay Nickel Corporation to locate the smelter refinery complex in Argentia had caused disappointment to many Labrador Communities. The Minister announced however, that the Provincial College at Happy Valley - Goose Bay will commence the development of a comprehensive training program in mining technology for the 1997-98 academic year.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement respecting the Cabot 500 Celebrations and the aggressive marketing initiative in the promotion of the Province's 1997 Cabot 500 anniversary year.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order with respect to certain language used by the Leader of the Opposition during question period. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the year ending March 31, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting a Provincial College" (Bill No. 47).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the **Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act** states in subsections 4.1(1) and (2) that:

"4.1. (1) A person may, in the current taxation year deduct from the amount payable under section 4, the amount payable to the province under the **Income Tax Act** in respect of mining income in the province for that year.

(2) Subsection (1) shall apply only for each year of the first 10 years after the achievement of commercial production in the mine from which the mining income is derived.";

AND WHEREAS there is nothing in the **Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act** or any other legislation to exempt Inco or its subsidiaries or operations at Voisey's Bay from these provisions;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Premier Tobin stated in this House on November 20, 1996 that "there will be no 10-year tax holiday for Inco";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to act promptly to amend the **Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act** by adding in subsection 4.1(1) immediately following the words "A person", the words "other than Inco and its subsidiaries and operations at Voisey's Bay".

In reply to a certain question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave certain answers respecting tax harmonization.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a petition on behalf of certain construction workers in the Province requesting an investigation into the hiring of local construction workers on major developments.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Pensions Benefits" (Bill No. 46) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 54.2(1) that the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44) having received Second Reading be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Services.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

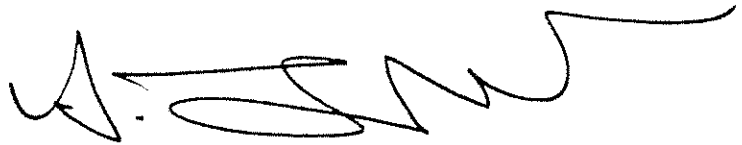
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 3rd, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) on December 2nd, 1996. After quoting from several authorities, the Speaker ruled that certain language spoken by the Leader of the Opposition was unparliamentary. The Leader of the Opposition subsequently withdrew those remarks.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote) made a statement to advise Members with respect to the pending expansion of Internet Services to rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement and tabled a White Paper entitled **Challenging Responses to Changing Times - New Proposals for Occupational Regulation**.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to announce a five year strategy for the fur industry.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave an answer with respect to the fish plant at St. Lawrence.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of Pouch Cove requesting the Government of the Province to instruct the Auditor General to undertake a legislative audit into the practices, policies, finances and administration of the Town Council of Pouch Cove.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Freedom of Information Act and The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

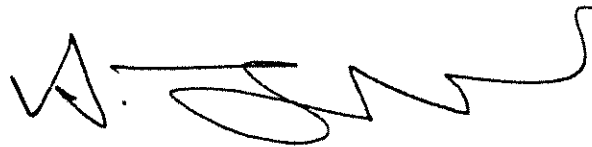
On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday in place of the motion announced by the Opposition House Leader yesterday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, December 4th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement respecting the environmental assessment process for the Hibernia Transshipment Terminal.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Amoco Canada Petroleum Company had confirmed that it will drill one well on the Grand Banks in 1997.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to assert his right to speak following a Ministerial Statement. The Speaker ruled that under the Standing Orders and precedents, the Member did not have that right.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald):

"WHEREAS the current automobile insurance rate structure in Newfoundland and Labrador is unfair and the rates are unacceptably high;

AND WHEREAS the statistical territories used as guides in setting insurance rates do not reflect fairly the risks to motorists in different areas of the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its disapproval of the current automobile insurance rate structure and insurance rates;

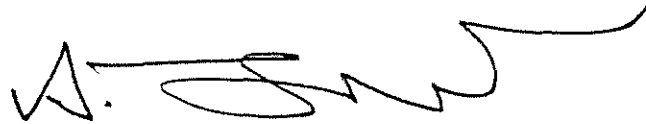
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador take appropriate action to produce an improved automobile insurance rate structure that is fair and that gives consumers insurance rates that are more reasonable."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 4:07 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 34)

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the people of Labrador have long since felt a great deal of frustration because they have not received a full and fair share of its resources;

AND WHEREAS the people of Labrador are demanding to be full partners in this province;

AND WHEREAS the time has come to correct the inequities in Labrador, giving the people more control and input into the development of their region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the Honourable the Premier and the Government to commence the following:

1. Commit to enact a Labrador Advisory Council to provide input on policy and legislation related to Labrador;
2. Establish legislative commitment to develop "An Act Respecting Labrador", to properly deal with and recognize the differences and unique challenges of the Labrador region;
3. Establish legislative commitment to provide a regional royalty fund through ensuring that a percentage of provincial royalties derived from resources within the region are used for the benefit of Labrador and Labradorians;
4. Establish legislative commitment to develop a Crown Corporation to accept and administer funds resulting from the royalty fund and establish an administrative and governing body of the Corporation which shall consist of representatives from each region of Labrador;
5. Commit to the completion of a highway system comparable to the Trans Canada Highway within the region;

6. Commit to ensure that all communities in the region have adequate and modern water and sewer services completed;
7. Commit to prepare a long term energy plan for the region to be tabled in the House of Assembly on or before December 31, 1997;
8. Commit to a regional preference policy for resource development in the region which would guarantee maximum economic opportunities for the people of the region;
9. Commit to continue ambulatory services for the region;
10. Commit to provide law enforcement services that are accessible to all areas of Labrador;
11. Commit to assist with the resolution of land claims of the Aboriginal Peoples of Labrador;
12. Commit to provide proportionate government offices and local service centres in the region; and,
13. Commit to ensuring accessibility to post-secondary training for Labradorians, in sectors where the employment opportunities are greater in that part of the province."

In reply to Question No. 1 as asked by the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and printed in the July 24, 1996 edition of the Order Paper, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) tabled an answer respecting matters relating to her Department.

In reply to Question No. 1 as asked by the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and printed in the July 24, 1996 edition of the Order Paper, the Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) tabled an answer respecting matters relating to his Department.

The Member for Twillingate - Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his district requesting the Government to issue a crab and shrimp licence for the plant in the district in order to provide employment.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Town of Pouch Cove requesting the Government of the Province to instruct the Auditor General to undertake a legislative audit into the practices, policies, finances and administration of the Town Council of Pouch Cove.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and the St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and the St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, it was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

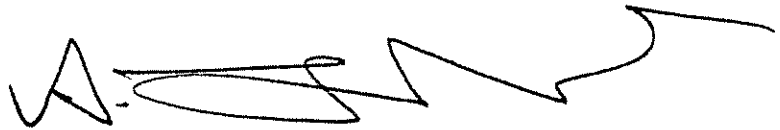
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) rose on a Point of Order respecting the posing of supplementary questions to Ministers during question period.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, November 6th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 6th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Bettney), made a statement to recognize the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women and the anniversary of the murder of 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnic Engineering School.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Renewal Development (Ms. Foote) made a statement in support of the bid by the Newfoundland Alliance of Technical Industries to attract Softworld, '98 an international information technology conference, to St. John's.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to recognize the 25th anniversary of the completion of the Churchill Falls Hydro Electric Project when the first unit of power was fed into the continent's energy grid.

The Honourable the Education (Mr. Grimes), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward), tabled the Newfoundland Transshipment Terminal Project - Environment Assessment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act and the Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50). |

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

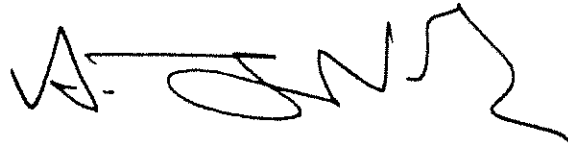
On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook (Bill No. 40) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 9th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote) made a statement to advise Members with respect to the progress being made in advancing Government's regional economic development agenda.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement to announce a new government - industry initiative respecting the promotion and enhancement of cultural tourism in the province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to announce important initiatives in managing the fish and wildlife resources of the province, namely, the establishment of an Inland Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council and the approval of a Conservation and Stewardship Stamp Program.

The Member for Port au Port District (Mr. Smith) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS ground search and rescue organizations have been in existence in this province since 1972;

AND WHEREAS at the present time ground search and rescue units exist throughout most of the province, both on the island and in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS these ground search and rescue organizations provide a very important service to the people of this province;

AND WHEREAS at the present time these ground search and rescue organizations are dependent primarily on local fund raising to finance their operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, on behalf of the people of this province, express its appreciation and support for the work of these ground search and rescue organizations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador officially, recognize the efforts of these organizations and actively explore ways of assisting them in carrying out their very important work on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to introduce amendments to the **Human Rights Code** to include sexual orientation as a prohibitive ground for discrimination.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting the Operation of Schools in the Province" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting the Operation of Schools in the Province" (Bill No. 48).

The House recessed at 6 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting the Operation of Schools in the Province" (Bill No. 48) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting the Operation of Schools in the Province" (Bill No. 48) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill no. 27) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 10th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 8:13 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 10th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) asked that the House send congratulations to Mr. Gerry Byrne, the Member of the House of Commons for the District of Humber St. Barbe - Baie Verte for his efforts in convincing the Human Resources Development Committee of Parliament to amend Bill C-66, "**An Act To Amend the Canada Labour Code**" so that the ferry between Port aux Basques and North Sydney is declared essential. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) spoke in favour of the statement.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement recognizing the 48th Anniversary of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled a copy of Minute of Council 96-942 which relates to certain pre-commitments authorized under section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$1,273,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain construction workers in the Province requesting Government to investigate the hiring of local construction workers in the major projects and developments and in particular the Bull Arm site.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

In consultation with the Clerk, the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) made appropriate changes to the Resolution introduced by the Member on November 20th and the Minutes of the House were changed accordingly.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

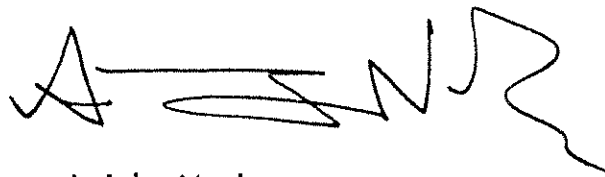
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 11th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:16 in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, December 11th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement respecting Government's Home Support Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to advise Members with respect to Government's Agricultural Awareness Campaign across the Province.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of 12000 citizens requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith):

"WHEREAS ground search and rescue organizations have been in existence in this province since 1972;

AND WHEREAS at the present time ground search and rescue units exist throughout most of the province, both on the island and in Labrador;

AND WHEREAS these ground search and rescue organizations provide a very important service to the people of this province;

AND WHEREAS at the present time these ground search and rescue organizations are dependent primarily on local fund raising to finance their operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, on behalf of the people of this province, express its appreciation and support for the work of these ground search and rescue organizations;

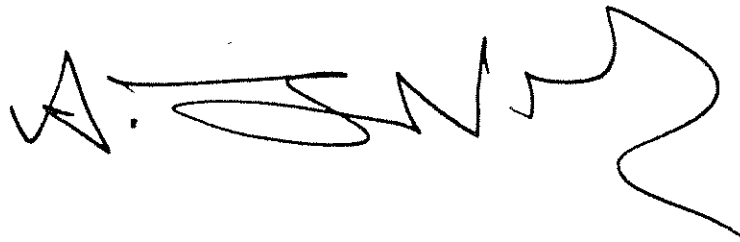
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador officially, recognize the efforts of these organizations and actively explore ways of assisting them in carrying out their very important work on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 12th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to publicly thank the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Russell for their service to the people of the Province during the past 5 years and to offer congratulations to Dr. A.M. (Max) House on his nomination as the new Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement respecting the 1997 capelin fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce that funding of \$25,000 will be provided to a Provincial School Drama Festival for May, 1997 as part of the Cabot 500 Celebrations.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) tabled the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1996.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 273(3) of Part III of the **Elections Act, 1991**, tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Financing for 1995.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act and The Trust and Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51).

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) presented a Petition on behalf of residents opposing the establishment of private fishing zones on the rivers of the Province and any prohibition on the inherent right of citizens to use these rivers.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35) and by leave the Bill was withdrawn for further debate on tomorrow.

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved amendments to clauses 1, 4 and 5.

The Chair ruled that the amendments were in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Committee of the Whole passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25), without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Barrett) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act"
(Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Portability Of
Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act"
(Bill No. 25).

On motion it was ordered that the Bills No. 23, 28 and 25 be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

By leave, at 4:30 of the clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated for one half hour.

At 5 o'clock the House continued with Government business.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and the St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 5 of Bill No. 36 be amended by adding immediately after subclause (3) the following:

(4) Subsection (3) is considered to have come into force on December 1, 1994."

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Assessment Act and the St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36), with an amendment.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee recessed at 6 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Penney) resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Dental Act" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) moved an amendment.

By leave, the Bill was withdrawn until tomorrow so that the amendment could be studied by Members.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 43:

"That subsection 4(1) contained in clause 4(1) of Bill No. 43 be struck out and the following substituted:

"4.(1) A firefighter who acted in good faith in the execution of his or her duties shall be indemnified for reasonable legal costs incurred

(a) in the defence of a civil action, if the firefighter is not found to be liable;

(b) in the defence of a criminal prosecution, if the firefighter is found not guilty; and

(c) in respect of another proceeding in which the firefighter's execution of his or her duties is an issue."

The Chair ruled the amendment in order.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43), with the amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Barrett) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills, without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42)

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 37, 41, 40, 47, 31, 24 and 42 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again.

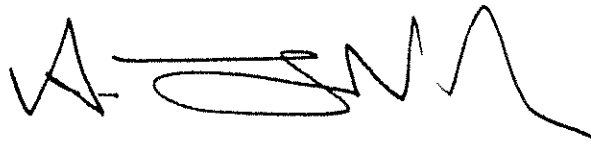
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act and The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43)

The amendments to Bill No. 36 and Bill No. 43 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 36 and 43 be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, December 13th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:28 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 13th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a statement to announce that the retail sales tax on cars and trucks sold by registered dealers will be reduced from 12% to 8% effective midnight.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to advise the House of two reports on student performance, a report on primary mathematics achievement and a report on basic skills upon entering high school. The Minister also tabled the two reports.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), pursuant to Standing Order 54.1, and as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, presented the Report of the Social Services Committee recommending passage of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44) with the addition of an amendment.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 12 noon.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

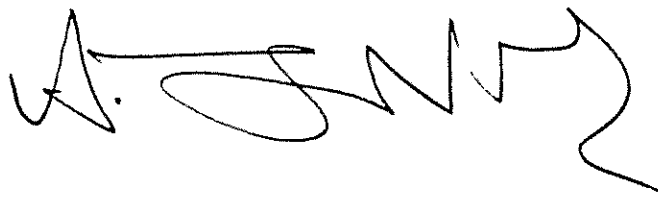
The House recessed at 12 noon for lunch.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 12:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

Debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 2:40 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 16th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that the Government had engaged the services of Mr. Morgan Cooper to begin a consultation process between all interested stakeholders in developing a working relationship on offshore production platforms.

On today's date the Honourable the Speaker received the resignation of Mr. Wayne Mitchell as Commissioner of Members' Interests.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to announce that by agreement of all parties in the House of Assembly effective today, Mr. Robert Jenkins will become the new Chief Electoral Officer and with the approval of the House the new Commissioner of Members' Interests. The Premier also announced that Mr. Wayne Mitchell will become the Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor upon the retirement of Brigadier General Gordon Barnes in early February. On behalf of the Government, the Premier thanked both Mr. Mitchell and Brigadier General Barnes for their service to the Province.

The Honourable the Premier further moved the following Resolution:

"That Robert Jenkins be appointed as the Commissioner of Members Interests under subsection 34(2) of the **House of Assembly Act**."

By leave, the Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Premier gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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| A Bill | "An Act Respecting the Good Faith Donation and Distribution of Food" (Bill No. 30) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting the Protection of Heritage Animals" (Bill 32). |

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens requesting the Terra Nova Oil Fields be developed by Canadian industry for the benefit of all Canadians.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act Respecting the Good Faith Donation And Distribution of Food" (Bill No. 30) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29). |

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents and Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act and The Trust and Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

By leave, it was agreed that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock, but will continue to sit until 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) moved, seconded by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), the following amendment:

"That the motion for the Second Reading of Bill No. 45, which is now before the House of Assembly, be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"That Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" be not now read a second time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Government Services Committee of the House for further study and consultation."

Debate commenced on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

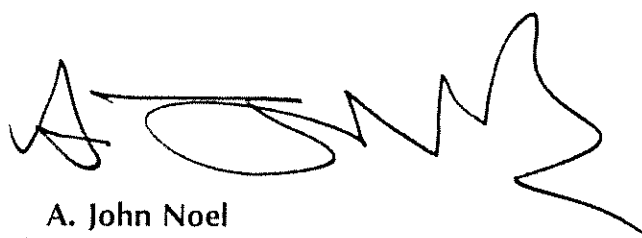
After some debate, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board and any amendments to that motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 45 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Second Reading of Bill No. 45 shall not be further postponed.

The debate on the amendment to Second Reading of Bill No. 45 continued and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 17th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker announced that a copy of the Gideon Bible had been placed on the desk of each Member of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews) made a statement respecting Gideon International.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board and any amendments to that motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 45 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Second Reading of Bill No. 45 shall not be further postponed.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45) pursuant to the closure motion.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion that Bill No. 45 not now be read a second time but be referred to the Government Services Committee.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Roger Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Ms. Jones.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Penney, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

Debate continued on the motion that the Bill entitled "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement between The Government of Canada and The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45) be read a second time.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Penney, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Oldford, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman.

Against: The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Roger Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Ms. Jones.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 45) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46).

The Speaker recessed the House at 6 o'clock in the evening for Members to attend dinner.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) resumed the Chair at 6:58 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debated commenced and concluded on Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Good Faith Donation And Distribution of Food" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Good Faith Donation And Distribution of Food" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Hon. Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 54.2(1), that the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Good Faith Donation And Distribution Of Food" (Bill No. 30) having received Second Reading be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Services and the Report of the Committee be tabled in the House before March 31, 1997 or be deposited with the Clerk of the House before that date if the House is not in Session.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

The Hon. the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer service Medal" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44).

The Hon. the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) moved the following amendment:

"That Bill 44 be amended be renumbering clause 204 as clause 205 and by adding immediately after clause 203 the following:

"Review

204. After the expiration of not more than 3 years after the coming into force of this Act, the minister shall refer this Act to a committee for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of this Act."

The Chairperson (Mr. Penney) put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, ""An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44), with the amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) moved a number of amendments which were later withdrawn.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) moved the following amendment:

"That clause 2 of the Bill be amended by striking out the phrase "by an applicant" and by striking out the words "that applicant" and substituting the words "the appellant" in the proposed subsection 8.1(3)."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35), with the amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49).

The amendment to Bill No. 49 moved by the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) in a previous sitting of the Committee was withdrawn.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved and tabled a number of amendments.

By agreement, the Chair recessed the Committee at 12 midnight.

The Chair (Mr. Barrett) resumed the Chair of Committee at 12:30 o'clock in the morning.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments to Bill No. 39 as moved by the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) and declared the amendments defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39), without amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) moved an amendment.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment to Clause 2 of the Bill.

Division was called on Clause 2:

There appeared in favour of the amendment: The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Shelley, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Roger Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. French.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Oldford, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Ms. Jones

The Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38), without amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) moved a number of amendments.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Chair recessed the Committee at 4:31 o'clock in the morning for fifteen minutes.

The Chair resumed the Committee at 4:45 o'clock in the morning.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33), without amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22).

The amendments to Bill No. 22 moved by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) were withdrawn.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Penney) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49) |
| A Bill " | An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50) |
| A Bill " | An Act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39) |

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 26, 49, 50, 39, 38, 33, 22 and 21 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson also reported that the Committee had considered the matter to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35).

The amendments to Bills No. 44 and 35 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 44 and 35 be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25)

- A Bill "An Act to Amend The Assessment Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42).

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved a number of amendments to Bill No. 27.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 27.

"That Bill No. 27 be amended by deleting subclause 8(1) and substituting the following:

Existing councils abolished

"8.(1) When the commission is established but, in any event, not later than 21 days after the commencement of this Act, a denominational education council established under section 4 of the former Act is abolished".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27) with the amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved a number of amendments.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 50 that the debate on Bill No. 48 entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation of Schools In The Province" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Education shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 48 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

On motion the Committee rose.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27) with an amendment, had made some progress on another Bill and asked leave to sit again.

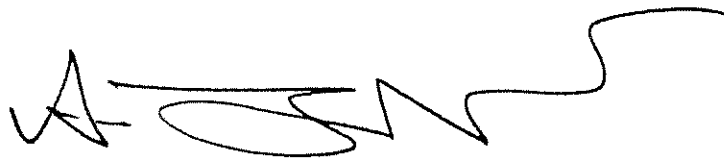
The amendment to Bill No. 27 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 50 that the debate on Bill No. 45 entitled, "An Act To Implement the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, schedule or schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 45 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, December 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 6:03 o'clock in the morning of December 18th, 1996.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, December 18th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to advise the House that the Board of Directors of the Iron Ore Company of Canada had approved a major capital expenditure program of \$75 million in the Labrador City area for 1997 and 1998.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quid Vidi (Mr. Harris) gave notice of a matter of privilege regarding certain remarks made about him on December 17th when he was not in attendance in the House.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of order respecting the rule of anticipation whereupon the Speaker reminded all Members of the rules.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to introduce amendments to the **Human Rights Code** to include sexual orientation as a prohibitive ground of discrimination.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan):

"**WHEREAS** the *Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act* states in subsections 4.1(1) and (2) that:

"4.1. (1) A person may, in the current taxation year, deduct from the amount payable under section 4, the amount payable to the Province under the *Income Tax Act* in respect of mining income in the Province for that year.

(2) Subsection (1) shall apply only for each year of the 1st 10 years after the achievement of commercial production in the mine from which the mining income is derived.";

AND WHEREAS there is nothing in the *Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act* or any other legislation to exempt Inco or its subsidiaries or operations at Voisey's Bay from these provisions;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable the Premier stated in this House on November 20, 1996 that "there will be no 10-year tax holiday for Inco";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to act promptly to amend the *Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act* by adding in subsection 4.1(1) immediately following the words "A person" the words "other than Inco and its subsidiaries and operations at Voisey's Bay".

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution:

The House divided.

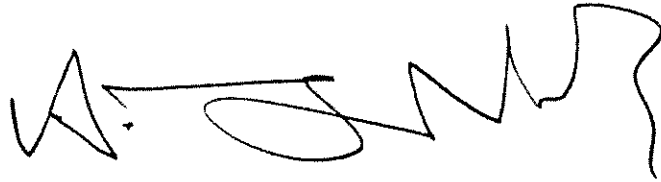
There appeared in favour of the Resolution: the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan), Mr. Hodder, Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Langdon, the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 19th, 1996

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a statement to ask the House of Assembly to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Oscar Hierlihy of Chamberlains. The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in agreement.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro had completed the connection of the Communities of Westport and Purbeck's Cove to the main island electrical transmission system.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled a copy of the audited Public Accounts and the Accounts of the Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1996 (in 4 volumes).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for October, 1996.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 48 entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Education shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution

or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 48 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

By agreement, the time of debate allotted to each Member under the above noted closure motion was waived so that if a Member from the Opposition wished to speak for more than 20 minutes the extra speaking time would be taken from the total Opposition allotment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48).

The Member for st. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved and tabled a number of amendments to Bill No. 48. After some debate, the Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) moved the following amendments:

"1. That subclause 14(2) of Bill 48 be amended by deleting the words "from outside Canada".

2. That clause 17 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

Offence

"17.(1) A parent who neglects or refuses to enrol his or her child in school or does not make every reasonable effort to ensure that his or her child attends school is guilty of an offence."

3. That clause 36 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

Corporal punishment

"36. A person shall not administer corporal punishment to a student in a school."

4. That clause 78 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

Denominational committees

"78.(1) Where the commission determines under paragraph 3(5)(c) of the **Education Act, 1996** that a denominational committee for a class is required for a board, those trustees elected as representatives of that class under paragraph 53(3)(a) shall, from among themselves, appoint that committee, consisting of no more than 4 persons.

(2) Where a board has an insufficient number of trustees of a religious denomination to constitute a denominational committee, the board may appoint persons to that denominational committee in accordance with paragraph 3(5)(d) of the **Education Act, 1996.**"

5. That paragraph 91(1)(o) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

"(o) be, by virtue of his or her position, a non-voting member of all board committees and attend all meetings of the board and the executive committee, except those meetings or parts of meetings during which matters related directly to the employment of the director are to be discussed; and."

6. That paragraph 95(4)(a) of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

(a) all matters necessary for the board to manage, maintain, use, equip and improve the property while the property is required by the board for the purpose of education; and".

7. That the Bill be amended by adding immediately after section 121 the following Schedule:

"Schedule

In lieu of section ninety-three of the **Constitution Act, 1867**, the following shall apply in respect of the Province of Newfoundland:

In and for the Province of Newfoundland, the Legislature shall have exclusive authority to make laws in relation to education but

- (a) except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), schools established, maintained and operated with public funds shall be denominational schools, and any class of persons having rights under this Term as it read on January 1, 1995 shall continue to have the right to provide for religious education, activities and observances for the children of that class in those schools, and the group of classes that formed one integrated school system by agreement in 1969 may exercise the same rights under this Term as a single class of persons;
- (b) subject to provincial legislation that is uniformly applicable to all schools specifying conditions for the establishment of continued operation of schools,
 - (i) any class of persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall have the right to have a publicly funded denominational school established, maintained and operated especially for that class, and
 - (ii) the Legislature may approve the establishment, maintenance and operation of a publicly funded school, whether denominational or non-denominational;
- (c) where a school is established, maintained and operated pursuant to subparagraph (b)(i), the class of persons referred to in that subparagraph shall continue to have the right to provide for religious education, activities and observances and to direct the teaching of aspects of curriculum affecting religious beliefs, student admission policy and the assignment and dismissal of teachers in that school;
- (d) all schools referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall receive their share of public funds in accordance with scales determined on a non-discriminatory basis from time to time by the Legislature; and

- (e) if the classes of persons having rights under this Term so desire, they shall have the right to elect in total not less than two thirds of the members of a school board, and any class so desiring shall have the right to elect the portion of that total that is proportionate to the population of that class in the area under the board's jurisdiction."."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48), with amendments.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Pensions Benefits" (Bill No. 46).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved the following amendment:

"That clause 54 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted:

Regulations prescribe procedure to divide pension.

"54. When dividing a pension benefit or satisfying a spouse's entitlement to a pension benefit the

- (a) procedures to be followed by a spouse, member and administrator of a pension plan;
- (b) information to be provided to a spouse or limited member by an administrator of a pension plan;
- (c) form, content and manner of giving a notice of waiver under this Part; and

- (d) maximum fee that may be charged by an administrator of a plan

shall be as prescribed in the regulations."."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46), with the amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill 45 entitled, "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of Newfoundland and Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, Schedule or Schedules, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 45 shall be first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 45).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder), with the concurrence of the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), moved that clause 6 of the Bill be amended by striking out the phrase "awarded to a relative of the volunteer as prescribed by the regulations" and substituting the phrase "presented to a relative of the volunteer on behalf of that volunteer".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29), with the amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Barrett) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And the Government Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 45). |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51). |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32). |

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 45, 51 and 32 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29).

The amendments to Bills No. 48, 46 and 29 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 48, 46 and 29 be read a third time presently.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Lands Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50)

- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools In The Province" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Pension Benefits" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29) .

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Speaker, in accordance with section 13 of the **Auditor General Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion the Bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 21 and 33 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board informed the House that he had received a message from His Honour the Administrator.

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

"November 14, 1996

The Honourable the Minister of Finance:

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1996, by way of Supplementary Supply and in accordance with the provisions of the **Constitution Act 1867**, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

James R. Gushue
Administrator"

On motion of the Government House Leader, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 34 for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1996 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 34).

The Committee also considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 6).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1996, the sum of \$32,515,500".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial year Ending March 31, 1996 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 34) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the guarantee of the repayment of loans made to, and the advance of loans to certain local authorities".

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 6) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32) and on motion the Bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed for 15 minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and Loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland and Labrador, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial year Ending March 31, 1996 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 34).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and I Assent to this Bill".

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Service Medal" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Municipal Elections Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting A Provincial College" (Bill No. 47)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Judgment Enforcement" (Bill No. 44)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Expropriation Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An act To Amend The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Education" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor control Act And The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Operation Of School In The Province" (Bill No. 48)
- A Bill "An Act To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Pension Plan Benefits" (Bill No. 46)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Dealers Act, The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act, The Insurance Companies Act, The Real Estate Trading Act And The Trust And Loan Corporations Licensing Act" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Heritage Animals" (Bill No. 32).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".

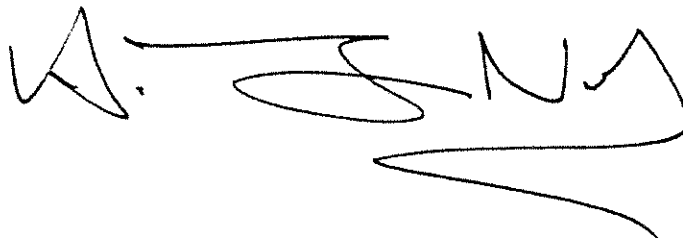
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor addressed Members respecting the role of Lieutenant-Governor, his years in the position and Government House, after which he wished all Members and their families Seasons Greetings. The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), followed by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) responded.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 10th, 1997

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the motion of adjournment adopted by the House on December 19th, 1996.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The First Session of the 43rd General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought before you by My Ministers. Your commitment to your work and diligence in these difficult times deserve our appreciation and acknowledgement.

Fifty pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in education, municipal affairs, government services, justice, fisheries and the environment during 1996.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Ever mindful of the commitment of My Ministers to educational reform, this Session saw passage of three important education related Bills. As a consequence of the amendment of Term 17 of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada, a new **Education Act** was enacted. This Act establishes a new Denominational Education Commission and a School Construction Board. As well, My Ministers introduced an **Act To Revise the Law Respecting The Operation Of Schools in the Province**. This measure is the first substantive revision to our schools legislation since 1969. A new **College Act**, which establishes one provincial college in the Province, was also enacted.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

A major reform of the law respecting enforcement of judgements of our Courts was enacted. As well, a **Revised Pension Benefits Act** was introduced and passed during this Session. The **Professional Fish Harvesters Act** was enacted. This Act provides for the certification of professional fish harvesters in our Province.

During this Session My Ministers introduced amendments to the **City Of St. John's Act**, the **City Of Corner Brook Act**, the **City Of Mount Pearl Act** and the **Municipalities Act**, the purpose of which was to change the date for holding municipal elections from November to September in order to afford newly elected municipal councils more time to prepare their budgets. As well, **An Act To Provide Firefighters With Protection From Personal Liability** was enacted.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

As part of My Ministers continuing commitment to the revision of our law, this House passed **An Act To Provide For The Safety Of The Public With Respect To The Use And Operation Of Elevating Devices, Amusement Rides, Pressure And Electrical Systems.**

In an effort to reduce the tax burden in this Province, My Ministers introduced a **Bill To Implement The Comprehensive Integrated Tax Co-ordination Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government of This Province.** This legislation takes effect on April 1st of this year.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Many of our citizens are concerned about the environmental effects of packaging materials. Therefore, in an effort to alleviate these environmental concerns, My Ministers introduced amendments to the **Packaging Material Act** in order to establish the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board which will administer a deposit refund system and to provide a regulatory regime.

As stated in the Address of My Predecessor opening this Session and to recognize the service of volunteers in our community, **An Act Respecting The Newfoundland And Labrador Volunteer Services Medal** was enacted.

As a means of recognizing and protecting our heritage animals and in particular the Newfoundland pony, a Bill was enacted to provide for these matters. As well, **An Act To Establish The Memorial University Foundation** as a charitable foundation was enacted.

Many other significant legislative measures were also enacted during this Session.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted. I assure you that the appropriations that you have granted have been and will be expended by My Ministers with care and efficiency.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

It is my pleasure that the First Session of the Forty-Third General Assembly now be prorogued and is prorogued accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then said, "It is the wish and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly