

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

1999

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine, being the Forty-eighth 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.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1999

In accordance with the **Election Act, 1991**, a General Election was held on the 9th day of February, 1999 after which His Honour, the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, by His Proclamation bearing the date of the 12th day of March, 1999 appointed Tuesday, the 16th 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
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands
Percy Barrett	Bellevue
Beaton Tulk	Bonavista North
Roger Fitzgerald	Bonavista South
Kelvin Parsons	Burgeo & LaPoile
Mary Hodder	Burin-Placentia West
Jack Byrne	Cape St. Francis
George Sweeney	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

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Loyola Sullivan	Ferryland
Oliver Langdon	Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune
Sandra Kelly	Gander
Judy Foote	Grand Bank
Anna Thistle	Grand Falls-Buchans
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main-Whitbourne
Robert Mercer	Humber East
Rick Woodford	Humber Valley
Paul Dicks	Humber West
Edward J. Byrne	Kilbride
Randy Collins	Labrador West
Ernest McLean	Lake Melville
Tom Rideout	Lewisporte
Julie Bettney	Mount Pearl
Fabian Manning	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

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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
Sheila Osborne	St. John's West
Jack Harris	Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi
Tom Lush	Terra Nova
Brian Tobin	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
Ray Hunter	Windsor-Springdale.

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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 5th, 1999, 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 Elizabeth Gallagher, the Sergeant-at-Arms, entered the Chamber followed by the Honourable Clyde K. Wells, 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.

A. M. House
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Paul D. Dicks
Minister of Justice

Tuesday, March 16th, 1999

TO: **HONOURABLE CLYDE WELLS**
Chief Justice of Newfoundland

and

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

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW ~~Y~~**OU** 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 9th day of February, 1999, 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 A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1999

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's this 12th day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Lloyd Matthews
REGISTRAR GENERAL"

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

Paul Shelley	Baie Verte
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands
Percy Barrett	Bellevue
Beaton Tulk	Bonavista North
Roger Fitzgerald	Bonavista South
Kelvin Parsons	Burgeo & LaPoile
Mary Hodder	Burin-Placentia West
Jack Byrne	Cape St. Francis
George Sweeney	Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair

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James Walsh	Conception Bay East & Bell Island
Robert French	Conception Bay South
Loyola Sullivan	Ferryland
Oliver Langdon	Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune
Sandra Kelly	Gander
Judy Foote	Grand Bank
Anna Thistle	Grand Falls-Buchans
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main-Whitbourne
Robert Mercer	Humber East
Rick Woodford	Humber Valley
Paul Dicks	Humber West
Edward J. Byrne	Kilbride
Randy Collins	Labrador West
Ernest McLean	Lake Melville
Tom Rideout	Lewisporte
Julie Bettney	Mount Pearl
Fabian Manning	Placentia & St. Mary's
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Ralph Wiseman	Topsail
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Lloyd George Snow	Trinity-Bay de Verde
Doug Oldford	Trinity North
Gerry Reid	Twillingate & Fogo
Walter Noel	Virginia Waters
Harvey Hodder	Waterford Valley
Ray Hunter	Windsor-Springdale.

The Clerk noted that the Members Elect for the Districts of Exploits and Port de Grave were unavoidably absent during the ceremony.

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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.

A.M. House
Lieutenant-Governor

Paul D. Dicks
Minister of Justice

TO: HONOURABLE CLYDE WELLS,
Chief Justice of Newfoundland

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-Fourth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland should be open for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of March, 1999, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the 12th day of March, 1999.

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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 Clyde Wells 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 16th day of March, 1999, 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 A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in our City of St. John's this 12th day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine and in the forty-eight year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

Lloyd Matthews
REGISTRAR GENERAL"

The Honourable Clyde Wells, 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."

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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. Ed Byrne).

No other person being proposed as Speaker, the question was put by the Clerk that Lloyd Snow, the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, 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 Douglas Oldford, the Member for the District of Trinity North 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 Gerald Smith, Member for the District of Port au Port 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 (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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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 A. M. House, 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."

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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 the Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification" (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 Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) and seconded by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) 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. Ed Byrne), the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) 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:

Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Member for Burgeo & LaPoile
Ms. Yvonne Jones, Member for Cartwright L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Ray Hunter, Member for Windsor-Springdale.

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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, Thursday, March 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, March 17th, 1999

Be it known that at 11:30 o'clock in the morning, there appeared at the Court of Appeal before the Honourable Clyde Wells, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, being one of the Commissioners appointed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to take the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, Honourable John Efford, the Member returned for the District of Port de Grave, who took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly. Later that morning the Member signed the Roll of Members.

Be it known that at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, there appeared at the Court of Appeal before the Honourable Clyde Wells, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, being one of the Commissioners appointed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to take the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, Honourable Roger Grimes, the Member returned for the District of Exploits, who took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly. Later that afternoon the Member signed the Roll of Members.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, March 18th, 1999

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

By leave, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send letters of condolence on behalf of all Members to the families of the late Senator William Petten and the late Mr. Michael Harrington. The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement respecting the Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook. The Minister announced funding for various future sporting events in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce that the Labrador West Campus of the College of the North Atlantic will be home to a new Mining Technology Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to announce that the Budget Speech will be delivered on Monday, March 22nd, 1999.

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

"WHEREAS the failure of the Government of Canada to implement measures adequate to control the population of harp seals on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador has allowed the harp seal population to expand unchecked to levels that further threaten the depleted groundfish stocks on which numerous communities and people have traditionally depended;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, under the Constitution, has sole management jurisdiction for seals with respect to the setting of quotas;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Government of Canada take immediate measures to reduce and properly control the harp seal population;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has proven many times over the years, in discharging its fisheries management responsibilities, that slowness to act can have disastrous consequences;

AND WHEREAS it is our responsibility, as the elected representatives of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, to ensure that the Government and people of Canada are made properly aware of the details and urgency of this matter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada to take immediate measures that will be effective in properly reducing and controlling the harp seal population along our coasts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an all-Party Committee of the House of Assembly be struck to impress upon the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Government of Canada the urgency of addressing the seal overpopulation crisis."

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

Because of a disturbance in the Public Galleries, the Speaker ordered the galleries cleared and recessed the House at 2:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

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The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a petition on behalf of certain service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

The Member for Placentia-St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Placentia region requesting Government to take measures to ensure that a divided highway continue past the Whitbourne/Blaketown exits and that the twinned highway include the Argentinia access overpass.

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 16, 1999

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, 2000, 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.

A.M. House
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. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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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.

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, March 19th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, March 19th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to report on the recent trade mission of Newfoundland and Labrador entrepreneurs and educators to Chile and Argentina.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the fiscal year April 1, 1997 to April 31, 1998.

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 Ways and Means to consider the Raising of Supply to be Granted to Her Majesty.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance also 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 Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave Route 235 between Birchy Cove and Bonavista in order to bring it up to an acceptable standard.

By leave, the Premier read a press release from the RCMP stating that there was no criminal wrongdoing by Mr. Beaton Tulk and the staff of the former Minister. The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to the matter. The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Tulk) responded.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), 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. Oldford 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.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of order to question whether the word "legal beagle" was parliamentary. After some debate the Chair (Mr. Smith) took the matter under advisement.

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, Monday, March 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, March 22nd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (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 delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance 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 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 18, 1999

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, 2000, in the aggregate of \$2,991,799,300 and in accordance with the provisions of the **Constitution Act, 1867**, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. A.M. House
Lieutenant-Governor".

Monday, March 22nd, 1999

The budgetary documents were distributed.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance 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. Oldford took the Chair of Committee.

On motion the Committee rose.

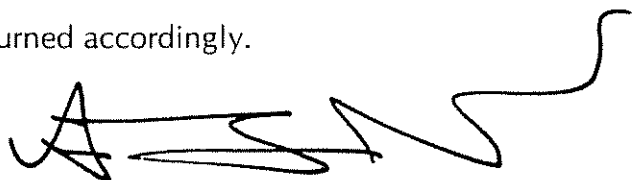
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23rd 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', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, made a Statement respecting the Y Entrepreneurship Conference, a joint effort of the YM-YMCA Enterprise Centre and the Department of Development and Rural Renewal.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to provide Members with details concerning the Federal-Provincial Agriculture Income Disaster Assistance Program which is designed to provide assistance to farmers who face dramatic declines in net incomes as a result of factors beyond their control.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to promote the "Skip-a-Lunch" program tomorrow on March 24th.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation, tabled the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, tabled the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of October, November and December, 1998 and the month of January, 1999.

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The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) 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 A.M. House, CM., M.D., FRCPC.

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: Kelvin Parsons, MHA
Yvonne Jones, MHA
Ray Hunter, MHA

Assembly Chamber
March 19, 1999."

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 32(4) of the **Auditor General Act, 1991**, tabled the audited financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended on March 31st, 1998.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Lethbridge urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the road through Lethbridge.

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The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Harry's Harbour requesting the Government to upgrade and pave the roads in their community because of the unsafe road conditions.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation, made a Statement to advise Members that the Department of Works, Services and Transportation had reached a sixty day leasing agreement with the State of North Carolina for the use of two CL-215 water bombers owned by the Province.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nursing students urging the Government to increase permanent nursing positions and provide better work loads and higher wages for graduate nurses.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nursing students urging the Government to increase permanent nursing positions and provide better work loads and higher wages for graduate nurses.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commended on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald):

"WHEREAS the failure of the Government of Canada to implement measures adequate to control the population of harp seals on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador has allowed the harp seal population to expand unchecked to levels that further threaten the depleted groundfish stocks on which numerous communities and people have traditionally depended;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, under the Constitution, has sole management jurisdiction for seals with respect to the setting of quotas;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Government of Canada take immediate measures to reduce and properly control the harp seal population;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has proven many times over the years, in discharging its fisheries management responsibilities, that slowness to act can have disastrous consequences;

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AND WHEREAS it is our responsibility, as the elected representatives of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, to ensure that the Government and people of Canada are made properly aware of the details and urgency of this matter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada to take immediate measures that will be effective in properly reducing and controlling the harp seal population along our coasts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an all-Party Committee of the House of Assembly be struck to impress upon the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Government of Canada the urgency of addressing the seal overpopulation crisis."

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey), the following amendments to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended

- (a) in the first four Recitals by striking out the words "Government of Canada" and by substituting the words "Parliament of Canada";
- (b) in the fifth Recital by striking out the words "Government and people of Canada" and by substituting the words "Parliament of Canada";
- (c) in the first Resolution Clause by striking out the words "Government of Canada" and by substituting by the words "Parliament of Canada"; and
- (d) by striking out the last Resolution Clause and by substituting the following:
"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an all-Party Committee of the House of Assembly led by the Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture be struck to impress upon the Parliament of Canada the urgency of addressing the seal overpopulation crisis."

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The Speaker (Mr. Smith) recessed the House at 3:34 o'clock in the afternoon to review the amendments.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:35 o'clock and ruled the amendments in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendments to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the amendments to the Resolution. The Speaker declared the amendments to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, March 25th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation, made a Statement to report that progress on Government's \$130 million hospital redevelopment program for St. John's is on schedule and on budget.

During the presentation of the above noted statement there was a disturbance in the Public Galleries, whereupon the Speaker took the opportunity to warn the public about the rules of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to provide Members with a status report on Government's White Paper entitled: **Challenging Responses to Changing Times: New Proposals for Occupation Regulation.**

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses of Branch No. 1 at the Grace General Hospital protesting Government's approach to the latest bargaining negotiations with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union.

During the presentation of the Petition, there was disorder in the Public Galleries, whereupon, the Speaker ordered the Public Galleries cleared and recessed the House at 2:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:59 o'clock in the afternoon.

Another Member spoke to the Petition.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometres of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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 (Mr. Smith) 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.

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.

It was agreed to stop the clock at 5 p.m.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order to state that the Petition presented earlier by the Member for Ferryland was not in order in accordance with the rules of the House.

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The Speaker ruled that Members must send Petitions to the Table for review before presentation in order to ensure that Petitions are in proper form and contain appropriate language.

The Speaker left the Chair 5:06 until tomorrow, Friday, March 26th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, March 26th, 1999

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

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to announce that two collective agreements had recently been negotiated, one with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association in Labrador West and the other with the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees under the Avalon West School Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce that a new program will be piloted in secondary schools throughout the Province during the 1999-2000 school year. The new project is called the Regional Economic Development and Schools.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members of the extension to the Agricultural Safety Nets Agreement which covers the National Income Stabilization Account, Crop Insurance, including the Big Game Crop Loss Compensation Program and the Agrifood Innovation Program.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses in the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to bargain in good faith with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union during the current labour problems.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) tabled a summary of wage increases by various provincial governments.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quid Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain single parents urging the Government to reverse the policy with respect to access to social assistance benefits and student loans for education.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order to allege that the Member for Ferryland had not followed the proper procedure with respect to a certain document he had sent to a Minister. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Pacquet requesting the Government of the Province to pave Route No. 417 because of the unsafe condition on the road.

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On motion of the Honorable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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 (Mr. Smith) 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, Monday, March 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, March 29th, 1999

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

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a Point of Privilege with respect to his efforts to be seen by the Chair as the leader of a parliamentary group in the House, during Question Period.

Based on the precedents of the House and Rulings of former Speakers in 1976 and 1987, the Speaker ruled there was no Point of Privilege and that the Member's privilege had not been violated. The Speaker also ruled that the privilege of parliamentary groups in the House was not a matter for the Speaker to determine but must be decided by all Members.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement respecting the fishing industry and in particular his attendance at the Boston Seafood Show and the value of fish landings last year.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce measures to address workload issues for nurses. The Minister announced that Government had agreed to convert casual nursing positions to permanent nursing positions and that Government had agreed to create 325 permanent nursing positions.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce the 1999 Call for Bids with respect to the Province's offshore area by the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under Section 48 of the Act since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with Section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, also tabled the list of loan guarantees paid out by the Province since the last report to the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 55.1 (2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled the list of Crown corporations where debt had been assumed by the Province. This was the Minister's first report in this regard.

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The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry has long been a core element in Canada's industrial growth strategy creating and sustaining high quality skills-driven jobs with world wide expertise in this vitally important sector;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry has been an important component of our provincial economy;

AND WHEREAS other countries have continued to provide financial incentives and maintain significant trade barriers to protect their shipbuilding industry eliminating the possibility of an international level playing field;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House strongly endorse a national shipbuilding strategy to be undertaken by the Government of Canada that will provide certain measures in support of a strong, and internationally competitive shipbuilding industry as advocated by leaders of this industry."

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses in the Province urging the Government of the Province to bargain in good faith with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union during the current labour problems.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses in the Province urging the Government of the Province to bargain in good faith with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union during the current labour problems.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the West End of St. John's requesting that the "neighbourhood schooling K-12" for that area of St. John's remain intact as agreed upon during educational reform.

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The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Baie Verte Peninsula urging the Minister of Health and Community Services and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to transfer the monies budgeted for the extension of the Grand Falls Hospital Dialysis Unit to the Baie Verte Hospital in order to accommodate patients in the Baie Verte area.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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 Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Smith) 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 Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave notice and moved, in accordance with the Resolution unanimously adopted by the House on March 24th, 1999, that a Select Committee of the House be appointed to travel to Ottawa to present the concerns of all Members of the House of Assembly and the people of the Province to the federal political caucuses and to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans with respect to the seal fishery. The Minister further moved that the following Members comprise this Committee:

The Member for Port de Grave (Honourable John Efford)

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons)

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The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley)
The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald)
The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris)
The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid)
The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen)

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

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, March 30th, 1999

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

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to announce that the Government of the Province had been advised by the Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services Association that unless nurses returned to work as soon as possible, the health care system would not be able to adequately care for patients and the public. The Minister advised Members that the Government would introduce legislation to require nurses to return to work.

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

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-010 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$3,199,300 to be expended under the Legislative Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-058 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$8,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Human Resources and Employment Head of Expenditure;
- (c) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-112 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$6,900,000 to be expended under the Department of Human Resources and Employment Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-113 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$31,650,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-114 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$58,500,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure;

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- (f) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-115 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$1,300,000 to be expended under the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs Head of Expenditure;
- (g) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-116 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$3,800,000 to be expended under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Head of Expenditure;
- (h) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-117 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$1,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods Head of Expenditure;
- (I) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 99-118 under section 28(2) of **The Financial Administration Act**, for \$5,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Finance Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey) rose on a point of order and asked leave for Bill No. 3 to be read a first time. Leave was denied. After some debate, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) moved that the House adjourn for one hour and in so moving tabled a copy of the Bill No. 3.

In order to consider the motion, the Speaker recessed the House at 3:08 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker ruled that in accordance with Standing Order 22, the motion was in order.

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The Speaker put the question on the motion that the House adjourn for one hour.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The House recessed at 3:18 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:19 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) again 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) again asked leave to move First Reading of Bill No. 3. Leave was denied.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government has failed to reach a tentative agreement with the nurses of the Province and, as a result, the nurses' strike, which commenced on March 24, 1999, continues;

AND WHEREAS talks between the Government and the nurses have broken off;

AND WHEREAS the reduction in the nursing workforce associated with the unresolved labour dispute has diminished operations at the Province's health care institutions and deprived people of access to certain medical procedures;

AND WHEREAS the Government, by its own admission, can not assure Newfoundlanders and Labradorians that their health care system will be able to respond adequately to their health care needs if this labour dispute continues unresolved;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government to submit the dispute to binding arbitration as provided for in the **Public Service Collective Bargaining Act.**"

The Speaker reminded visitors in the Public Galleries that disturbances in the galleries will not be tolerated.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses in the Province urging the Government of the Province to bargain in good faith with the Newfoundlanders and Labrador Nurses Union during the current labour problems.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the West End of St. John's requesting that the "neighbourhood schooling K-12" for the West End of St. John's remain intact as agreed upon during educational reform.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District asking the Government to take whatever action is necessary to ensure Virginia Park School remains open, to maintain the current levels of staffing and programs within the school and to replace the building with a new school as part of a long-term plan.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 2).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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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 Bill No. 2 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, 2000, the sum of \$1,057,878,300."

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, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was 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 Chairperson of the Committee also reported to the Speaker that a point of privilege had been raised by the Honourable the Premier in Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable A.M. House 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."

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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, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

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".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 31st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 31st, 1999

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to recognize March 31st as the 50th Anniversary of the decision taken by Newfoundland and Labrador in 1949 to join the Canadian Confederation as Canada's Tenth Province.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS on April 1, 1999 the Territory of Nunavut will officially come into existence;

AND WHEREAS fifty years ago on March 31, 1949, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador were warmly welcomed into the Canadian family as a Province of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable House of Assembly on its own behalf and that of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador warmly and wholeheartedly welcome the people of Nunavut as a new territory within the Canadian Federation."

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

During Oral Questions, the Speaker was obliged to warn visitors in the Public Galleries that if the commotion continued, he would have no choice but to order the galleries cleared.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to respect the work of nurses, provide a more permanent and stable workforce, and permit nurses to have the right to binding arbitration as provided by the laws of the Province.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Furey) sought leave of the House to revert to Government business instead of proceeding with Private Member's Day and in particular he sought leave to move First Reading of Bill No. 3 and then to proceed to Second Reading of Bill No. 3. Members agreed. Members also agreed that the Second Reading debate on Bill No. 3 would take nine hours with both the Leader of the Opposition and the Opposition Health Critic having sixty minutes each to speak on the Bill. Members also agreed to sit beyond the normal adjournment times of 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the matter to the House. Members agreed with the above noted proposals.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently by leave.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

During the debate on Second Reading of the Bill, the Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) moved pursuant to Standing Order 40 "that the question be now put."

The Speaker ruled the motion in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that Second Reading of Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now put.

Because of a disturbance in the Public Galleries, the Speaker recessed the House at 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon and ordered the Public Galleries cleared.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:24 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Debate resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 3.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 84, the appointment of the Striking Committee to consist of the following:

Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Beaton Tulk)
Member for Topsail (Mr. Ralph Wiseman)
Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Gerry Reid)
Member for Ferryland (Mr. Loyola Sullivan)
Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Tom Rideout).

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

Debate resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 3.

The Speaker recessed the House at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued on the motion that Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now put.

The debate continued for a number of hours following which the Speaker advised visitors in the Public Galleries that he would not tolerate any further disturbances in the galleries and if the disturbance continued he would have no alternative but to clear the galleries and lock the doors for the remainder of the parliamentary day.

Because of a disturbance in the Public Galleries, the Speaker recessed the House at 10:45 o'clock in the evening. The Speaker also ordered the Public Galleries cleared and locked for the duration of the parliamentary day.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 10:59 o'clock in the evening.

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Debate continued on the motion that Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health and Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now put.

By leave, at 11:59 o'clock in the evening, on the motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne) in order to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Confederation, all Members sang **O Canada**. Afterwards on the suggestion of the Leader of the Opposition, all Members sang the **Ode to Newfoundland**.

Debate continued on the motion that Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For the Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now put.

The Speaker put the question on the motion "that the question be now put on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3)".

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. The Premier (Mr. Tobin), Mr. Tulk, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Justice (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Lush, Mr. Smith, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

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Against: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion it was ordered that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now 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 Premier (Mr. Tobin), Mr. Tulk, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Justice (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Lush, Mr. Smith, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

Against: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Thursday, April 1st, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly at 1:36 o'clock in the morning of April 1st.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, April 1st, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) rose on a point of privilege to allege that a Member of the House had implied through the media that the doors to the Public Galleries had been locked the night before by the "Liberals". The Minister further alleged that the unnamed Member had misrepresented the rules of the House by implying that the Speaker was not the impartial Chair when he ordered the galleries cleared. The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris), the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) also spoke to the point of privilege. Members also raised the issue that the Press Gallery was inadvertently cleared at the same time the Public Galleries were cleared.

The Speaker took the matter of privilege under advisement.

The Speaker ruled when the Public Galleries were ordered to be cleared that members of the Press Gallery could remain in the Press Gallery.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members that the Voisey's Bay Environmental Assessment Panel had released its much anticipated report on the proposed mine/mill complex at Voisey's Bay.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members on Americana '99, a bi-annual environmental technology exhibition held in Montreal last week. The Minister also advised Members that there will be a trade mission to Cuba in June.

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

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council 99-152 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$1,699,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council 99-154 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$8,600,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure;

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- (c) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council 99-126 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$375,000 to be expended under the Department of Justice Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order-in-Council 99-159 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$5,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS we have celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Newfoundland and Labrador's entry into Confederation with Canada;

AND WHEREAS certain benefits have accrued to Newfoundland and Labrador because of Confederation, and tremendous benefits have also accrued to our fellow Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador's limited power within Confederation to control matters affecting our destiny has often been the source of great concern, frustration and strife for the people of this Province;

AND WHEREAS national policies relating to our own resources have often provided greater benefits to other parts of Canada and therefore have not been fair and equitable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to begin discussions immediately on adjusting roles and responsibilities for Newfoundland and Labrador within Confederation to give the people of Newfoundland and Labrador greater say in decisions affecting the overall welfare of this Province and to give to our people a greater measure of control over our own destiny."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses in the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to bargain in good faith with the Nurses Union during the current labour problems.

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The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the St. John's areas urging the Government of the Province to intervene in the dispute between the Avalon East School Board and Local 1560 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees with respect to the layoff of employees by the Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice (Mr. Dicks), moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and further that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening. The Speaker put the question on the motions and declared the motions carried.

It was moved and seconded that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

It was agreed to forego the questions under Standing Order 31.

A point of order was raised with respect to the use of the word "hit man". The Chairperson (Mr. Smith) ruled that the word was unparliamentary in the context in which it was spoken.

By agreement, the Chair recessed the Committee at 6 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Chair resumed the Committee of the Whole at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of privilege to allege that his privileges had been breached because the front doors to the Confederation Building had been locked. But it was pointed out by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) and the Chair also noted that the Public Galleries to the Chamber were open.

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The Chair advised Members that the would report the matter of privilege to the Speaker.

The Committee further considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

The Chairperson put the question on the motion that clause 8 of the Bill entitled "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) carry.

The Committee divided:

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. The Premier (Mr. Tobin), Mr. Tulk, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Justice (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Lush, Mr. Oldford, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

Against: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Chairperson declared the motion passed.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion that he report the Bill passed without amendment. The motion carried and the Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) without amendment.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matter to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) be now read a third time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. The Premier (Mr. Tobin), Mr. Tulk, the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Justice (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Lush, Mr. Smith, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

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Against: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 3 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed that instead of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor attending the Royal Assent Ceremony in the Chamber, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House would visit Government House later in the evening in order to receive the Royal Assent of Bill No. 3.

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

On motion the House then adjourned at 8:45 o'clock in the evening.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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On Thursday, April 1st, 1999 at 10 o'clock in the evening, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed a certain Bill, 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 Bill:

A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Resumption And Continuation Of Health And Community Services" (Bill No. 3).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's name I Assent to this Bill.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to welcome Honourable Beaton Tulk back to Cabinet as the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal and the Government House Leader. The Premier also tabled the Report of Mr. Robert Jenkins, the Commissioner of Members' Interests pertaining to the alleged and unsubstantiated conflict of interest with respect to Mr. Tulk and his political staff.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Wallace Pike, the last of Newfoundland and Labrador's World War I veterans living in this Province and to express sympathy to members of the Pike family.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize April 28th as the National Day of Mourning and to pay tribute to workers who have died as a result of workplace accidents and illness.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement with respect to Government's financial involvement in S.C.B. Fisheries in Bay d'Espoir.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would move the following Resolution presently by leave:

"WHEREAS the St. John's Health Care Corporation recently announced the closing of acute care beds due to a nursing shortage;

AND WHEREAS there is an overall predicted nursing shortage nationally;

AND WHEREAS the reliance on casual nurses in this Province has been excessive;

AND WHEREAS remuneration for nurses is the lowest in the country;

AND WHEREAS the overall workload for nurses has been excessive;

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AND WHEREAS these are symptoms of the failure of the Department of Health and Community Services to properly ensure an adequate supply of nurses to fulfill its responsibility to provide a proper functioning acute care system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the government to take the steps of improving nursing remuneration, nursing working conditions and staffing levels to ensure the proper functioning of the health care system."

By leave, the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved under Standing Order 32, that the motion standing in his name, that motion being number 4 as printed on the April 28th Order Paper, be withdrawn and struck from the Order Paper. The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried and motion No. 4 on the Order Paper be withdrawn.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan):

"WHEREAS the St. John's Health Care Corporation recently announced the closing of acute care beds due to a nursing shortage;

AND WHEREAS there is an overall predicted nursing shortage nationally;

AND WHEREAS the reliance on casual nurses in this Province has been excessive;

AND WHEREAS remuneration for nurses is the lowest in the country;

AND WHEREAS the overall workload for nurses has been excessive;

AND WHEREAS these are symptoms of the failure of the Department of Health and Community Services to properly ensure an adequate supply of nurses to fulfill its responsibility to provide a proper functioning acute care system;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the government to take the steps of improving nursing remuneration, nursing working conditions and staffing levels to ensure the proper functioning of the health care system."

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and, by leave, 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:

**Human Resources and Employment
Education
Health and Community Services
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 Renewal".**

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The Honourable the Government House Leader further moved that the referral of the Heads of Expenditure to the Estimates Committees becomes effective on May 3, 1999.

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

Debate continued on the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Ferryland.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) moved, seconded by the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended

(a) by striking out the first recital clause;

(b) by striking out the third, fourth, fifth & sixth recital clauses, and by substituting the following:

“AND WHEREAS it is recognized that an adequate supply of nurses is necessary to provide a functioning health care system;” and

(c) by striking out the Resolution clause and by substituting the following:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable House call upon the Government, employers represented by the Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services Association, and the nurses represented by the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union to immediately take collective action to address nursing human resource issues, including recruitment and retention.”

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The Honourable the Minister further stated that the Resolution would now read as follows:

“WHEREAS there is an overall predicted nursing shortage nationally;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that an adequate supply of nurses is necessary to provide proper functioning health care system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable House call upon the Government, employers represented by the Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services Association, and the nurses represented by the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union to immediately take collective action to address nursing human resource issues, including recruitment and retention.”

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Oldford) recessed the House at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:38 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chair ruled that the amendment was in order in accordance with the authority set forth in Standing Order 36 and in Beauchesne, paragraphs 567 to 569.

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 Hon. the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Justice (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Oldford, Mr. Smith, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle),

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Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

Against: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Harris.

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, April 29th 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

Following recognition by the Honourable the Speaker of Mr. John Ryan, a paraplegic from Whistler, B.C., the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to advise Members that Mr. Ryan will soon begin his cross Canada tour on his hand cycle to raise money for spinal cord regeneration research.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to announce that he will introduce a Constitutional Resolution to change the official name of the Province as set forth in the Terms of Union with Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), as Acting Minister of Works, Services and Transportation, made a Statement respecting the Coastal Link Road in Southern Labrador and the threat by the Innu of the Quebec North Shore to seek a court injunction to stop the construction of the Red Bay to Cartwright Road.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members on the Voisey's Bay Project in light of INCO's Annual General Meeting recently held in Toronto.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mrs. Thistle) made a Statement to advise Members that the current round of collective bargaining is near completion.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with Section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of Minute of Council 99-132 which relates to a precommitment for \$4,519,100 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) gave notice that he would presently seek leave to move the following Resolution:

"RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 43 of the **Constitution Act, 1982** provides that an amendment to the Constitution of Canada in relation to any provision that applies to one or more, but not all, provinces may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada where so authorized by resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons and of the legislative assembly of each province to which the amendment applies;

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AND WHEREAS Term 1 of the Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada provides as follows:

1. On, from, and after the coming into force of these Terms (hereinafter referred to as the date of Union), Newfoundland shall form part of Canada and shall be a province thereof to be called and known as the Province of Newfoundland.

NOW THEREFORE the House of Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland resolves that His Excellency the Governor General be authorized to issue a proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada amending the Constitution of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval and adoption by this House of this Resolution the Speaker be directed to forward a true copy of this Resolution to His Excellency the Governor General certifying that the requirements of the **Constitution Act, 1982** respecting the adoption of a Resolution by the House of Assembly of Newfoundland have been met.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

1. The Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada set out in the Schedule to the **Newfoundland Act** are amended by striking out the words "Province of Newfoundland" wherever they occur and substituting the words "Province of Newfoundland and Labrador".

2. Paragraph (g) of Term 33 of the Schedule to the Act is amended by striking out the word "Newfoundland" and substituting the words "the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador".

3. Term 38 of the Schedule to the Act is amended by striking out the words "Newfoundland veterans" wherever they occur and substituting the words "Newfoundland and Labrador veterans".

4. Term 42 of the Schedule to the Act is amended by striking out the words "Newfoundland merchant seamen" and "Newfoundland merchant seaman" wherever they occur and substituting the words "Newfoundland and Labrador merchant seamen" and "Newfoundland and Labrador merchant seaman", respectively.

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5. Subsection (2) of Term 46 of the Schedule to the Act is amended by adding immediately after the word "Newfoundland" where it first occurs the words "and Labrador".

Citation

6. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, year of proclamation (Newfoundland and Labrador)*.

ANNEXE

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

1. Dans les Conditions de l'union de Terre-Neuve au Canada figurant à l'annexe de la *Loi sur Terre-Neuve*, «province de Terre-Neuve» est remplacé par «province de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador».

2. Dans l'alinéa g) de la clause 33 de l'annexe de la même loi, «Terre-Neuve» est remplacé par «la province de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador».

3. Dans la clause 38 de l'annexe de la même loi, «anciens combattants de Terre-Neuve» est remplacé par «anciens combattants de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador».

4. Dans la clause 42 de l'annexe de la même lois, «marins marchands de Terre-Neuve» et «marin marchand de Terre-Neuve» sont respectivement remplacés par «marins marchands de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador» et «marin marchand de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador».

5. Dans la clause 46(2) de l'annexe de la même loi, «autres que Terre-Neuve» est remplacé par «autres que Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador».

Titre

6. Titre de la présente modification: **Modification constitutionnelle de [année de la proclamation] (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador).**"

By agreement, the Speaker put the question on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Premier with respect to an amendment to the Constitution of Canada (Changing the Name of the Province). The Speaker declared the motion carried unanimously.

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The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses urging the Government of the Province to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to solve the existing health care crisis.

During the presentation of this Petition, there was a disturbance in the Public Galleries. After a warning by the Speaker, the Speaker had no choice but to order the Public Galleries cleared.

The Speaker left the Chair at 3:16 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:22 o'clock in the afternoon.

The presentation of Petitions continued.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave five kilometers of route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District respecting the proposed closure of St. Andrew's Elementary School and urging the School Board to designate the school as a small and necessarily existing one.

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

During the adjournment motion, there was a disturbance in the Public Galleries. The Speaker ordered the galleries cleared and the doors closed.

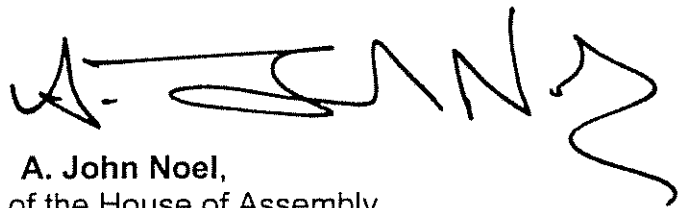
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The Speaker left the Chair at 4:37 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:42 o'clock in the afternoon.

The motion on the adjournment of the House was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, April 30th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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 line extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, April 30th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Speaker made the following rulings:

- (a) The Speaker ruled there was no point of order with respect to a matter raised by the Member for Terra Nova on March 25th, 1999. However, the Speaker reminded Members about the proper review of Petitions by the Table before presentation in the House.
- (b) The Speaker ruled there was no point of order raised by the Member for Terra Nova, March 26th, 1999 with respect to giving a document, purporting to be a Petition, to another Member if that Member does not object.
- (c) The Speaker ruled that there was no prima facie case of privilege established by the Honourable the Premier on March 30th, 1999 with respect to certain comments attributed to the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi.
- (d) The Speaker ruled there was no prima facie case of privilege established by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy on April 1st, 1999 with respect to comments allegedly made by a Member on an open line radio show concerning the closing of the Public Galleries.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a statement to announce that her Department in partnership with Industry Canada had recently approved the establishment of fifteen additional community internet access sites in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Austin Lloyd Garrett of Gander and asked the House to express condolences to the family of the late Mr. Garrett.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) presented a Report of the Striking Committee whereupon he gave notice and by leave moved that the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for Cape St. Francis
Mr. Tom Lush - Member for Terra Nova
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South
Mr. Fabian Manning - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ralph Wiseman - Member for Topsail
Mr. Harvey Hodder - Member for Waterford Valley
Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Eddie Joyce - Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Ms. Sheila Osborne - Member for St. John's West
Mr. Fabian Manning - Member for Placentia-St. Mary's

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerry Reid - Member for Twillingate-Fogo
Mr. Tom Rideout - Member for Lewisporte
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Kelvin Parsons - Member for Burgeo & L'Anse-au-Loup
Mr. Eddie Joyce - Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South
Mr. Ray Hunter - Member for Windsor-Springdale
Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Randy Collins - Member for Labrador West

Friday, April 30th, 1999

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Mr. Tom Osborne - Member for St. John's South
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Kelvin Parsons - Member for Burgeo & Lapoile
Mr. Tom Hedderson - Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne
Mr. John Ottenheimer - Member for St. John's East.

By agreement, the Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

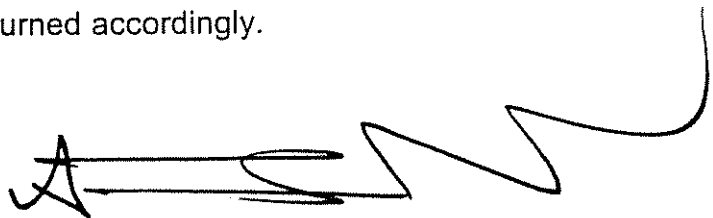
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The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave five kilometers of route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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, Monday, May 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, May 3rd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to announce that Government had committed \$25,000 for the completion of a feasibility study relating to the establishment of an H.M.S. Sapphire Interpretation Centre in the Community of Bay Bulls.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize National Forestry Week from May 3rd to May 8th. The Minister also announced a Round Table on Forest Resources will be held on June 1st in Stephenville.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members on two government sponsored trade missions namely: the "Team Atlantic" Trade Mission from April 12th to 15th to the New England States and the Business Mission to Ireland organized by St. John's Board of Trade and Ireland Business Partnerships which ran from April 16th to April 23rd. The Minister also tabled a list of Newfoundland and Labrador companies which took part in both trade missions.

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 on the Commission of Internal Economy. The Members are:

The Member for Trinity North, in his capacity as Deputy Speaker;
The Honourable Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, in his capacity as Government House Leader;
The Honourable Minister of Finance and Justice and
The Honourable Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods. Both Ministers have been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in their capacities as Ministers of the Crown;
The Member for Ferryland, in his capacity as Opposition House Leader;
The Member for Lewisporte, as a Member of the Opposition; and
The Honourable the Speaker who is Chair of the Commission.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice (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 Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty" (Bill No. 8).

Monday, May 3rd, 1999

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice 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 Guaranteeing Of Certain Loans Under **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957** (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10).

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 Securities Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the St. John's area urging the Government of the Province to intervene in a labour dispute between the Avalon East School Board and Local 1560 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees with respect to the layoff of certain employees by the Board.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain taxpayers of St. John's and Mount Pearl and as cabin owners of the Hodgewater Line urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade the Hodgewater Line with class 'A' road gravel or if possible to pave the road.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses urging the Government of the Province to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to solve the existing health care crisis.

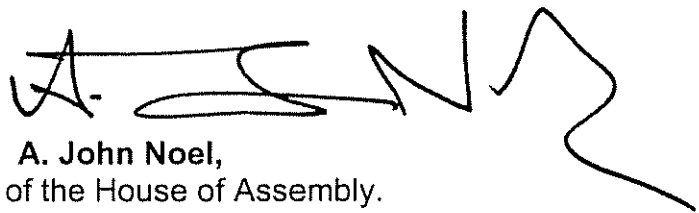
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The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometres of route 235 from Birchy Bay to Bonavista.

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

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 4th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to announce that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will accept proposals for funding of demonstration projects that will support the Province's Strategic Social Plan. The Minister also updated the Members on the implementation initiatives associated with the Plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to publicize North American Drinking Water Week, May 2nd to May 8th, 1999. This year's theme is "Celebrate Water" with the focus on the universality of water.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) gave an oral answer respecting the Immigrant Investment Fund.

In reply to a question for which notice was given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) tabled an answer respecting the Immigrant Investor Fund.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain students and staff of Matthew Elementary School in Bonavista urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave 5 kilometres of route 235 from Birchy Bay to Bonavista.

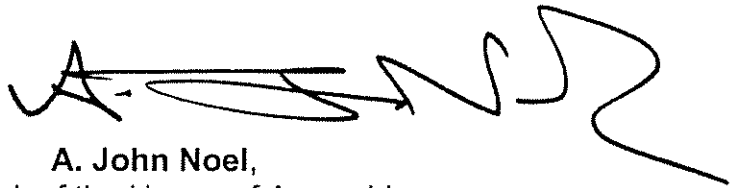
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was further adjourned until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday. The Honourable the Government House Leader also announced that the motion would be introduced by another Member of the Government Caucus because the Member for Burin-Placentia West would be unavoidably absent.

Tuesday, May 4th, 1999

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1999

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

The Honorable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to announce that the Month of May had been designated Tourism Awareness Month in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward), gave an oral answer respecting a child in need of protection and the role of social workers with respect to this matter.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder):

"WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry has long been a core element in Canada's industrial growth strategy creating and sustaining high quality skills-driven jobs with world wide expertise in this vitally important sector;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry has been an important component of our provincial economy;

AND WHEREAS other countries have continued to provide financial incentives and maintain significant trade barriers to protect their shipbuilding industry eliminating the possibility of an international level playing field;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House strongly endorse a national shipbuilding strategy to be undertaken by the Government of Canada that will provide certain measures in support of a strong, and internationally competitive shipbuilding industry as advocated by leaders of this industry."

By agreement, the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) introduced the Resolution in place of the Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) who was unavoidably absent.

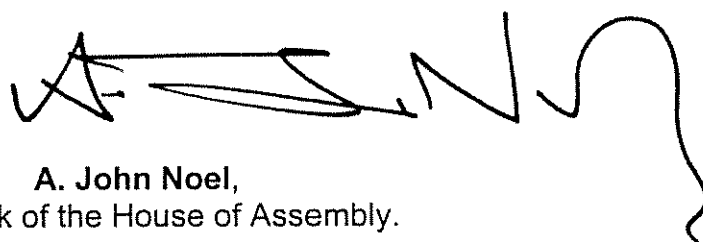
The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1999

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the House would not sit on Friday, May 6th, 1999.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 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, May 6th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement in response to the 1999 Report of the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council respecting the effect of the burgeoning harp seal population on the slow recovery of the cod stocks.

The Honorable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members of the contribution of the Conservation Corps in the Province.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) reminded Members of the rules relating to Oral Questions.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses urging the Government of the Province to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to solve the existing health care crisis.

The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Isthmus of Avalon region requesting Government to take measures to ensure that a divided highway continue past the Whitbourne/Blaketown exits and that the twinned highway include the Argentia access overpass.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave five kilometers of route 235 from Birchy Cove To Bonavista.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of the Province to install a dialysis machine in the St. Anthony Hospital.

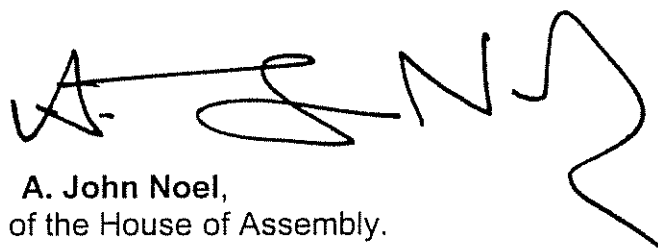
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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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, Monday, May 10th, 1999 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, May 10th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to provide Members with statistics released by the Canadian Institute of Health Information, the Canadian Nurses Association and Statistics Canada with respect to the number of registered nurses employed in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting that the May 7th release by the federal, provincial and territorial governments of a key discussion paper entitled "*National Children's Agenda Developing a Shared Vision*" and the supplementary paper "*Measuring Child Well-being and Monitoring Progress*". The Minister stated these papers would be the first step towards developing a comprehensive long-term strategy to improve the well being of Canadian children.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to announce that a significant achievement in land claim's negotiations had taken place with the agreement in principle of a Land Claims Agreement between the Labrador Inuit Association and the Federal and Provincial Governments.

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 to consider certain Resolutions relating to the Raising of Loans by the Province. (Bill No. 12)

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses urging the Government of the Province to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to solve the existing health care crisis.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave five kilometers of route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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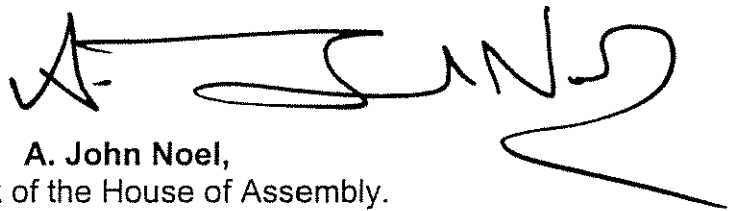
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 11th, 1999

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 Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) on April 29th. The Speaker ruled there was no point of order but a difference of opinion between two Members as to the events that had taken place.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) apologized to the Leader of the Opposition with respect to his comments on the Leader's absence from the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that she introduce amendments to the **Tobacco Control Act** for the purpose of the licencing wholesale and retail vendors of tobacco products in order to control the sale of tobacco to minors.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a statement in order to release the documents entitled "Career Search", the most current and comprehensive report of employment outcome and experience of post-secondary graduates ever produced in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean), in accordance with Section 56(1) of the **Automobile Insurance Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the period April 1st, 1998 to March 31st, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14).

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 Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty for the fiscal year 1998-99 (Bill No. 13).

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain non-public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the seven per cent increase in the wages of public servants and to index public service pensions accordingly.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act"
 (Bill No. 4);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act"
 (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act"
 (Bill No. 11).

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.

During the debate, the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's South (Mr. T. Osborne), that all of the words after the word "that" be struck and replaced with the following:

"this House acknowledge and condemn the government's failure to manage competently the Province's finances; its failure to live up to its duty or its promise to provide adequate direction and funding for social programs such as health and social services; its failure to secure the future of our Province by investing appropriately in education and students; and its failure to discharge effectively its responsibility to plan for and invest in economic recovery and employment growth in the Province and particularly in rural areas, so desperately in need of development and jobs".

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

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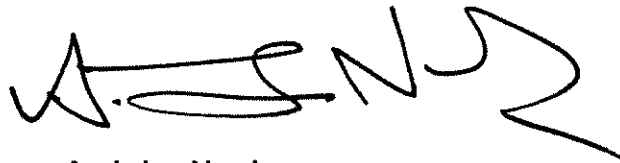
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

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 Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) 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 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce the establishment of a gerontological nursing scholarship in honour of the late Joyce M. Nevitt, the founder and first faculty member of the Memorial University School of Nursing.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to update Members on the status of the Friede Goldman Newfoundland operations at Marystown.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, made a Statement to advise Members that he, along with the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) and the Hon. Fred Mifflin, will be meeting with the Hon. David Collette, the Federal Minister of Transportation, to discuss with him the Province's total dissatisfaction with the Gulf Marine Ferry Services.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to recognize Mining Week in Canada from May 10th to May 16th. This year's theme is "Mining Makes It Happen". The Minister also tabled a list of companies and individuals who have received assistance under the Prospectors and Industry Assistance Program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning):

"WHEREAS we have celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Newfoundland and Labrador's entry into Confederation with Canada;

AND WHEREAS certain benefits have accrued to Newfoundland and Labrador because of Confederation, and tremendous benefits have also accrued to our fellow Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador's limited power within Confederation to control matters affecting our destiny has often been the source of great concern, frustration and strife for the people of this Province;

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AND WHEREAS national policies relating to our own resources have often provided greater benefits to other parts of Canada and therefore have not been fair and equitable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to begin discussions immediately on adjusting roles and responsibilities for Newfoundland and Labrador within Confederation to give the people of Newfoundland and Labrador greater say in decisions affecting the overall welfare of this Province and to give to our people a greater measure of control over our own destiny."

After some debate, the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended

- (a) by striking out the words "certain" and "tremendous" in the second recital;
- (b) by striking out the third and fourth recital clauses; and
- (c) by striking out the Resolution clause and by substituting the following:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue its efforts and discussions aimed at enhancing this Province's role and destiny in Confederation."

The Member further stated that the Resolution would now read as follows:

"WHEREAS we have celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Newfoundland and Labrador's entry into Confederation with Canada;

AND WHEREAS benefits have accrued to Newfoundland and Labrador because of Confederation, and benefits have also accrued to our fellow Canadians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue their efforts and discussions aimed at enhancing this Province's role and destiny in Confederation."

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The Speaker (Mr. Smith) recessed the House at 3:31 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:39 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) ruled the amendment in order in accordance with the authority set forth in Standing Order 36 and the precedents of the House.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Resolution.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and moved that a Select Committee of the House be appointed to review the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly and to review the recognition of political parties in the House during this Assembly and future Assemblies and to make recommendations in a report to be presented to the House of Assembly when the House commences sitting after the summer adjournment. The Honourable the Government House Leader further moved that the following Members comprise this Committee:

The Member for Bonavista North (Hon. Beaton Tulk)
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan)
The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford)
The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris)
The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush)
The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout)
The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman)

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

The debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

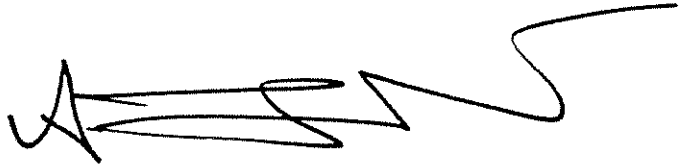
The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 13th, 1999 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, May 13th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to advise Members that a Bill to create a new Municipality Act will be introduced and debated during this sitting of the House. The Minister further stated that the new legislation will give municipalities greater freedom, flexibility and autonomy to effectively manage their own affairs and to eventually become masters of their own destinies.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise Members of the House of Government's intention over the coming months to undertake a comprehensive review of this Province's tax policy, in particular an examination of the Province's competitive tax position in relation to other jurisdictions.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the positive outlook in the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing and aquaculture industries for 1999.

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
Works, Services and Transportation
Government Services and Lands
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Public Services Commission.

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

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Corner Brook urging the Government of the Province to adopt a teacher allocation formula that guarantees quality education and that priority be placed on school programming.

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The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Avalon Isthmus region requesting Government to take measures to ensure that a divided highway continue past the Whitbourne/Blaketown exits and that the twinned highway include the Argentinia access overpass.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14) was introduced and read a first time. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable 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 on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

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

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

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated.

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

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

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

The Chair recessed the Committee at 5:47 o'clock in the afternoon for dinner.

The Committee resumed sitting at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee of Supply resumed consideration of the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

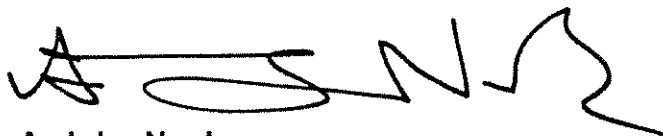
The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report 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 Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question at 9:54 o'clock in the evening that the House do now adjourn.

The motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, May 14th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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.

Friday, May 14th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement asking the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) to publicly apologize to the residents, staff and board members of the Hoyles Escasoni long term care facility.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement respecting the progress of the school construction and renovation plans to which the Department of Education has made a three year commitment of \$50 million in the 1998-99 fiscal year and another \$75 million in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members on the significant offshore drilling activity that is taking place offshore and on shore in the Province.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made an Oral Statement to announce that a guaranteed winter availability agreement between Hydro Quebec and Hydro Newfoundland and Labrador had been reached. The Honourable the Premier also announced that the Quebec Government had introduced a Bill in the National Assembly to facilitate a single environmental review process with respect to the Lower Churchill River Development.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to announce there will be no river specific salmon fishing licences issued for any river in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) tabled the 1998 Annual Report of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1998.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to meet immediately with representatives of the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees to identify solutions to address certain anomalies in the pay classification review during the implementation of pay equity.

Friday, May 14th, 1999

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), on behalf of the Honourable Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford), presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Great Harbour Deep seeking financial assistance to relocate to communities of each family's choice.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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

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

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

On motion the Committee rose.

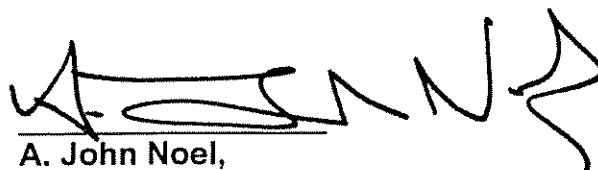
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked to sit again 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 Monday, May 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, May 17th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to announce that May 17th had been proclaimed as Municipal Government Awareness Day throughout the Province. The theme for this day is "Dedicated People Working For You".

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize the week of May 17th to May 22nd as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week in Canada, the United States and Mexico. This year's theme "Occupational Safety and Health: It's Everybody's Business" recognizes the importance and absolute necessity of everyone doing his or her part to prevent workplace illness or injury. The Minister also extended congratulations to the winners of the Health and Safety Recognition Rewards.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement with respect to the release by Federal/Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for Social Services of the National Child Benefit Progress Report, 1999. The Minister stated that the Report demonstrates that the National Child Benefit has helped Canada make significant strides in addressing the needs and concerns of the country's children.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Acting) (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to apprise Members of his meeting with Provincial and Territorial counterparts and the Federal Government on a long-term sustainable highway financing program. The Minister also reported that he and the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) had met with the Federal Minister of Transport to discuss the Province's concerns with Marine Atlantic.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice, and by leave, 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.

Monday, May 17th, 1999

It was agreed that the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) would, by leave, introduce a motion for Private Members' Day later in the afternoon.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10) was introduced and read a first time. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

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

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

Monday, May 17th, 1999

By leave, the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Gulf ferry service between Newfoundland and mainland Canada is a constitutional obligation of Canada and discharged through its Crown Corporation, Marine Atlantic Inc.;

AND WHEREAS the Gulf ferry service is an extension of the National Highway system and the Trans Canada Highway between Nova Scotia and the island portion of the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is responsible for providing an efficient ferry service for the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador through the Terms of Union with Canada;

AND WHEREAS many tourists and residents of this Province utilize the gulf ferry service and those persons have expressed their dissatisfaction with the current ferry service;

AND WHEREAS the commercial trucking industry use the ferry service to transport goods to and from our Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urge the Federal Government through Marine Atlantic Inc. to provide an adequate replacement for the *Atlantic Freighter* that will, in addition to the *M.V. Caribou* and *M.V. Joseph and Clara Smallwood*, adequately meet the demands of the traveling public including tourists and commercial carriers."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile 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 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to update Members on the status of the multi-year accelerated capital works program announced in the latest budget. The Minister announced that his Department is currently in the process of accepting applications from municipalities for this program.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) tabled the Annual Report of the Office of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission for the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid), 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:

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

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until later in the day.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Acting) (Mr. Matthews) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of February, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) tabled the following:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998; and
- (b) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1999

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain nurses urging the Government of the Province to pursue a constructive dialogue in order to solve the existing health care crisis.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and residents served by the Gander Bay School system urging the Government to allocate teachers to their schools on the basis of program requirements as opposed to the current practice of pupil-teacher ratios.

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 Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Consolidated Fund Services, Executive Council, Legislative and Contingency Reserve** Heads 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 Heads of Expenditure of the Executive Council, Consolidated Fund Services, Legislature and 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.

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

Tuesday, May 18th, 1999

The House recessed at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

It was agreed that the time during which the House did not meet during the dinner recess and one hour after the House adjourned in the evening would be counted towards the concurrence debate.

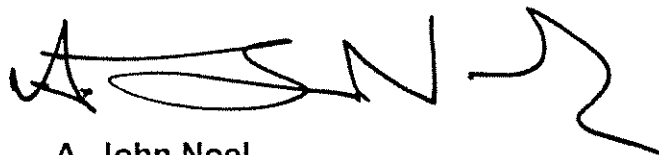
Debate continued on the Concurrence motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced concurrently on the Concurrence Motions with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee and the Resource Estimates Committee.

On motion debate on both concurrence motions was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 19th, 1999 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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.

Wednesday, May 19th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to announce Government's efforts to make information regarding the Aboriginal land claims available to the people of the Province. The public information program entitled "Our Land, Our People, Our Home" will shortly be distributed to every home in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to update Members with respect to two programs under the Strategic Social Plan which demonstrate Government's commitment to removing barriers to employment that may exist for individuals, particularly women. The two initiatives are the Single Parent Employment Support Program and Women Interested in Successful Employment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Acting) (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to announce that Government will release a Report and recommendations with respect to the boundaries of Pippy Park as proposed by Commissioner John Roil, Q.C.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and students of the Avalon West School District urging the Government of the Province to take action to guarantee current levels of programming in their schools.

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

"WHEREAS the Gulf ferry service between Newfoundland and mainland Canada is a constitutional obligation of Canada and discharged through its Crown Corporation Marine, Atlantic Inc.;

AND WHEREAS the Gulf ferry service is an extension of the National Highway system and the Trans Canada Highway between Nova Scotia and the island portion of the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is responsible for providing an efficient ferry service for the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador through the Terms of Union with Canada;

Wednesday, May 19th, 1999

AND WHEREAS many tourists and residents of this Province utilize the gulf ferry service and those persons have expressed their dissatisfaction with the current ferry service;

AND WHEREAS the commercial trucking industry use the ferry service to transport goods to and from our Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly urge the Federal Government through Marine Atlantic Inc. to provide an adequate replacement for the *Atlantic Freighter* that will, in addition to the *M.V. Caribou* and *M.V. Joseph and Clara Smallwood*, adequately meet the demands of the traveling public including tourists and commercial carriers."

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) moved, seconded by the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution now before the House of Assembly be amended by replacing the words
"urge the Federal Government through Marine Atlantic Inc. to provide"
with the words
"demand that the Federal Government, through Marine Atlantic Inc., provide".

The Speaker 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 and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended, and declared the Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously.

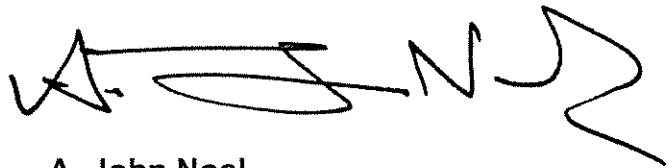
It was agreed to revert to Government business for the remainder of the parliamentary day.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Reports of the Resource Estimates Committee and the Government Services Estimates Committee and on motion debate was adjourned.

Wednesday, May 19th, 1999

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, May 20th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, May 20th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Acting) (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to announce that he will introduce an amendment to the **Public Tender Act** to exempt from the Act the calling of tenders for voice telephone services including both local and long distance service.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) rose on a point of privilege in order to establish a prima facie case that his privileges as a Member had been breached by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) with respect to certain statements made by the Minister on May 14th. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Annual Report and financial statements of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Newfoundland and Labrador, for the fiscal year 1997-98.

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:

Human Resources & Employment
Education
Health & Community Services
Environment & Labour, and
Justice.

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until later in the day.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Acting) (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill 18).

Thursday, May 20th, 1999

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the safety of the travelling public must be the number one priority of any government;

AND WHEREAS the provision of services to the travelling public is also important;

AND WHEREAS the 120 jobs provided by the Whitbourne businesses are important to the economy of rural Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the present approved plan for the Trans Canada Highway through Whitbourne ensures public safety and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House endorse the Department of Works, Services and Transportation's plan for the Trans Canada Highway at Whitbourne."

In reply to a question for which notice has been given, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) tabled certain information respecting the proposed Voisey's Bay Nickel development.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Triton and Brighton urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take whatever action is necessary to allow an extension to the Brian Peckford Elementary School to proceed in the 1999-2000 school year.

Thursday, May 20th, 1999

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House not adjourn at 5:00 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 on the Concurrence Motions with respect to the Reports of the Government Services Estimates Committee and the Resource Estimates Committee and by leave the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee.

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

The House recessed at 4:50 o'clock in the afternoon for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

It was agreed that the time taken during the dinner recess would be deemed to be time allocated under the Concurrence Motions.

Debate concluded on the Concurrence Motions with respect to the Reports of the Social Services Estimates Committee, the Government Services Estimates Committee and the Resource Estimates Committee.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being the non-confidence motion).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Budget Speech and declared the amendment defeated.

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 motion was carried.

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

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

Thursday, May 20th, 1999

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 Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) 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:

"May 5, 1999

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, 2000, 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.

A.M. House
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. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

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 \$2,991,799,300 contained in the Estimates of Supply and asked leave to sit again.

Thursday, May 20th, 1999

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 1999-2000, 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 question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Ways and 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, 2000 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, 2000, the sum of \$1,933,921,000."

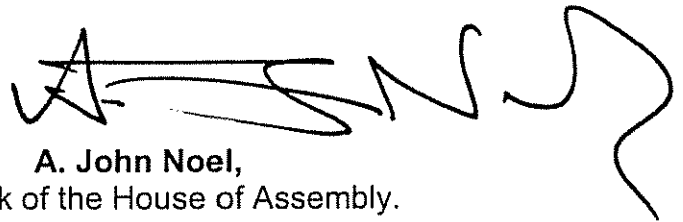
Thursday, May 20th, 1999

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, 2000 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it will adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 25th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 9:15 o'clock in the evening.

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.

Tuesday, May 25th, 1999

In Private Session, it was agreed to permit the media to videotape the unveiling of a photograph of Mr. Cyril Kirby, the former Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

Before Routine Proceedings, the Honourable the Speaker paid tribute to Mr. Cyril Kirby, the former Sergeant-at-Arms following which the Speaker and Mr. Kirby unveiled an official photograph of Mr. Kirby.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to extend deepest sympathy and condolences to the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, Mr. Rick Woodford and his family on the death of Mrs. Irene Woodford. The Minister asked that a letter of condolence be sent to the Honourable the Minister and his family. After the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) replied to the statement, the Members stood for one minute of silence in memory of the late Mrs. Woodford.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to advise Members of two initiatives under her Department's income support program which have been established to help low income families, namely, the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit and Newfoundland and Labrador Family Benefit.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce that following a call for proposals under the **Mineral Act**, his Department had accepted a proposal from WMC International Limited for further exploration and evaluation of the talc and gold deposits at Deer Cove, near Ming's Bight.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel) made a Statement to announce that the Government of the Province will assist the Federal Government in settling about 100 Kosovo refugees in the Province.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) 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. 19).

Tuesday, May 25th, 1999

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide An Accountability Framework For Public Bodies" (Bill No. 20).

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, school councils and others throughout the Province have for many weeks been demonstrating their deep concern over the impact the proposed reduction in 1999-2000 of 182 teaching positions will have on the quality of education available to students in their areas;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has challenged the Opposition and the people of the Province generally to show the government the impacts the pending teacher cuts will have on schools, programs and students;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education and her colleagues in Cabinet have dismissed the concerns of parents, students, teachers and officials that have been reported to the House of Assembly by the Opposition Caucus Committee on Education, but the Minister has provided no other similar means for the public to express to government in an open forum their concerns about the impacts of teacher cuts on their schools;

AND WHEREAS the continuing protests and demonstrations throughout the Province indicate public concerns have not been diminished by the Minister's approach to the situation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Minister of Education and her colleagues in Cabinet to immediately appoint a task force chaired by an independent, nonpartisan commissioner to hold public hearings throughout the Province in order to give parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, school councils and others a public forum in which they can express to government their information and concerns about the impact on schools, programs and students of the proposed reduction in teaching positions, and where people can also discuss generally the kind of education system they want for their children."

Tuesday, May 25th, 1999

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and, by leave, moved that the Public Accounts Committee be authorized to consider and report upon evidence taken by the Committee during the 3rd Session of the 43rd General Assembly.

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

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave an answer respecting Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation Maintenance Division rental accommodation on Blackmarsh Road and also tabled certain information with respect to this matter.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) gave an answer to a question respecting the Women's Policy Office.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6);

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16);

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

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

It was agreed that the House would sit on Thursday, May 27th, 1997 at 9 o'clock in the morning and adjourn at 12 Noon in order for Members to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Irene Woodford.

Tuesday, May 25th, 1999

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (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 on tomorrow.

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 debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control 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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5) be read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19);

A Bill "An Act To Provide An Accountability Framework For Public Bodies" (Bill No. 20).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, informed the House he had received two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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The Messages were read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"April 22, 1998

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, 1998, 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.

A. M. House
Lieutenant Governor

May 11, 1999

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, 1999, 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.

A. M. House
Lieutenant Governor".

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider certain Resolutions and Bills No. 8 and 13 for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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 Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial year Ending March 31, 1998 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 8).

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and 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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 7).

The Committee 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. 12).

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 had passed certain Resolutions and two Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills No. 8 and 13 be introduced to give effect to same.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolutions were 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 additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1998, the sum of \$88,601,000.”

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$136,051,900.”

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, 1998 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 8) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service” (Bill No. 13) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 8 and 13 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and two Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills No. 7 and 12 be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

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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 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.”

“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 \$250,000,000 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.”

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To “Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957” (Bill No. 7) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, “An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province” (Bill No. 12) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bills Nos. 7 and 12 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act” (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 Amend The Public Tender Act” (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be reported to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

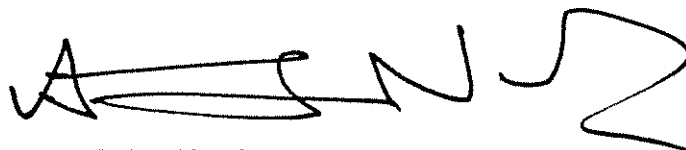
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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Harbour Main-Whitborne (Mr. Hedderson) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was also announced that following the debate of the Private Member's motion on Wednesday, the House would, by leave, revert to Government business.

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

The House then adjourned at 6:08 o'clock in the evening.

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.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members with respect to several programs which continue to support the diversification of the agrifoods industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement with respect to a recent agreement reached with emergency room doctors in St. John's.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled a Report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts respecting Paragraphs 3.4, 3.10, 3.13, 3.15 and 3.21 of the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1997.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21).

In reply to a question for which notice has been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave an answer with respect to the shipment of hazardous waste material from the former United States Argentinia naval base being carried out by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and supporters of students attending École St. Gerard urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide the necessary resources to ensure the continuation of the uni-track French Immersion Program at École St. Gerard.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District and the District of St. John's Centre requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to place a moratorium on school closures and to ensure reasonable class sizes be granted so that their children do not suffer from the school reorganization plan being implemented by the Avalon East School Board.

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It was agreed that the House would proceed with Government business following the conclusion of the debate on the Private Member's motion set for the afternoon.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson):

"WHEREAS parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, school councils and others throughout the Province have for many weeks been demonstrating their deep concern over the impact the proposed reduction in 1999-2000 of 182 teaching positions will have on the quality of education available to students in their areas;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has challenged the Opposition and the people of the Province generally to show the government the impacts the pending teacher cuts will have on schools, programs and students;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education and her colleagues in Cabinet have dismissed the concerns of parents, students, teachers and officials that have been reported to the House of Assembly by the Opposition Caucus Committee on Education, but the Minister has provided no other similar means for the public to express to government in an open forum their concerns about the impacts of teacher cuts on their schools;

AND WHEREAS the continuing protests and demonstrations throughout the Province indicate public concerns have not been diminished by the Minister's approach to the situation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Minister of Education and her colleagues in Cabinet to immediately appoint a task force chaired by an independent, nonpartisan commissioner to hold public hearings throughout the Province in order to give parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, school councils and others a public forum in which they can express to government their information and concerns about the impact on schools, programs and students of the proposed reduction in teaching positions, and where people can also discuss generally the kind of education system they want for their children."

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The Speaker (Mr. Odlford) put the question on the motion and declared the motion defeated.

The House reverted to Government business.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6) 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 Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

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

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16),

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 17).

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The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19).

By leave, the Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Oldford) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred had passed the following Bills, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 11) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 17) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21). |

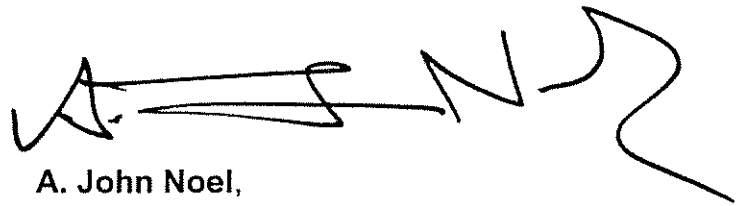
On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 10, 11, 5, 14, 4, 16, 6, 17, 19 and 21 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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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, Thursday, May 27th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The House then adjourned at 6:32 o'clock in the evening.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, May 27th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement with respect to the results of an independent survey of the recent New England Trade Mission participants, a survey which was conducted by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to advise Members of the establishment of a soft-shell clam operation in Burgeo by a partnership of the Burgeo Diversification and Development Board Inc. and Innovative Fisheries Development Inc.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave the 5 kilometers of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain parents and students on the Isthmus of Avalon area urging the Government to take action to guarantee current levels of programming in the schools under the Avalon West School District.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Sheppardville urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consider paving the 1.6 kilometers section of road near Sheppardville along with the other TCA road work in the area this summer.

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 Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 11) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14) |

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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act"
(Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Jury Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission
Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21).

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 Third Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion Bill No. 16 was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed for a few minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At 10:30 o'clock in the morning, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

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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 Bills for the Appropriation of Supply and Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

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, 2000 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 15).

A Bill "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, 1998 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 8)

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 13).

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 these Bills".

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."

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Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 7)

A Bill "An Act To Authorize the Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 12)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 10)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Control Act" (Bill No. 11)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 5)

A Bill "An Act Respecting Municipalities" (Bill No. 14)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 4)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 16)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 6)

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 19)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 21).

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.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, November 16th, 1999

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on May 27th, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Noel) made a Statement to pay tribute to Brother James McSheffrey and requested the Speaker to send a letter of condolence to the family and friends of the late Brother. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also spoke in paying tribute to the late Brother.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement respecting the mid-year budgetary position of the Province for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. In giving his Statement, the Minister announced that the Government will implement a personal income tax rate reduction.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to announce the creation of a new Government-Industry Working Group on Fisheries as part of his Department's new Quality Action Plan that will focus on developing a long term strategy to achieve and maintain premium quality fish products.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members on some of the initiatives taking place in the Province's advanced technology sector such as the Mobile Home Care Platform and the Marine Information Skyway.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31).

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The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27);
A Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26).

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is seeing record tourism numbers in 1999 and these are expected to increase next year for Viking 1000;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador requires an efficient Gulf Ferry Service to provide a transportation link to the mainland of Canada, which is enshrined in the Terms of Union;

AND WHEREAS the recent Provincial Government Report on the Gulf Ferry Service, **On Deck and Below** made 24 recommendations that have yet to be acted upon by the Federal Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government continue to demand the Federal Government to adopt the recommendations of the **On Deck and Below** report immediately so that improvements to this transportation link will bring optimum benefits for all users - residents, non-residents and commercial operators - the objective of which is to create and develop a world class transportation system."

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Canada Post has recently increased its parcel post rates by up to 27%;

AND WHEREAS these rate increases will have a significant, negative impact on commerce and the quality of life in rural and northern communities;

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AND WHEREAS these rate increases run contrary to the Federal Government's philosophy of ensuring basic services are available to all Canadians at reasonable costs, regardless of where they live;

AND WHEREAS such a rate increase is particularly objectionable at a time when Canada Post is recording significant profits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Members of this Honourable House call upon Canada Post to treat the people of rural and northern communities no differently than people dwelling in other parts of the country;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Members of this Honourable House call upon the Federal Minister Responsible for Canada Post to intervene in this matter so as to ensure that Canada Post treats rural and northern Canadians in a fair and equitable manner."

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal And Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat Of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28).

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 Income Tax Act (No. 2)", (Bill No. 32).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (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 Guaranteeing of Certain Loans Under **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957** (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (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. 22).

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to approve the stationing of a dialysis unit in the area serviced by the Peninsulas Health Care Corporation, and also to provide staff, training and resources to ensure the regular operation of the dialysis unit.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)", (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Coat Of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29);

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A Bill "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25).

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 Securities Act" (Bill No. 9) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

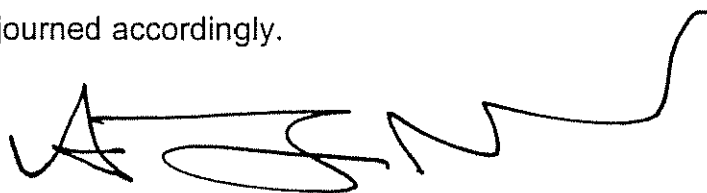
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced 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, Wednesday, November 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, November 17th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to advise Members that thirteen one day educational seminars will be held throughout the Province to ensure that all elected officials and municipal administrators are thoroughly familiar with the new *Municipalities Act* due to come into force on January 1st, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency and the Livestock Owners' Compensation Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members with respect to the status of the negotiations on the Churchill River Power Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) tabled:

- (a) the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 including the audited financial statements for the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Fund; and
- (b) the Annual Report of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 including the audited financial statements of the Livestock Insurance Fund.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush):

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is seeing record tourism numbers in 1999 and these are expected to increase next year for Viking 1000;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador requires an efficient Gulf Ferry Service to provide a transportation link to the mainland of Canada, which is enshrined in the Terms of Union;

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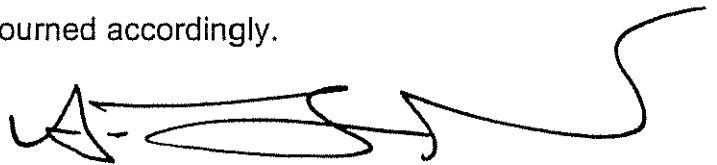
AND WHEREAS the recent Provincial Government Report on the Gulf Ferry Service, **On Deck and Below** made 24 recommendations that have yet to be acted upon by the Federal Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government continue to demand the Federal Government to adopt the recommendations of the **On Deck and Below** report immediately so that improvements to this transportation link will bring optimum benefits for all users - residents, non-residents and commercial operators - the objective of which is to create and develop a world class transportation system."

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 18th 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 18th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mrs. Aylward) made a Statement during Addictions Week, to advise Members of another initiative aimed at reducing or stopping people of all ages from smoking tobacco. In particular, the Minister announced the formation of a Teen Tobacco Team, the goal of which is to work directly with young people in order to develop effective strategies for dealing with smoking among youth.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to announce that Government will be introducing legislation effectively prohibiting bulk water removal from the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to update Members on the status of underground fuel storage tanks located throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement recognizing Crafts Week and the holding of various craft fairs in Corner Brook and St. John's.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order respecting decorum and the application of the rules during Question Period. After hearing from the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris), the Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford), tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of March, 1999.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

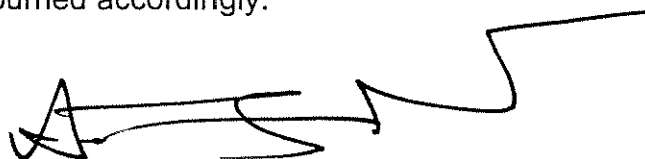
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave, it was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31,

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Friday, November 19th 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, November 19th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members of the result of the 1999 Call for Bids in the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore area by the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mrs. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day and the Government's commitment to children and families. In particular, the Minister announced Government's commitment of more than \$2.2 million over the next three years for autistic children in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members that Mouyal Corporate Group of Montreal will be establishing a sales and marketing centre in St. John's. This Group is the latest company to be approved for EDGE status under the Economic Diversification and Growth Enterprise Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement respecting the efforts of the Canadian Council of Ministers of Education to enhance access and quality in post-secondary education.

It was agreed to extend Oral Questions by four minutes.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) rose on a Point of Privilege to allege that the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) had violated his privileges by alleging that as a matter of government policy the RNC are forced to take developmentally delayed people to the lockup when there is a disturbance in the home. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Justice (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38);

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A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37);
A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No.2)" (Bill No. 34).

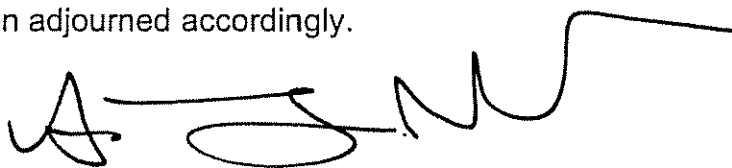
The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes), on behalf of the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31) 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, November 22nd, 1999 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, November 22nd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled that there was no point of order raised by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) on November 18th with respect to the manner in which questions were being asked during Oral Questions. However, the Speaker took the opportunity to remind all Members of the rules.

The Honourable the Speaker also ruled that the Honourable Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) had not established a prima facie case of privilege on November 19th with respect to certain questions asked by the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) with respect to Government policy. The Chair concluded there was a difference of opinion between two Members.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise Members that Standard and Poor's had upgraded Newfoundland and Labrador's long term issuer credit rating to A Minus from Triple B plus. The Minister announced that Standard and Poor's also upgraded its long term senior debt ratings on the Province and on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to A Minus. The Agency also affirmed its A2 short term ratings on the Province's treasury bill program and its A-2 short term ratings on the commercial paper of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the status of the activities of the Ministerial Panel on Educational Delivery in the Classroom.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members that he will introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to improve the effective administration of the existing legislation in a number of key areas.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to advise Members that her Department in partnership with Human Resources Development Canada recently launched a new feature on the Government's Employment and Career Website to give youth access to valuable career information.

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The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) tabled the following:

- (a) the 1998 Annual Report of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and audited financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1998;
- (b) the 1998 Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Review Division; and
- (c) the 1998 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board.

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

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador eliminated the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner (also known as the Ombudsman) a decade ago and became the first jurisdiction with an Ombudsman to eliminate that office;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman is established as a check and balance on government to give individuals and groups the right to commission an investigation of an action, decision, recommendation or omission of a government department, agency or official when they feel they have been wronged;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman has quasi-judicial powers which are not currently at the disposal of individuals and groups in Newfoundland and Labrador who want such matters investigated;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman operated in the past, and could operate in the future, at a relatively-low cost and constitutes a sound investment in public accountability;

AND WHEREAS Members of the Opposition, members of the media and the general public who have difficulty accessing information through the *Freedom of Information Act* could seek recourse through the Office of the Ombudsman;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reinstate the Office of the Ombudsman."

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The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to approve the stationing of a dialysis unit in the area serviced by the Peninsulas Health Care Corporation, and also provide staff, training and resources to ensure the regular operation of the dialysis unit.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For the Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26).

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The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) that all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted:

"Bill 26, An Act To Revise the Administration of Medical Care Insurance, be not now read a second time but that the order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Social Services".

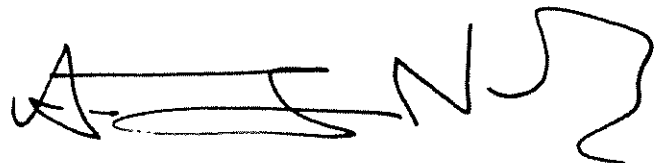
The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The debate commenced on the amendment to the motion that Bill No. 26 be not now read a second time but be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Services.

On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and second that when the House adjourned it would adjourn until tomorrow Tuesday, November 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, November 23rd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to advise Members of the continued good news involving the fishing industry as a contributor to economic expansion in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to provide details concerning the development of a cranberry industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the issue of trihalomethanes (THMs) in community water supplies in the Province. The Minister stated that Health Canada officials and medical officers of health for the Province had provided information to the public with respect to this issue.

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

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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966 (No. 38); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37). |

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 the amendment to the motion that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26) be not now read a second time but be referred to the Select Committee on Social Services.

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) put the question on the amendment. The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

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Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be read a second time presently.

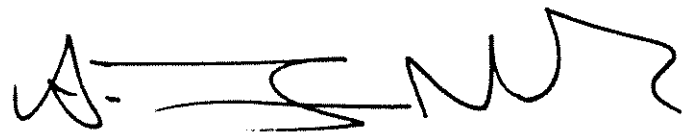
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) ruled that a comment made by the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) on November 19th was unparliamentary and asked the Member to withdraw the comment. The Member for Bellevue consequently withdrew the comment.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, November 24th, 1999

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) rose on a point of privilege to allege that information given by the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) in the House with respect to the recent public water quality situation was incorrect and that the Member alleged that the Minister had breached his privileges as a Member. In presenting his prima facie case of privilege, the Member for Ferryland tabled a copy of certain transcripts.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to update Members respecting the Canadian Industrial and Regional Benefits Program, or IBSs, an Industry Canada initiative which is delivered by ACOA. The Minister stated that the focus of this program was on major government procurements primarily in the aerospace and defence sectors.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to update Members on school construction projects under the Government's new school capital construction program.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that his department was studying the feasibility of establishing a multi-million dollar de-inking facility in the Province in co-operation with the pulp and paper industry.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne):

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador eliminated the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner (also known as the Ombudsman) a decade ago and became the first jurisdiction with an Ombudsman to eliminate that office;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman is established as a check and balance on government to give individuals and groups the right to commission an investigation of an action, decision, recommendation or omission of a government department, agency or official when they feel they have been wronged;

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AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman has quasi-judicial powers which are not currently at the disposal of individuals and groups in Newfoundland and Labrador who want such matters investigated;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Ombudsman operated in the past, and could operate in the future, at a relatively-low cost and constitutes a sound investment in public accountability;

AND WHEREAS Members of the Opposition, members of the media and the general public who have difficulty accessing information through the *Freedom of Information Act* could seek recourse through the Office of the Ombudsman;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reinstate the Office of the Ombudsman."

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 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.

Thursday, November 25th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members with respect to the development and processing of the Voisey's Bay nickel deposit and the informal ongoing discussions between the Government of the Province and Inco.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement respecting Operation ONLINE, a public/private partnership which was established to address and promote Newfoundland and Labrador's rapid growing information technological industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to update Members on the progress of the Cabinet Committee on Jobs and Growth, which began public consultations in October. The Minister stated that the Committee had undertaken a broad-based public consultation to renew the Province's economic agenda.

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

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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36) |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34) |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35) |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33). |

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

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) tabled the 1998-99 Annual Report of Operation ONLINE and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1999.

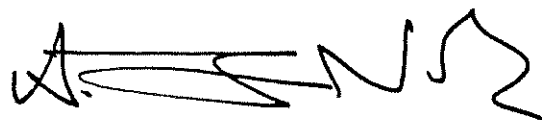
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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It was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Friday, November 26th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, November 26th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to update Members with respect to Government's ongoing financial commitment to the youth of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled , "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" Bill No. 44).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Finance (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

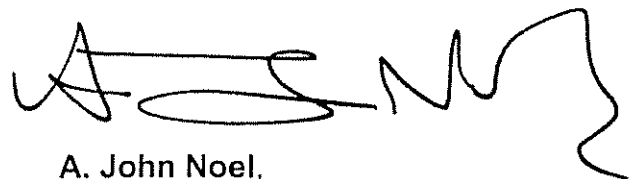
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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society Of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39). |

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) 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, November 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, November 29th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the Provincial Tobacco Reduction Strategy and to announce the names of the Teen Tobacco Team who will work with officials from the Department of Health and Community Services on tobacco issues of particular interest to youth.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to announce funding for the final series of demonstration projects for this fiscal year under the Province's Strategic Social Plan. The Minister also tabled a summary of the projects and the types of initiatives which Government has agreed to support.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to approve the stationing of a dialysis unit in the area serviced by the Peninsulas Health Care Corporation, and also provide staff, training and resources to ensure the regular operation of the dialysis unit.

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

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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44) |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42). |

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 Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

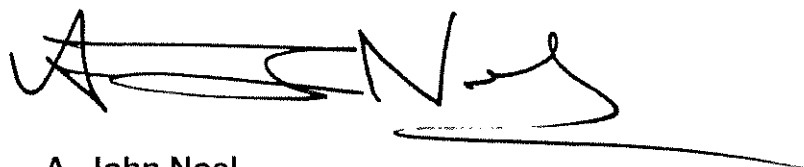
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32) 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 Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, November 30th, 1999

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

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Fitzgerald) rose on a point of privilege respecting certain remarks made by the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) on Friday past. The Honourable the Minister spoke to the point of privilege. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to update Members with respect to the Single Parent Employment Support Program, a joint initiative between the Department of Human Resources and Employment and the Single Parent Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce the development of a Prescription Drug Monitoring Pilot Program which will help the Department of Health and Community Services to identify and address prescription drug abuse and misuse in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the egg supply management in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Annual Report of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women Newfoundland and Labrador and the audited financial statement for the fiscal year 1998-99.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

Tuesday, November 30th, 1999

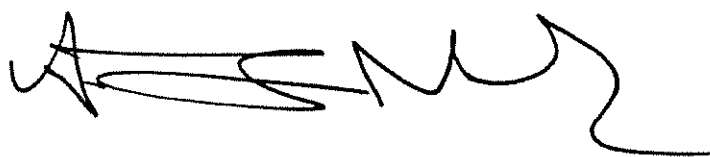
The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) rose to present a Petition and in doing so asked leave of the House because the wording in the Petition was impertinent. The Member received leave of the House and continued to present the Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of Fogo requesting the decision to relocate the Fogo hospital be placed on hold in order to allow another assessment of the proposed sites by a three person independent commission.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28) 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, December 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, December 1st, 1999

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled on the point of privilege raised by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) with respect to comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) on November 24th. In accordance with the authority of Beauchesne 6th Edition paragraph 494, the Speaker ruled there was no prima facie case of privilege established only a difference of opinion between two Members. In fact, the Speaker further ruled that the Member for Ferryland had used an unparliamentary remark in his allegation and asked the Member to withdraw the remark following which the Member complied.

The Speaker also ruled on a matter of privilege raised by the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) on November 30th. The Speaker ruled that there was no prima facie case of privilege because the statement in a press release made by the Honourable the Member of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) was made outside the House and was not a question of privilege in accordance with the authority of Beauchesne 6th Edition paragraph 31(3).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize December 1st as World AIDS Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members that the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board had received a gift from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to provide computers to 67 public libraries. The Minister also announced that Microsoft Canada will donate software to those public libraries receiving grants from the Foundation.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to report on Government's state of readiness for the rollover from 1999 to 2000 or as it has become known the Year 2000 issue, with respect to computer based systems.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) rose on a Point of Order with respect to the Rule of Anticipation. The Speaker ruled that in accordance with precedent of the House the Rule applied during Oral Questions on Private Members' Day.

Wednesday, December 1st, 1999

After Oral Questions, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of order to ask the Speaker to clarify the Rule of Anticipation with respect to certain questions raised during Oral Questions relating to matters which appear on the Order Paper and in particular during Private Members' Day. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), pursuant to Section 35 of the *House of Assembly Act*, tabled the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Woodford) gave an oral answer respecting air traffic controllers in Gander.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice gave an answer respecting the release of the Eugene Rose Inquiry Report.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen):

"WHEREAS Canada Post has recently increased its parcel post rates by up to 27%;

AND WHEREAS these rate increases will have a significant negative impact on commerce and the quality of life in rural and northern communities;

AND WHEREAS these rate increases run contrary to the federal government's philosophy of ensuring that basic services are available to all Canadians at reasonable costs, regardless of where they live;

AND WHEREAS such a rate increase is particularly objectionable at a time when Canada Post is recording significant profits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Members of this Honourable House call upon Canada Post to treat the people of rural and northern communities no differently than people dwelling in other parts of the country;

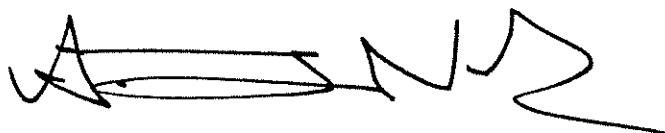
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Members of this Honourable House call upon the federal Minister Responsible for Canada Post to intervene in this matter so as to ensure that Canada Post treats rural and northern Canadians in a fair and equitable manner."

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, 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.

Thursday, December 2nd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that she intends to introduce new adoption legislation to replace the existing 50 year old statute. The proposed Bill will focus on the best interests of the child and provide for a variety of options in the delivery of adoption services.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to congratulate two local engineering firms: Sheppard Green Engineering Group and Newfoundland Design Associates Limited for completing engineering work on time and under budget with respect to an expansion to Newfoundland Transshipment Limited's Whiffen Head facility.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement respecting the Christmas Lights Across Canada Ceremony scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. in front of the Confederation Building, East Block.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement respecting the contamination of a section of the water supply system in the Town of Eastport and the efforts being made by Departmental staff and Town employees to solve the problem.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (Bill No. 45).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government to review the situation regulating dialysis equipment throughout the Province and to provide funding for dialysis equipment in smaller health centres.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents opposing the bulk export of water from the Province and requesting that any water sold must be bottled and processed in the Province.

Thursday, December 2nd, 1999

It was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31).

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) moved, seconded by the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder), amendments to clauses 2, 5(c), 5(d) and 7 of Bill No. 31.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved, seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) an amendment to clause 8 of Bill No. 31.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31) without amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1) without amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9) without amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26) without amendment.

Thursday, December 2nd, 1999

By leave, it was agreed to stop the clock for a few minutes.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27) without amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Smith) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

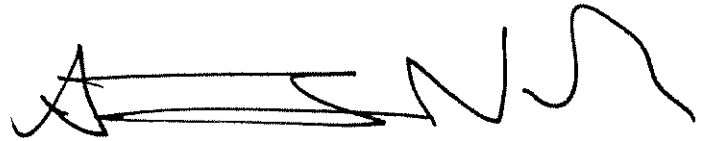
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- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9);
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27).

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.

Thursday, December 2nd, 1999

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, December 3rd at nine of the clock in the morning.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, December 3rd, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to report on the 1999 forest fire season in the Province which was very active due to the exceptionally warm dry weather. The Minister also paid tribute to those who were involved in fighting the fires.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members of the status of the two-year fish price settlement pilot project proposed by a Task Force established by Government in 1997 to review the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*, following a number of labour disputes that occurred in the Province's fishing industry. The Minister also tabled the Report of the Pilot Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members that Government had agreed to extend the Matching Funds deadline for the Memorial University of Newfoundland Opportunity Fund.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave an answer respecting the financial statements of Marble Mountain.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40). |

Friday, December 3rd, 1999

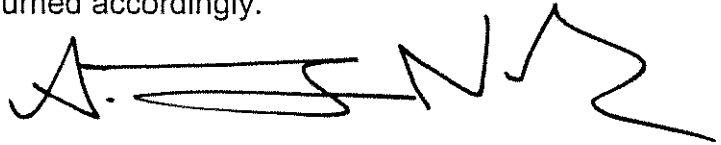
On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 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 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, December 6th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. John Ross, O.C. a well known and highly respected health care provider. The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also paid tribute. It was agreed that the Speaker would send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Dr. Ross.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Leslie Thoms, High Sheriff of the Province and former Member of the House of Assembly. The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also paid tribute to Mr. Thoms. The Members agreed that the Speaker would send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Thoms.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment and the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize December 6th as the anniversary of the murder of fourteen women at Montreal's École Polytechnique Engineering School.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to share with Members the latest labour force statistics being the highest employment rate for the month of November in the Province's history.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members on the status of meetings the Premier and the Minister recently had with Inco officials with respect to Voisy's Bay.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to respond to comments attributed to Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard regarding the Province's request to the Federal Government to change the legal name of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999.

Monday, December 6th, 1999

The Honourable Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 26(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled copies of Minutes of Council 99-546 and 99-591 which relate to pre-commitments for \$46 million and \$40.7 million to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure in relation to the Trans-Labrador Highway.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) tabled the Financial Statements of the Province of Newfoundland Pooled Pension Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1998.

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

“WHEREAS the Employment Insurance program is funded by workers and employers and has in excess of a \$20-billion accumulated surplus;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has cut over \$9 billion from the program's benefits since 1993 and as a result only 36 per cent of unemployed Canadians are receiving EI benefits today;

AND WHEREAS seasonal industries in Canada such as fishing, logging, tourism and construction are critical to our economy, especially to the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador, and result in the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs and make a major contribution to Canada's balance of trade;

AND WHEREAS the 1996 Federal *Employment Insurance Act* has resulted in smaller benefits for unemployed workers because of the punitive divisor and intensity rules;

AND WHEREAS the cuts to the EI program have already deprived thousands of people and their families in our province of benefits and have a negative economic impact on our communities and local businesses;

AND WHEREAS government studies have shown that Employment Insurance serves as an economic stabilizer during economic downturns and saves jobs during those recessions;

Monday, December 6th, 1999

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call for an immediate review of the *Employment Insurance Act* with a view to re-establishing levels of Employment Insurance coverage and returning EI surplus money to unemployed workers through improved benefits."

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to approve the stationing of a dialysis unit in the area serviced by the Peninsulas Health Care Corporation, and also provide staff, training and resources to ensure the regular operation of the dialysis unit.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39) 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read a second time presently.

Monday, December 6th, 1999

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 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 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to commend the contribution of firefighters in the Province and to report on a presentation made by the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Chiefs and Firefighters to the Social Policy Committee of Cabinet.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to update Members on the success of information sessions held throughout the Province in support of development of the Province's manufacturing industry, an initiative of Government and the Alliance of Manufacturers and Exporters.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act" (Bill No. 50);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 46).

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 Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51).

Tuesday, December 7th, 1999

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Dicks) gave an answer respecting certain legal fees under the Department of Justice Estimates.

By leave, the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS some non-custodial parents in Newfoundland and Labrador neglect to honour their obligations to make child support payments and, in so doing, undermine the quality of life and opportunities for their children;

AND WHEREAS in some instances the provincial treasury must provide financial assistance through its social assistance program to help children neglected by "deadbeat parents", thereby transferring the burden of care from the parent to whom it belongs to the taxpayers of the Province;

AND WHEREAS it is intolerable that "deadbeat parents" often can continue to enjoy their full privileges as members of society as if they have done nothing wrong, despite their decision to snub their noses at the laws of the land and their social obligations as parents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to enact legislation to both revoke and deny renewal of the drivers licences of non-custodial parents who, without legitimate defence, neglect to meet their obligations to make child support payments."

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

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43);

A Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (Bill No. 45).

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

Tuesday, December 7th, 1999

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 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 Occupational Health and Safety Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, " An Act To Amend The Occupational Health and Safety Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 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 An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS all of the Parties represented in the House of Assembly have affirmed their commitment to the general principle that a Voisey's Bay development agreement will be acceptable only if it brings full and fair benefits to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm that a Voisey's Bay development agreement shall be acceptable only if it meets the following four conditions in addition to generating revenues from a competitive regime of royalties and taxes, namely:

- (a) that it shall involve a long-term mining operation of 25 or more years in duration;
- (b) that it shall involve the concurrent, blended extraction of ore from both the ovoid and underground;
- (c) that it shall involve complete processing in this Province of all the nickel concentrate from Voisey's Bay to a finished nickel metal product; and
- (d) that the technology Inco uses in mining and processing the ore must meet appropriate environmental standards and must be applied in ways that fully comply with the first three of these four conditions;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreement that is reached between the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Inco be fully debated in the House of Assembly before it is final and binding on the people of the Province."

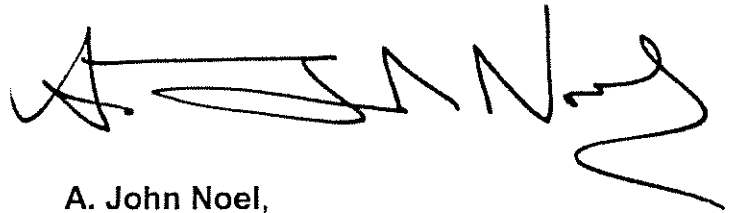
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1999

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, December 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, December 8th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to update Members on the status of the Gulf ferry service in particular the fact that the Province has not received a response from either the Federal Minister of Transport or Marine Atlantic on the results of the Province's Gulf ferry consultations.

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

"WHEREAS all of the Parties represented in the House of Assembly have affirmed their commitment to the general principle that a Voisey's Bay development agreement will be acceptable only if it brings full and fair benefits to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm that a Voisey's Bay development agreement shall be acceptable only if it meets the following four conditions in addition to generating revenues from a competitive regime of royalties and taxes, namely:

- (a) that it shall involve a long-term mining operation of 25 or more years in duration;
- (b) that it shall involve the concurrent, blended extraction of ore from both the ovoid and underground;
- (c) that it shall involve complete processing in this Province of all the nickel concentrate from Voisey's Bay to a finished nickel metal product; and
- (d) that the technology Inco uses in mining and processing the ore must meet appropriate environmental standards and must be applied in ways that fully comply with the first three of these four conditions;

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AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreement that is reached between the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Inco be fully debated in the House of Assembly before it is final and binding on the people of the Province."

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) moved, seconded by the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended

(a) by adding a new Recital Clause to read as follows:

"AND WHEREAS Inco has not given a firm commitment to full processing in the Province;"

(b) by striking out the first Resolution Clause and by substituting the following:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm its full support for the government to negotiate a development agreement that accomplishes several important objectives, namely:

(a) a long-term mining operation in line with the recommendation of the environmental assessment report;

(b) both an open pit and underground mining operation;

(c) full processing in this province to a finished nickel metal product; and

(d) that the technology Inco uses in mining and processing the ore must meet appropriate environmental standards."; and

(c) by striking out the second Resolution Clause."

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) recessed the House at 3:21 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

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The Speaker (Mr. Smith) resumed the Chair at 3:27 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chair ruled the amendment to the Resolution in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

It was agreed to ring the bells to permit the Leader of the Opposition to return to the Chamber to conclude the debate on the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided:

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. The Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Oldford, the Hon. the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Jones, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sweeney.

Against: The Leader of Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. French, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker (Mr. Smith) put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

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The House divided:

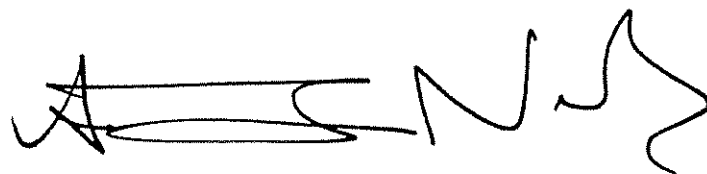
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The Speaker (Mr. Smith) declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, 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.

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

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) joined by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) congratulated Madam Justice Elizabeth Heneghan on being sworn in as a judge of the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to announce that Government had advised the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation to reduce the extension of the opening hours for all liquor licences on New Year's Eve to three hours instead of six hours as originally planned. This change in the policy was taken as a result of the suggestion of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to advise Members of the eight per cent increase in non-resident visitation of tourists during this past year.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to announce a new business endeavour, Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation, a unique partnership between Taiwan and Newfoundland and Labrador businesses, which will identify individual development opportunities in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce that he intends to introduce certain amendments to the **Electrical Power Control Act, 1994** and the **Public Utilities Act** which will permit the Cabinet to exempt specific projects from the need for approval by the Public Utilities Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement with respect to the withdrawal of the offer by the NEOS Group to purchase the shares of Fishery Products International. The Minister stated that the Government had no intention of introducing legislation of repealing the 15% ownership provision in the **Fishery Products International Limited Act** at this time.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to approve the stationing of a dialysis unit in the area serviced by the Peninsulas Health Care Corporation, and also provide staff, training and resources to ensure the regular operation of the dialysis unit.

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By leave, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 52).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to maintain the current legislation and restrictions with respect to the ownership of Fishery Products International.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District asking the Government to place the LaScie Highway (Route 414) on a Roads Program and to undertake the upgrading and paving of the highway.

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

- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51).

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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30) 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, December 10th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to convey government's willingness to meet with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union with respect to the issue of recruitment and retention of nurses in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to announce additional funding for some of the innovative employment programs under her Department, namely, the Linkages, Employment Generation and Graduate Programs.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to remind everyone about the Christmas tree cutting regulations and to encourage the purchase of local Christmas wreaths.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize December 10th as the 51st anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the Report of the audit of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year April 1st, 1998 to March 31st, 1999.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 52)" was introduced and read a first time and on motion it ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, ""An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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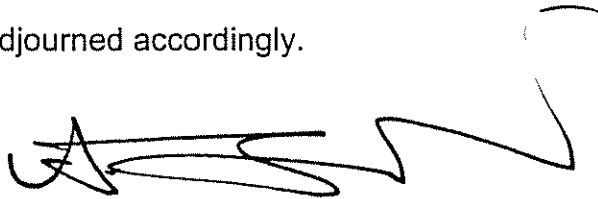
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43) 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 13th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, December 13th, 1999

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, made a Statement to announce the construction of a new facility to house the Province's three heritage institutions: the Newfoundland Museum, the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador. The new building to be called "The Rooms" will be constructed at Fort Townshend.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to provide Members with an overview of the fishing industry's record breaking performance this year.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan), as Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Standing Orders and on behalf of the Chair of the Committee the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush), tabled the Report of the Committee.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion amending the *Standing Orders of the House of Assembly*:

"1. That Standing Order 1 of the *Standing Orders of the House of Assembly* be revoked and the following substituted:

- "1(1) The proceedings in the House of Assembly and in all committees of the House shall be conducted in accordance with the following Standing Orders and with the sessional and other orders of the House.
- (2) In all cases not provided for in these Standing Orders or by sessional or other orders of the House, the Speaker shall be guided by the following in the order in which they are stated:
 - (a) the usages, customs and precedents of this House;
 - (b) the Standing Orders and sessional orders and forms and usages, customs and precedents of the House of Commons of Canada and those of any province or territory in Canada; and
 - (c) in all cases not provided for above, the usages, customs and precedents of the House of Commons at Westminster in the United Kingdom."

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2. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 1 the following:

“Election of Speaker

- 1.1 (1) At the opening of the first session of a General Assembly, and at any other time as determined pursuant to Standing Order 1.1(2), the election of a Speaker shall be the first order of business and shall not be interrupted by any other proceeding.
- (2) In the case of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker, as a result of death, resignation or for any other reason, the House shall proceed to elect one of its Members to be Speaker.
- (3) If the Office of Speaker becomes vacant between sessions or during a period when the Assembly stands adjourned to the call of the Chair, the Clerk shall immediately notify all Members that the Office of Speaker is vacant.
- (4) The Clerk, when the Office of Speaker is vacant, shall ensure that the notification to Members of the date for the opening of a new session or the reconvening of an existing session contains the information that the first order of business shall be the election of a Speaker by secret ballot.
- (5) No Minister of the Crown or leader of a recognized parliamentary group, shall be eligible for election to the Office of Speaker.
- (6) The election of a Speaker shall take precedence over all other business and the House shall continue to sit, if necessary, beyond its ordinary hour of daily adjournment, until a Speaker is elected and is installed in the chair and if the House has continued to sit beyond its ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the new Speaker shall thereupon adjourn the House until the next sitting day.

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- 1.2 (1) For the purpose of electing a Speaker, the Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, the Clerk Assistant, shall administer the election process and shall preside during the election of a Speaker.
 - (2) During the election of a Speaker, the Clerk shall not be permitted to entertain any question of privilege or point of order.
 - (3) During the election of a Speaker there shall be no debate and no adjournment motion nor motion of any other kind shall be accepted for consideration.
 - (4) The election of a Speaker shall not be considered a question of confidence in the government.
- 1.3 (1) The election of a Speaker shall be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with this Standing Order.
 - (2) After a general election, or at any other time when there is a vacancy in the Office of Speaker, any Member who wishes to stand for election to the Office of Speaker shall, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the working day preceding the day on which the election of a Speaker is expected to take place, in writing in the prescribed form, so inform the Clerk who shall prepare, in alphabetical order, a list of the given names and surnames of those Members who wish to stand as candidates for election to the Office of Speaker.
 - (3) After the closing days and times referred to in Standing Order 1.3(2), the Clerk shall affix a copy of the list of candidates provided for in Standing Order 1.3(2) in a conspicuous place in or near the Assembly Chamber, and shall provide copies of that list to the caucus office of each recognized parliamentary group and to each independent member.

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- (4) If only one Member stands for election to the Office of Speaker, or at any stage a withdrawal, pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(16), leaves only one candidate remaining, the Clerk shall announce in the Chamber that candidate's name and without any vote declare that Member to be elected Speaker.
- (5) If there are two or more candidates for election to the Office of Speaker, ballot papers shall be provided to Members present in the Chamber, by the Clerk, prior to the taking of the ballot.
- (6) Before the taking of the first ballot, the Clerk shall distribute the list of candidates to Members present in the Chamber.
- (7) Each Member present in the Assembly Chamber who wishes to indicate his or her choice for the Office of Speaker, shall proceed to one of the voting booths at the Table and print or write legibly on the ballot paper the surname of a candidate whose name appears on the list distributed pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(6).
- (8) Notwithstanding Standing Order 1.3(7) when two or more candidates, whose names appear on the list distributed pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(6), have identical surnames, each Member who wishes to indicate his or her choice for one of these candidates shall print or write legibly on the ballot paper the given name and the surname of the candidate of his or her choice.
- (9) Members shall deposit their completed ballot paper in a box provided for that purpose on the Table.
- (10) Once all Members wishing to do so have deposited their ballot papers, the Clerks at the Table shall retire from the Assembly Chamber with the ballot box and shall count the vote and the Clerk, being satisfied as to the accuracy of the count, shall destroy the ballots together with all records of the number of ballots cast for any candidate.

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- (11) If one candidate receives a majority of the votes casts, the Clerk shall announce the name of that Member as the Speaker.
- (12) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the name of the candidate, or in the event of a tie the candidates, having the lowest number of votes cast, shall be excluded from subsequent ballots.
- (13) If every candidate receives the same number of votes, no names shall be excluded from the next ballot.
- (14) For each subsequent ballot, the Clerk shall prepare a list of candidates and distribute it to Members present in the Chamber.
- (15) Subsequent ballots shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in Standing Orders 1.3(5) to 1.3(16) and the balloting shall continue, in a like manner, until such times as a candidate is elected Speaker upon having received a majority of the votes cast.
- (16) At any time after the result of the first ballot has been declared, but before the commencement of a second or subsequent ballot, a candidate may withdraw from the election by rising in his or her place in the House and stating that he or she is withdrawing, and the election shall then proceed as if the Member had not become a candidate.
- (17) The Clerk shall prescribe the following:
 - (a) Member's notice of intent to seek election to the Office of Speaker;
 - (b) the form of the ballot paper; and,
 - (c) such other forms and information as may be required."

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3. That Standing Order 2 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted.

"2. The time for the meeting of the House is at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays inclusive. On Wednesdays the time for the meeting of the House is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. If a quorum is not present at 15 minutes after that time, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the usual hour on the next sitting day. When the House rises on Thursday, it stands adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday."

4. That Standing Order 7 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"7. If at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon except on Wednesday, the business of the House is not concluded, the Speaker shall leave the Chair until 7 o'clock. At the hour of 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Speaker adjourns the House without question put."

5. That Standing Order 8 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the words "or 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon".
6. That Standing Order 11(1) of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the comma and words ", subject to an appeal to the House without debate".
7. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 11 the following:

"Naming of Member

11.1 (1) The Speaker shall be vested with the authority to maintain order by naming individual Members for disregarding the authority of the Chair and, without resort to motion, ordering their withdrawal for the remainder of that sitting, notwithstanding Standing Order 80.

(2) In the event of a Member disregarding an order of the Chair pursuant to this Standing Order, the Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove that Member."

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8. That Standing Order 14(1) of the said Standing Orders be amended by adding the following paragraph as paragraph (a) and by relettering the other paragraphs accordingly:

“(a) Statements by Members:”

9. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 16 the following:

“Sitting Day Extended

16.1 The Government House Leader may move that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or at 10 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings but notice of this motion must be given at a previous day's sitting and once put by the Chair is not debatable.”

10. That Standing Order 20 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the word “Friday” and by substituting the word “Thursday”.

11. (1) That Standing Order 23 of the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after 23(1) the following:

“(1.1) Where possible and appropriate, notice of leave to make a motion under this Standing Order may be provided to the Speaker before the House opens on the day on which the Standing Order is invoked.”

- (2) That Standing Order 23 be further amended by adding after Standing Order 23(6) the following:

“(7) If leave is given for the Speaker to put the motion that the Orders of the Day not be called, the debate under this Standing Order must be concluded no later than 6 o'clock in the evening after which the Speaker adjourns the House without question put.”

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12. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 23 the following:

“Statements by Members

- 23.1 (1) The time allotted for “Statements by Members” under Routine Proceedings shall be limited to 6 minutes.
- (2) A Member, other than a Minister of the Crown, may be recognized to make a statement for not more than one minute.
- (3) A Member may make a statement about any subject of interest or concern to him or her.
- (4) The subject matter of a Member’s statement may be an anniversary, historic event, some particular accomplishment, the death of a notable person, matters of local, provincial, national or international significance of a non-contentious nature.
- (5) Member’s Statements shall not be used to comment on aspects of provincial governmental policy or to reflect on a decision or direction of the House.
- (6) Statements shall not pose a question but rather express the opinion of the Member.
- (7) Statements are not debatable, do not lead to the introduction of a motion and are not responded to by any other Member.”
13. That Standing Order 24 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted.

“24. A copy of the Journals of the House, certified by the Clerk, shall be delivered after each major adjournment of the House to His or Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and to the Legislative Librarian.”

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14. That Standing Order 29 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the sentence "Twenty-four hours notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address, or for placing a question on the Order Papers;" and by substituting the sentence "Notice shall be given at a previous sitting of a motion for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address, or for placing a question on the Order Paper;".
15. That Standing Orders 31(7) to (11) inclusive of the said Standing Orders be revoked.
16. That Standing Order 32 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the words "All motions" and by substituting the words "All substantive motions".
17. That Standing Order 34 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"BUSINESS OF SUPPLY, WAYS AND MEANS AND BUDGET

Order for Supply

34(1) At the commencement of each session, the House shall designate by motion, a continuing Order of the Day for the consideration of the business of supply.

(2) For the purposes of this Standing Order, the business of supply shall consist of motions to concur in interim supply, main estimates and supplementary estimates; motions to restore or reinstate an item in the estimates; motions to introduce or pass at all stages a Bill or Bills based on the estimates.

(3) The adoption of a motion to concur in an estimate or estimates or interim supply shall be an Order of the House to bring in a Bill or Bills based thereon.

Notice of Ways and Means

34.1(1) A notice of a Ways and Means Motion may be laid upon the Table of the House at any time during a sitting by a Minister of the Crown.

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(2) When a Ways and Means Motion is designated for the purpose of enabling a Minister of the Crown to make a Budget presentation, a motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" shall be proposed.

(3) The adoption of a Ways and Means motion shall be an order to bring in a Bill or Bills based on the provisions of that motion.

Amendments on Budget Debate

34.2 Only one amendment and one subamendment may be made to a motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government".

18. That Standing Order 49 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

- "49. (1) Subject to Standing Order 49(2), (3), (4) and (6), no Member shall speak for than 20 minutes at a time in any debate.
- (2) The Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, a Minister moving a Government Order and a Member replying thereto immediately after such Minister, a Member moving a motion of non-confidence and the Minister replying thereto, shall not speak for more than 60 minutes at a time in any debate.
- (3) The Leader of the Opposition and the Premier have unlimited time when the Leader of the Opposition moves a motion of non-confidence and the Premier replies to such a motion other than an amendment to the Address in Reply or the Budget motion.
- (4) The Minister of Finance and the Member speaking immediately in reply have unlimited time in giving the budget speech and replying thereto.
- (5) The Leader of the Opposition and the Premier may not delegate their right of unlimited time to another Member under Standing Order 49(3).
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- (6) During debate of a motion in Committee of the Whole House, the Member who makes an opening statement and the Member who replies immediately after that Member may speak for not more than 15 minutes, while all other Members may speak for not more than 10 minutes with no limit on the number of times a Member may speak."

19. That Standing Order 76 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"Fees

76. Any person seeking to obtain a private Bill giving an exclusive privilege or profit, or private or corporate advantage shall be required to deposit with the Clerk of the House a copy of the Bill together with a sum of money to cover the printing of the Bill and such amounts as may be prescribed by the Commission of Internal Economy of the House of Assembly."

20. That Standing Order 86(3) of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"86(3) In a Standing or Select Committee, the Standing Orders of the House shall be observed so far as may be applicable with the exception that motions need not be seconded."

21. (1) That Standing Order 92 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the figure "5" and by substituting the figure "3".

- (2) That Standing Order 92.1 of the said Standing Orders is revoked.

22. That Standing Order 119 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"119 (1) The House may refer such Heads of Expenditure (Estimates), as it may decide, upon motion of the House Leader, to a committee or committees established under Standing Order 117.

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- (2) Three hours shall be deducted for each Head of Expenditure so referred from the time allocated under Standing Order 116.”
23. (1) That Standing Order 120 of the said Standing Orders be amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 120(1) and by adding after the words “sitting days” the words “of the House of Assembly”.
- (2) That Standing Order 120 be further amended by adding the following:
- “(2) All estimates not selected for consideration by the respective Standing Committee on Estimates shall be deemed to be passed by the Committee and reported back to the House at the conclusion of the 15 day period.”
24. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding at the end of the Standing Orders the following:

“Practice Notes

These are practice notes of the House of Assembly that were recommended by the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of 1999 and subsequently adopted by the Assembly. It is important to note that the procedures, guidelines, etc. listed here are practices and are not Standing Orders; and further, that this is not a complete collection of the practices of the House of Assembly.

Parliamentary Calendar

1. (1) During a Session of the House, the House shall ordinarily meet
- (a) in the Winter-Spring from the second Monday in March to the Friday before the Victoria Day weekend with a break from Maundy Thursday to the third Monday after Easter; and
- (b) in the Fall for a minimum of four weeks adjourning not later than one week before Christmas.

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(2) Where the Government intends to extend the date of the adjournment of the House under paragraph 1(a) or (b), the Government House Leader shall after notice has been given make a motion to extend the sitting of the House and the motion shall be put without debate.

(3) Whenever the House stands adjourned, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consulting with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than set out in number (1), the Speaker may give notice that being so satisfied the House shall meet, and therefore the House shall meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

(4) In the event the Speaker is unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or Deputy Chair of Committees shall act in the Speaker's stead for the purpose of this item.

Parliamentary Group

2. To be recognized as a parliamentary group in the House of Assembly, the group must be a registered party in accordance with *The Elections Act, 1991*, must have contested two-thirds of the number of seats in the House of Assembly at the preceding General Election and have elected at least three Members, at the preceding General Election or at a by-election. This definition would not affect the ruling of Mr. Speaker McNicholas in 1987 concerning the right of a two person group with respect to Ministerial Statements or other decisions made with respect to the entitlements of the New Democratic Party Members of the House.

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Petitions

3. (a) Where a petition does not conform to the requirements of Standing Orders 90 to 92 and the Speaker considers that in substance the petition is by its nature of concern and interest to Members of the House, the Speaker may waive the Standing Orders in this regard and rule that the particular petition is in order.
- (b) All petitions must be certified by a Table Officer before presentation.
- (c) Form of Petition

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PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF
NEWFOUNDLAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The Petition of the undersigned residents

HUMBLY SHEWETH

WHEREAS _____
(states the reason(s) for the Petition)

WHEREAS _____

WHEREUPON the undersigned, your Petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House of
Assembly to

(The prayer expresses the request of the Petitioners)

AND as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.

DATE: _____

Name (Please print)

Address

Signature

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25. That the Clerk of the House of Assembly be authorized to renumber and reprint the Standing Orders making all necessary adjustments and revisions in order to carry out the spirit and intent of the above noted changes to the Standing Orders.
26. With the exception of items 2 (Election of the Speaker) and 25 of this motion, this motion shall come into force on the Prorogation of the First Session of the 44th General Assembly."

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a petition on behalf of certain students of Beaconsfield High School requesting the Government to maintain the K to 12 school system in the West End of St. John's in accordance with educational reform and the concept of neighbourhood schools.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) 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 Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society Of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society Of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act and the City of St. John's Assessment Act " (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act and the City of St. John's Assessment Act " (Bill No. 52) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (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 and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act (Bill No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act (Bill No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Bill No. 49) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 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 a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services and Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services and Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply and Committee of the Whole House to consider certain Resolutions and certain Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 22).

The Chair of the Committee recessed the Committee at 6 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Committee resumed sitting at 6:47 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee continued to sit as the Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (No. 2) (Bill No. 32).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38).

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Grimes) moved the following amendment:

"That Bill 34 be amended by adding immediately after clause 2 the following:

Commencement 3. This Act is considered to have come into force on January 1, 1999."

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against the Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51).

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30).

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 certain Resolutions and two Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills No. 22 and 23 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 further 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."

"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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 22) was read a first, second and third time and passed. 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 23) was read a first, second and third time and passed. 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.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House 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 Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1944 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51)

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 29, 28, 32, 24, 25, 38, 37, 36, 33, 44, 35, 42, 51 and 30 be read a third time on tomorrow.

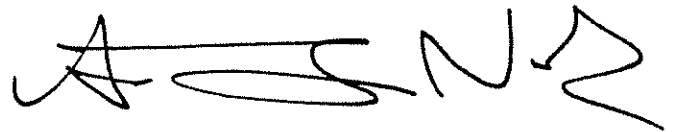
The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34) with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment to Bill No. 34 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No.34 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 14th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 8:52 o'clock in the evening.

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.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce Government's contribution towards the construction of new student residences and the construction of an exhibition centre at Memorial University's Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Campus in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to announce that Government had entered into an agreement with Unisys Canada and Xwave Solutions which will create an electronic, on-line personal property registry system for the Province.

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to acknowledge the Executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities sitting in the Speaker's Gallery. The Minister also stated that the Federation had made their annual presentation to the Social Policy Committee of Cabinet.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks), tabled a copy of the audited Public Accounts and the Accounts of the Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1999 (in 4 volumes).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Woodford) tabled the Reports of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Report of the Income Support Program for the fiscal year 1998-99, in accordance with Section 5 of the *Social Assistance Act*.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain members of the gay community directing Government to develop a new definition of spouse in provincial legislation which will include same sex couples.

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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 declared the motion carried.

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

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| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Coat of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25); |
| A Bill entitled, | "An Act To Amend The Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38); |

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- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30).

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 on the following motion amending the *Standing Orders of the House of Assembly* standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk):

"1. That Standing Order 1 of the *Standing Orders of the House of Assembly* be revoked and the following substituted:

"1(1) The proceedings in the House of Assembly and in all

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committees of the House shall be conducted in accordance with the following Standing Orders and with the sessional and other orders of the House.

- (2) In all cases not provided for in these Standing Orders or by sessional or other orders of the House, the Speaker shall be guided by the following in the order in which they are stated:
 - (a) the usages, customs and precedents of this House;
 - (b) the Standing Orders and sessional orders and forms and usages, customs and precedents of the House of Commons of Canada and those of any province or territory in Canada; and
 - (c) in all cases not provided for above, the usages, customs and precedents of the House of Commons at Westminster in the United Kingdom.”
2. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 1 the following:

“Election of Speaker

- 1.1 (1) At the opening of the first session of a General Assembly, and at any other time as determined pursuant to Standing Order 1.1(2), the election of a Speaker shall be the first order of business and shall not be interrupted by any other proceeding.
- (2) In the case of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker, as a result of death, resignation or for any other reason, the House shall proceed to elect one of its Members to be Speaker.
- (3) If the Office of Speaker becomes vacant between sessions or during a period when the Assembly stands adjourned to the call of the Chair, the Clerk shall immediately notify all Members that the Office of Speaker is vacant.
- (4) The Clerk, when the Office of Speaker is vacant, shall ensure that the notification to Members of the date for the opening of a new session or the reconvening of an existing session contains the information that the first

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order of business shall be the election of a Speaker by secret ballot.

- (5) No Minister of the Crown or leader of a recognized parliamentary group, shall be eligible for election to the Office of Speaker.
 - (6) The election of a Speaker shall take precedence over all other business and the House shall continue to sit, if necessary, beyond its ordinary hour of daily adjournment, until a Speaker is elected and is installed in the chair and if the House has continued to sit beyond its ordinary hour of daily adjournment, the new Speaker shall thereupon adjourn the House until the next sitting day.
- 1.2
- (1) For the purpose of electing a Speaker, the Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, the Clerk Assistant, shall administer the election process and shall preside during the election of a Speaker.
 - (2) During the election of a Speaker, the Clerk shall not be permitted to entertain any question of privilege or point of order.
 - (3) During the election of a Speaker there shall be no debate and no adjournment motion nor motion of any other kind shall be accepted for consideration.
 - (4) The election of a Speaker shall not be considered a question of confidence in the government.
- 1.3
- (1) The election of a Speaker shall be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with this Standing Order.
 - (2) After a general election, or at any other time when there is a vacancy in the Office of Speaker, any Member who wishes to stand for election to the Office of Speaker shall, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the working day preceding the day on which the election of a Speaker is expected to take place, in writing in the prescribed form, so inform the Clerk who shall prepare, in alphabetical

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order, a list of the given names and surnames of those Members who wish to stand as candidates for election to the Office of Speaker.

- (3) After the closing days and times referred to in Standing Order 1.3(2), the Clerk shall affix a copy of the list of candidates provided for in Standing Order 1.3(2) in a conspicuous place in or near the Assembly Chamber, and shall provide copies of that list to the caucus office of each recognized parliamentary group and to each independent member.
- (4) If only one Member stands for election to the Office of Speaker, or at any stage a withdrawal, pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(16), leaves only one candidate remaining, the Clerk shall announce in the Chamber that candidate's name and without any vote declare that Member to be elected Speaker.
- (5) If there are two or more candidates for election to the Office of Speaker, ballot papers shall be provided to Members present in the Chamber, by the Clerk, prior to the taking of the ballot.
- (6) Before the taking of the first ballot, the Clerk shall distribute the list of candidates to Members present in the Chamber.
- (7) Each Member present in the Assembly Chamber who wishes to indicate his or her choice for the Office of Speaker, shall proceed to one of the voting booths at the Table and print or write legibly on the ballot paper the surname of a candidate whose name appears on the list distributed pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(6).
- (8) Notwithstanding Standing Order 1.3(7) when two or more candidates, whose names appear on the list distributed pursuant to Standing Order 1.3(6), have identical surnames, each Member who wishes to indicate his or her choice for one of these candidates shall print or write legibly on the ballot paper the given

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name and the surname of the candidate of his or her choice.

- (9) Members shall deposit their completed ballot paper in a box provided for that purpose on the Table.
- (10) Once all Members wishing to do so have deposited their ballot papers, the Clerks at the Table shall retire from the Assembly Chamber with the ballot box and shall count the vote and the Clerk, being satisfied as to the accuracy of the count, shall destroy the ballots together with all records of the number of ballots cast for any candidate.
- (11) If one candidate receives a majority of the votes casts, the Clerk shall announce the name of that Member as the Speaker.
- (12) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the name of the candidate, or in the event of a tie the candidates, having the lowest number of votes cast, shall be excluded from subsequent ballots.
- (13) If every candidate receives the same number of votes, no names shall be excluded from the next ballot.
- (14) For each subsequent ballot, the Clerk shall prepare a list of candidates and distribute it to Members present in the Chamber.
- (15) Subsequent ballots shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in Standing Orders 1.3(5) to 1.3(16) and the balloting shall continue, in a like manner, until such times as a candidate is elected Speaker upon having received a majority of the votes cast.
- (16) At any time after the result of the first ballot has been declared, but before the commencement of a second or subsequent ballot, a candidate may withdraw from the election by rising in his or her place in the House and stating that he or she is withdrawing, and the election shall then proceed as if the Member had not become a candidate.

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- (17) The Clerk shall prescribe the following:
- (a) Member's notice of intent to seek election to the Office of Speaker;
 - (b) the form of the ballot paper; and,
 - (c) such other forms and information as may be required."
3. That Standing Order 2 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted.
- "2. The time for the meeting of the House is at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays inclusive. On Wednesdays the time for the meeting of the House is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. If a quorum is not present at 15 minutes after that time, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the usual hour on the next sitting day. When the House rises on Thursday, it stands adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday."
4. That Standing Order 7 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:
- "7. If at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon except on Wednesday, the business of the House is not concluded, the Speaker shall leave the Chair until 7 o'clock. At the hour of 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Speaker adjourns the House without question put."
5. That Standing Order 8 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the words "or 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon".
6. That Standing Order 11(1) of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the comma and words ", subject to an appeal to the House without debate".

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7. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 11 the following:

“Naming of Member

11.1 (1) The Speaker shall be vested with the authority to maintain order by naming individual Members for disregarding the authority of the Chair and, without resort to motion, ordering their withdrawal for the remainder of that sitting, notwithstanding Standing Order 80.

(2) In the event of a Member disregarding an order of the Chair pursuant to this Standing Order, the Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove that Member.”

8. That Standing Order 14(1) of the said Standing Orders be amended by adding the following paragraph as paragraph (a) and by relettering the other paragraphs accordingly:

“(a) Statements by Members:”

9. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 16 the following:

“Sitting Day Extended

16.1 The Government House Leader may move that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or at 10 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings but notice of this motion must be given at a previous day's sitting and once put by the Chair is not debatable.”

10. That Standing Order 20 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the word “Friday” and by substituting the word “Thursday”.

11. (1) That Standing Order 23 of the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after 23(1) the following:

“(1.1) Where possible and appropriate, notice of leave to make a motion under this Standing Order may be provided to the Speaker before the House opens on the day on which the Standing Order is invoked.”

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- (2) That Standing Order 23 be further amended by adding after Standing Order 23(6) the following:

"(7) If leave is given for the Speaker to put the motion that the Orders of the Day not be called, the debate under this Standing Order must be concluded no later than 6 o'clock in the evening after which the Speaker adjourns the House without question put."

12. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding immediately after Standing Order 23 the following:

"Statements by Members

- 23.1 (1) The time allotted for "Statements by Members" under Routines Proceedings shall be limited to 6 minutes.
- (2) A Member, other than a Minister of the Crown, may be recognized to make a statement for not more than one minute.
- (3) A Member may make a statement about any subject of interest or concern to him or her.
- (4) The subject matter of a Member's statement may be an anniversary, historic event, some particular accomplishment, the death of a notable person, matters of local, provincial, national or international significance of a non-contentious nature.
- (5) Member's Statements shall not be used to comment on aspects of provincial governmental policy or to reflect on a decision or direction of the House.
- (6) Statements shall not pose a question but rather express the opinion of the Member.
- (7) Statements are not debatable, do not lead to the introduction of a motion and are not responded to by any other Member."

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13. That Standing Order 24 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted.

“24. A copy of the Journals of the House, certified by the Clerk, shall be delivered after each major adjournment of the House to His or Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and to the Legislative Librarian.”

14. That Standing Order 29 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the sentence “Twenty-four hours notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address, or for placing a question on the Order Papers;” and by substituting the sentence “Notice shall be given at a previous sitting of a motion for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address, or for placing a question on the Order Paper;”.
15. That Standing Orders 31(7) to (11) inclusive of the said Standing Orders be revoked.
16. That Standing Order 32 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the words “All motions” and by substituting the words “All substantive motions”.
17. That Standing Order 34 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

“BUSINESS OF SUPPLY, WAYS AND MEANS AND BUDGET

Order for Supply

34(1) At the commencement of each session, the House shall designate by motion, a continuing Order of the Day for the consideration of the business of supply.

(2) For the purposes of this Standing Order, the business of supply shall consist of motions to concur in interim supply, main estimates and supplementary estimates; motions to restore or reinstate an item in the estimates; motions to introduce or pass at all stages a Bill or Bills based on the estimates.

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(3) The adoption of a motion to concur in an estimate or estimates or interim supply shall be an Order of the House to bring in a Bill or Bills based thereon.

Notice of Ways and Means

34.1(1) A notice of a Ways and Means Motion may be laid upon the Table of the House at any time during a sitting by a Minister of the Crown.

(2) When a Ways and Means Motion is designated for the purpose of enabling a Minister of the Crown to make a Budget presentation, a motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" shall be proposed.

(3) The adoption of a Ways and Means motion shall be an order to bring in a Bill or Bills based on the provisions of that motion.

Amendments on Budget Debate

34.2 Only one amendment and one subamendment may be made to a motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government".

18. That Standing Order 49 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

- "49. (1) Subject to Standing Order 49(2), (3), (4) and (6), no Member shall speak for than 20 minutes at a time in any debate.
- (2) The Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, a Minister moving a Government Order and a Member replying thereto immediately after such Minister, a Member moving a motion of non-confidence and the Minister replying thereto, shall not speak for more than 60 minutes at a time in any debate.

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- (3) The Leader of the Opposition and the Premier have unlimited time when the Leader of the Opposition moves a motion of non-confidence and the Premier replies to such a motion other than an amendment to the Address in Reply or the Budget motion.
 - (4) The Minister of Finance and the Member speaking immediately in reply have unlimited time in giving the budget speech and replying thereto.
 - (5) The Leader of the Opposition and the Premier may not delegate their right of unlimited time to another Member under Standing Order 49(3).
 - (6) During debate of a motion in Committee of the Whole House, the Member who makes an opening statement and the Member who replies immediately after that Member may speak for not more than 15 minutes, while all other Members may speak for not more than 10 minutes with no limit on the number of times a Member may speak.”
19. That Standing Order 76 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

“Fees

76. Any person seeking to obtain a private Bill giving an exclusive privilege or profit, or private or corporate advantage shall be required to deposit with the Clerk of the House a copy of the Bill together with a sum of money to cover the printing of the Bill and such amounts as may be prescribed by the Commission of Internal Economy of the House of Assembly.”

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20. That Standing Order 86(3) of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"86(3) In a Standing or Select Committee, the Standing Orders of the House shall be observed so far as may be applicable with the exception that motions need not be seconded."

21. (1) That Standing Order 92 of the said Standing Orders be amended by striking out the figure "5" and by substituting the figure "3".

(2) That Standing Order 92.1 of the said Standing Orders is revoked.

22. That Standing Order 119 of the said Standing Orders be revoked and the following substituted:

"119 (1) The House may refer such Heads of Expenditure (Estimates), as it may decide, upon motion of the House Leader, to a committee or committees established under Standing Order 117.

(2) Three hours shall be deducted for each Head of Expenditure so referred from the time allocated under Standing Order 116."

23. (1) That Standing Order 120 of the said Standing Orders be amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 120(1) and by adding after the words "sitting days" the words "of the House of Assembly".

(2) That Standing Order 120 be further amended by adding the following:

"(2) All estimates not selected for consideration by the respective Standing Committee on Estimates shall be deemed to be passed by the Committee and reported back to the House at the conclusion of the 15 day period."

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24. That the said Standing Orders be amended by adding at the end of the Standing Orders the following:

"Practice Notes

These are practice notes of the House of Assembly that were recommended by the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of 1999 and subsequently adopted by the Assembly. It is important to note that the procedures, guidelines, etc. listed here are practices and are not Standing Orders; and further, that this is not a complete collection of the practices of the House of Assembly.

Parliamentary Calendar

1. (1) During a Session of the House, the House shall ordinarily meet
 - (a) in the Winter-Spring from the second Monday in March to the Friday before the Victoria Day weekend with a break from Maundy Thursday to the third Monday after Easter; and
 - (b) in the Fall for a minimum of four weeks adjourning not later than one week before Christmas.
- (2) Where the Government intends to extend the date of the adjournment of the House under paragraph 1(a) or (b), the Government House Leader shall after notice has been given make a motion to extend the sitting of the House and the motion shall be put without debate.
- (3) Whenever the House stands adjourned, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consulting with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than set out in number (1), the Speaker may give notice that being so satisfied the House shall meet, and therefore the House shall meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

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(4) In the event the Speaker is unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or Deputy Chair of Committees shall act in the Speaker's stead for the purpose of this item.

Parliamentary Group

2. To be recognized as a parliamentary group in the House of Assembly, the group must be a registered party in accordance with *The Elections Act, 1991*, must have contested two-thirds of the number of seats in the House of Assembly at the preceding General Election and have elected at least three Members, at the preceding General Election or at a by-election. This definition would not affect the ruling of Mr. Speaker McNicholas in 1987 concerning the right of a two person group with respect to Ministerial Statements or other decisions made with respect to the entitlements of the New Democratic Party Members of the House.

Petitions

3.
 - (a) Where a petition does not conform to the requirements of Standing Orders 90 to 92 and the Speaker considers that in substance the petition is by its nature of concern and interest to Members of the House, the Speaker may waive the Standing Orders in this regard and rule that the particular petition is in order.
 - (b) All petitions must be certified by a Table Officer before presentation.
 - (c) Form of Petition

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF
NEWFOUNDLAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The Petition of the undersigned residents

HUMBLY SHEWETH

WHEREAS _____

(states the reason(s) for the Petition)

WHEREAS _____

WHEREUPON the undersigned, your Petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House
of Assembly to

(The prayer expresses the request of the Petitioners)

AND as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.

DATE: _____

Name (Please print)

Address

Signature

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25. That the Clerk of the House of Assembly be authorized to renumber and reprint the Standing Orders making all necessary adjustments and revisions in order to carry out the spirit and intent of the above noted changes to the Standing Orders.
26. With the exception of items 2 (Election of the Speaker) and 25 of this motion, this motion shall come into force on the Prorogation of the First Session of the 44th General Assembly."

During the debate on the motion, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved, seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) the following amendment:

"That the Resolution be amended by deleting the word "three" in the fifth line of paragraph 2 of the of the Practice Notes and replace it with the word "two".

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) put the question on the amendment to the motion and declared the amendment to the motion defeated.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) put the question on the motion amending the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly and declared the motion carried.

On motion of the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairperson (Mr. Oldford) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved an amendment.

The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved another amendment.

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The Chair put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43), without an amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41).

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 41:

"That subclause 43(4) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately before the words "shall be dealt with" the words "the information"."

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act to Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47).

The Chair of the Committee recessed the Committee at 5:58 o'clock in the afternoon for dinner.

The Committee resumed sitting at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 52).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (Bill No. 45).

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The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole 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 Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1999" (Bill No. 39);

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act" (Bill No. 47)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act And The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 52)

A Bill "An Act Respecting Adoptions" (Bill No. 45)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 46)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 49)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 43,40,39,47,52,45,46,49 &48 be read a third time presently.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had passed the Bill entitled: "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41), with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment to Bill No. 41 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a third time presently.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee of the Whole House 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 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting The Law Society Of Newfoundland" (Bill No. 41)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 39)
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A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 48).

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.

By leave, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the fiscal year April 1st, 1998 to March 31st, 1999.

By leave, the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley), asked the Speaker on behalf of all Members to send a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Helen Chipp in King's Point who will be celebrating her 107th birthday on December 29th, 1999. The House agreed to this request.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan), the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) wished everyone Seasons Greetings.

The Speaker recessed the House to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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."

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Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan & Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 1)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Administration Of Medical Care Insurance" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Coat Of Arms Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Operation Of Mines And Mills In The Province" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Queen's Counsel Act" (Bill No. 25)

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- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Loan (Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund) Act, 1966" (Bill No. 38)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Human Rights Code" (No. 37)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Physiotherapy Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Proceedings Against The Crown Act And The Public Officials Garnishee Act" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 43)
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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor addressed the Chamber by wishing all Members and their families Seasons Greetings.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

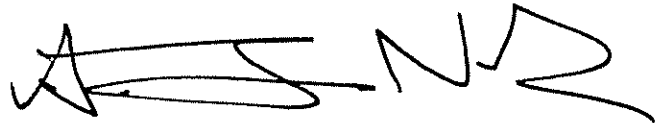
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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 motion of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

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

On motion the House then adjourned at 8.08 o'clock in the evening of December 14th, 1999.

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

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House.

Thursday, December 16th, 1999

Pursuant to a notice given by the Honourable the Speaker on December 15th, 1999, the House met in a special sitting at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon in order to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Confederation.

Former Members of the House as well as relatives of former Members who were elected to the First General Assembly after Confederation in 1949 were in attendance in the Chamber.

The Honourable the Speaker welcomed those present, following which the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne), and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke.

Afterwards the Speaker invited Hon. Henry Cummings, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and the former Clerk and Law Clerk of the House of Assembly in 1949 and his son, Mr. John Cummings, Q.C., the present Clerk of the Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet to join the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi and the Speaker to unveil a plaque showing the list of names of those Members elected in 1949 along with the names of those Members elected in the 1999 General Election.

The Speaker invited former Members, guests and Members into the Government Caucus Room to partake of light refreshments.

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 motions 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 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of December 16th, 1999.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House.