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of the
THIRD SESSION
of the
FORTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND
2001

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, Two Thousand and One, being the Fiftieth 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.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A. M. House, having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 13th day of March, 2001, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Snow took the Chair.

Tuesday, March 13th, 2001

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) 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.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

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

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (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 of the House of Assembly and directed the pages to distribute copies to all Members.

It was moved by the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) 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. Edward Byrne), the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) spoke to the motion.

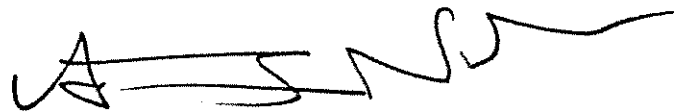
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The motion was adopted by the House and it was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Mr. Ross Wiseman, Member for Trinity North,
Ms. Yvonne Jones, Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair,
Mr. Wallace Young, Member for St. Barbe.

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 15th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Thursday, March 15th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Conception Bay East and Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate those youths in his District who will be recognized by the Provincial Council of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program during a Bronze Award Ceremony which will be held at Wabana Town Hall on the evening of March 15th.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to recognize the many people involved in the search and recovery of the three young men who tragically lost their lives in Pouch Cove on March 8th. The Member in particular mentioned the bravery of those involved in the rescue and the acts of bravery of the boys themselves.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Helen Canning, the wife of former M.H.A. Patrick J. Canning who represented the District for about thirty years.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to congratulate Newfoundland and Labrador's first ever winners of the National Junior Men's Curling Championship namely: Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brent Hamilton and Mike Adam along with Jamie Korab and coach Jeff Thomas who will be representing Canada at the World Junior Curling Championships in Utah.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize March 14th as Literacy Action Day and to raise the awareness of the need for further and continued support for literacy.

The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate Carl English of Patricks Cove who through adversity and hard work in the basketball court now plays with the University of Hawaii team on the American National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to apprise Members with respect to his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada. The Premier stated that he had discussed with the Prime Minister a number of outstanding issues of concern to the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members of the Department of Education's comprehensive program of initiatives to improve literacy levels in the Province.

Thursday, March 15th, 2001

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman), 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., FRCP.

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: Ross Wiseman, MHA
 Yvonne Jones, MHA
 Wallace Young, MHA

Assembly Chamber
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On motion the Report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until later in the day.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the following documents:

- (a) in accordance with section 32 of the *Auditor General Act*, the Report of the auditor appointed by the Commission of Internal Economy to audit the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2000;
- (b) in accordance with Section 35 of the *House of Assembly Act*, the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000;
- (c) in accordance with section 39 of the *Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, 1992* the Annual Report of the Office of the RNC Public Complaints Commission for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she 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).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) also gave notice that she 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 (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move: "That This House Approves In General The Budgetary Policy of The Government."

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and by leave moved, pursuant to Standing Order 65(1), the appointment of the Striking Committee to consist of the following:

Member for Terra Nova (Hon. Tom Lush)
Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. James Walsh)
Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman)
Member for Ferryland (Mr. Loyola Sullivan)
Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Loyola Sullivan).

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

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS too often in the past the people of this Province have not received fair benefits from our resources;

AND WHEREAS there are people along the Labrador Coast and in other communities of Newfoundland and Labrador in desperate need of access to the northern shrimp resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly strongly oppose any further allocation of the Northern Shrimp resource to out of the Province interests."

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to introduce legislation to protect children from exposure to pornographic, violent and degrading behavior via the Internet in the Provincial Libraries.

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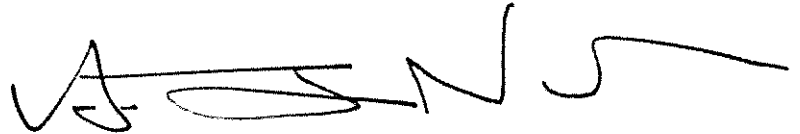
The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of the Province to direct Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation to reverse its decision with respect to the layoff and transfer of Hydro employees in rural areas of the Province.

The Member for The Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of the Province to direct Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to reconsider its decision with respect to the lay off and transfer of Hydro employees in rural areas of the Province.

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, Tuesday, March 20th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, March 20th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) rose on a Point of Privilege alleging that certain answers to questions given by the Honourable the Premier on Thursday past in the House and outside the House were inconsistent and that the Premier had breached Mr. Byrne's privileges as a Member.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to pay tribute to twelve year old Kayla Prince of Catalina who had been recently selected as the Janeway Hospital's Miracle Children's Network Champion.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to publicly recognize the work of the International Grenfell Association and its funding of approximately \$1.5 million for various community services in Northern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Brian Francis of Burin who was recently named Junior Male Athlete of the year during the 2000 Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Awards for his achievements in soccer.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to advise the House with respect to the release of the Final Report on the Renewal Strategy for Jobs and Growth, dated March, 2001. The Minister also tabled copies of the Report.

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

"WHEREAS the current administration was elected in 1999 on a commitment that Voisey's Bay nickel ore would not be shipped from the Province for processing elsewhere;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador must not sign any agreement involving the shipping of Voisey's Bay nickel ore from this Province for processing elsewhere unless it first obtains a mandate for such an arrangement from the people of the Province in a general election."

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

Government Services Committee

Mr. Eddie Joyce - Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Tom Osborne - Member for St. John's South
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Randy Collins - Member for Labrador West
Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Wallace Young - Member for St. Barbe;

Resource Committee

Mr. Jim Walsh - Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island
Mr. John Ottenheimer - Member for St. John's East
Mr. John Efford - Member for Port de Grave
Mr. Ed Byrne - Member for Kilbride
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Mr. Trevor Taylor - Member for The Straits & White Bay North;

Social Services Committee

Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Fabian Manning - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's
Mr. Tom Rideout - Member for Lewisporte
Mr. John Efford - Member for Port de Grave
Ms. Sheila Osborne - Member for St. John's West
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West.

The Member for The Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of the Province to conduct another review of the feasibility of offering the Licensed Practical Nursing course at the St. Anthony Campus in September 2001.

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The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government of the Province to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area so that families with physical disabilities may avail of essential support networks.

The Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of the Province to direct Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation to reverse its decision with respect to the layoff and transfer of Hydro employees in rural areas of the Province.

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

"March 20, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board:

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2002, 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.

Sgd. Clyde Wells
Administrator".

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), 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. Mercer 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.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, March 21st, 2001

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

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Danny Williams, the soon to be Leader of the Progressive Conservation Party, who was sitting in the Public Gallery.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to recognize the achievement of the Peewee A Hockey Team from the Town of Bonavista, which won the provincial championship this past weekend with only eleven players.

The Member for the Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Canning of Roddickton on celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to update Members on the successful fish price negotiations which had recently been completed between fish harvesters and fish processors in the Province. This process now takes place under the final offer selection process in accordance with recent amendments to the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize March 22nd as World Water Day in order to advocate and promote awareness about the importance of clean and safe water for the environment and for public health.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, made a Statement to recognize this day as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and to table a new brochure and handbook entitled "Celebrating Diversity, Respecting Differences" produced by the Women's Policy Office.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain personal care and home support workers urging the Government of the Province to facilitate the increase in wages for these workers.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government to fully implement wage increases, workers' compensation and other benefits in order to live up to the commitment to the personal care and home support workers of the Province.

Wednesday, March 21st, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion the Speaker put the question on the following motion standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush):

"That the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

Government Services Committee

Mr. Eddie Joyce - Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Tom Osborne - Member for St. John's South
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Randy Collins - Member for Labrador West
Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Wallace Young - Member for St. Barbe;

Resource Committee

Mr. Jim Walsh - Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island
Mr. John Ottenheimer - Member for St. John's East
Mr. John Efford - Member for Port de Grave
Mr. Ed Byrne - Member for Kilbride
Ms. Yvonne Jones - Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair
Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains
Mr. Trevor Taylor - Member for The Straits & White Bay North;

Social Services Committee

Mr. George Sweeney - Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace
Mr. Fabian Manning - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's
Mr. Tom Rideout - Member for Lewisporte
Mr. John Efford - Member for Port de Grave
Ms. Sheila Osborne - Member for St. John's West
Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West."

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Wednesday, March 21st, 2001

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 East (Mr. Ottenheimer):

"WHEREAS the current administration was elected in 1999 on a commitment that Voisey's Bay nickel ore would not be shipped from the Province for processing elsewhere;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador must not sign any agreement involving the shipping of Voisey's Bay nickel ore from this Province for processing elsewhere unless it first obtains a mandate for such an arrangement from the people of the Province in a general election."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

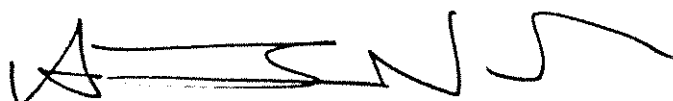
Against: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Walsh, Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Thursday, March 22nd, 2001

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) moved "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government." In making the motion the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board delivered the Budget Speech.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

"March 20th, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2002, in the amount of \$3,392,287,700 and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Clyde Wells,**
Administrator".

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) 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.

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The motion was 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. Mercer took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The budgetary documents were distributed.

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 it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and by leave moved:

- (a) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Government Services Committee**:

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

- (b) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Social Services Committee**:

Education
Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education
Human Resources & Employment
Labour
Health & Community Services
Justice;

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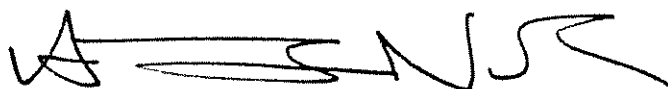
- (c) That the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Resource Committee**:

Fisheries & Aquaculture
Forest Resources & Agrifoods
Mines & Energy
Tourism, Culture & Recreation
Industry, Trade & Rural Development
Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Monday, March 26th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) made a Statement calling on the Speaker to send a letter of congratulations to the Brad Gushue Curling Team which won the World Junior Men's Championship. The Member paid tribute to team members Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brent Hamilton, Mike Adam and Jamie Korab in addition to their coach Jeff Thomas.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to recognize eighteen year old Heidi Randell of Corner Brook who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and this year is Newfoundland and Labrador's representative for Candlelighters Teens.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Newfoundland and Labrador Curling Team on winning the World Men's Junior Curling Championship in Utah. The Member also referred to two Members of the team who are from Labrador City, namely Mark Nichols and Mike Adam.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the Marystown Crime Prevention Committee on opening a new Crime Prevention Centre in the Pensinsula Mall.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement on behalf of the Government and people of the Province to recognize and pay tribute to the Gushue Curling Rink which won the World Junior Men's Championship this past weekend. The Minister in particular paid tribute to Brad Gushue, Brent Hamilton, Mike Adam, Mark Nichols, Jamie Korab and Coach Jeff Thomas.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled the Reports of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for the months of December 2000 and January and February 2001.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) gave notice and by leave moved

- (a) that Mr. Wayne Green be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer under section 4(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991*, effective April 1st, 2001; and
- (b) that Mr. Wayne Green be appointed as the Commissioner of Members' Interests under section 34(2) of the *House of Assembly Act*, effective April 1, 2001.

Monday, March 26th, 2001

In moving these motions, the Honourable the Premier thanked Mr. Robert Jenkins, who will be retiring from the above named positions, for his thirty-five years of distinguished service to the Province having served as Deputy Clerk and Clerk of the Executive Council and in several senior positions as Deputy Minister prior to his appointment as Chief Electoral Officer and Commissioner of Members' Interests. The Premier also noted Mr. Green's career as a senior public servant spanning twenty-five years. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) also spoke to the motion.

It was agreed that the Speaker send a letter of good wishes to Mr. Jenkins upon his retirement from the Public Service.

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

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of the Province to direct Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation to reverse its decision with respect to the layoff and transfer of Hydro employees in rural areas of the Province.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer 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, 2002 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Monday, March 26th, 2001

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 2 be introduced to give effect to the 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, 2002, the sum of \$1,226,446,100."

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, 2002 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.

It was agreed to stop the clock for the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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."

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, 2002 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

Monday, March 26th, 2001

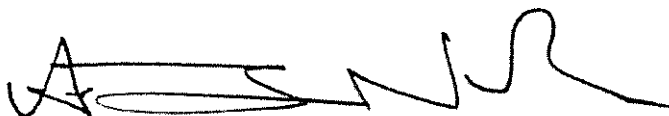
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 27th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, March 27th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to recognize the Shoal Harbour Company owned by a partnership of Theresa Pittman and Susan Hollett, which has launched DiscoveryGiftShop.com, a unique online gift shop which sells Newfoundland and Labrador products.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Michael Fequet from Cartwright, a full time conservation officer for the past eight years , who has been given the distinction as Outstanding Wildlife Officer of the Year for 1999 by Shikar Safari Club International, a wildlife conservation group.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to support the School Lunch Association's Skip-A-Lunch Campaign and to raise awareness of the issue of child poverty and its affect on children's education.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

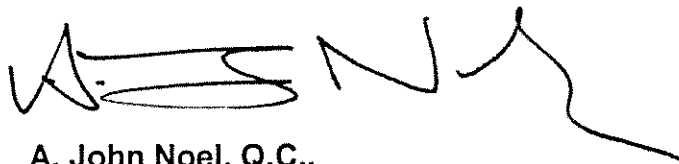
It was agreed to stop the clock for a few minutes.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Mr. Jones) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

Tuesday, March 27th, 2001

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, March 28th, 2001

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) made a ruling with respect to a point of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) on March 20th, 2001. The Speaker ruled that a *prima facie* case of privilege had not been established by the Member. In arriving at his decision, the Speaker referred to a similar set of circumstances namely, a claim that a Member had made inconsistent statements inside and outside the House, in a ruling by Speaker Lamoureux of the House of Commons in 1971.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to recognize the fund raising efforts of the Pasadena Lions Snowarama which raised in excess of \$12,000 for the Newfoundland Society for the Physically Disabled.

The Member for the Straits-White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to wish success to the Girls Broomball Team from Conche which is representing the Province in the Canadian Championships in Ontario.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to advise Members of a business success story in his District, that being Quality Bait Services of Canada Inc. which is finding a way to take waste material and turn it into a bait product for the shellfish industry.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a Point of Order to say the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) spoke an unparliamentary word that being "viper". The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province as represented by the Consumer Group for Fair Gas Prices, requesting the Governments of the Province and Canada to remove the harmonized sales tax from two basic necessities of life, namely home heating fuel and electric heat.

By leave, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) also spoke to the Petition.

Wednesday, March 28th, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones):

"WHEREAS too often in the past the people of this Province have not received fair benefits from our resources;

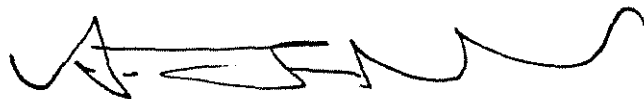
AND WHEREAS there are people along the Labrador Coast and in other communities of Newfoundland and Labrador in desperate need of access to the northern shrimp resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly strongly oppose any further allocation of the Northern Shrimp resource to out of the Province interests."

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 29th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Thursday, March 29th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker introduced in the Speaker's Gallery members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Junior Men's Curling Team who recently won the World Championships in Utah, U.S.A. The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to congratulate the members of the team.

The Speaker ruled that the use of the word "viper" by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) on March 28th was unparliamentary and asked the Member to withdraw the word. Whereupon the Member withdrew the word.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne), on behalf of the Member for the Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor), who was unavoidably absent, made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Helge Ingstad, the archeologist who discovered the site of the Viking settlement in L'Anse aux Meadows and who proved that the Vikings had reached North America a thousand years ago.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to advise Members of the importance of electronic business and information technology on the provincial economy by giving examples from his District.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Dr. Helge Ingstad, a lawyer, anthropologist, author and explorer who discovered the Norse settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows as one of the most significant pieces of archeological and historical research ever to take place in the Province. It was through the efforts of Dr. Ingstad that L'Anse aux Meadows became recognized by UNESCO as a world Heritage Site.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Trinity and Conception Bays urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reclassify the Trinity and Conception Bays areas of the Province to Zone 2 with respect to automobile insurance rates.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

Thursday, March 29th, 2001

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

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), in accordance with section 55(3) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the list of guaranteed loans paid out by the Province since the last report to the House.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), in accordance with section 49(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the list of Temporary Loans raised under the Act since the last report to the House.

Debate continued in Committee of Supply on the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

On motion the Committee rose.

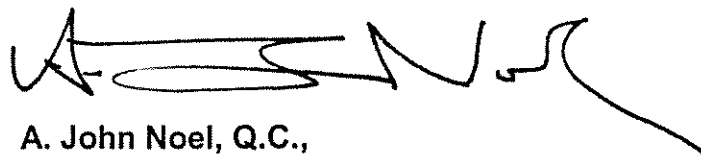
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Ms. Hodder) 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 2nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, April 2nd, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for The Straits-White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to advise Members that the Conche Girls Broomball Team, participating in the National Broomball Championship in Kitchener, had won the Competition's Sportsmanship Award.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Brian Francis of Burin on being named as the Junior Male Athlete of the Year at the 2000 Sports Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Awards presentation.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate All Hallows Elementary School in North River, the principal, staff, students and community of parents for sponsoring the 2000-2001 Newfoundland and Labrador finals of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge this past Saturday. The Member also recognized and congratulated those who placed first, second and third place.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to congratulate the Gonzaga High School teachers and students along with students from St. Pius X, St. Bonaventure's and MacDonald Drive Junior High on the production of The Music Man.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that a further Estimate of Expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$10 million be referred to the Committee of Supply.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), in accordance with section 28(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-045 under Section 28 (2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$4,800,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-044 under Section 28 (2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$23,720,000 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 2001-180 under Section 28(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$8,800,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-176 under Section 28(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$15,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-181 under Section 28(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$3,700,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure; and
- (f) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-234 under Section 28(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, for \$5,500,000 to be expended under the Department of Health and Community Services Head of Expenditure.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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

By leave, the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that a further Estimate of Expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve In the amount of \$10 million be referred to the Committee Of Supply.

The Chairperson (Ms. Hodder) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Executive Council and Legislature** Heads of Expenditure, without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

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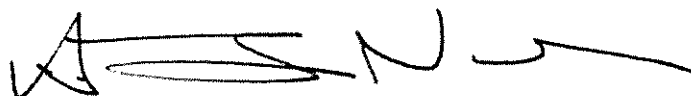
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the **Executive Council** and **Legislature**, 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate the City of Corner Brook on being named Forestry Capital of Canada for 2002.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to pay tribute to Ms. Susan Knight a highly respected music teacher and founder of the Newfoundland Symphony Youth Choir who had resigned as a music teacher in protest over government's policy with respect to music education.

The Speaker ruled the Statement of the Member for St. John's East was out of order because it violated Standing Order 25(5) in that Member's Statements may not be used to comment on aspects of provincial government policy.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to advise Members that a community forum composed of people from the five aboriginal communities in Northern Labrador had gathered in Nain to initiate the healing process with respect to recent suicide cases. The Member congratulated the organization of the meeting by the people in Nain.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to advise Members of the serious situation which had arisen on the roads in the Province by virtue of the snow storm during the NAPE strike.

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

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador's fresh water is among its most precious and valuable resources;

AND WHEREAS exporting Newfoundland and Labrador's fresh water resources in bulk could have serious deleterious consequences for the Province and the Country under the North American Free Trade Agreement;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have consistently made clear they expect to receive maximum benefits from their natural resources in terms of not only royalties and other revenues but also value-added processing, jobs and other spinoffs;

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AND WHEREAS there has been considerable public debate in Newfoundland and Labrador on bulk water export, and the public have spoken loudly and clearly in that debate of their determination to protect our Province's fresh water resources;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House in 1999 debated and, on December 14, 1999, unanimously passed into law *An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province* to ban the bulk export of fresh water from Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House honour the commitment that was made when *An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province* was passed in this House by maintaining the ban on the bulk export of fresh water from Newfoundland and Labrador."

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Consolidated Fund Services** and the **Contingency Reserve Fund**, without amendment.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the **Consolidated Fund Services** and the **Contingency Reserve Fund**, 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 of Supply have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgeting policy of the Government" (the Budget Motion).

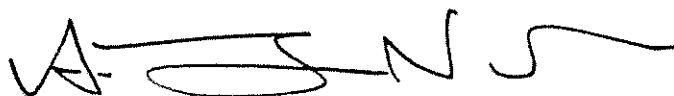
On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2001

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) 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, April 4th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, April 4th, 2001

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to mark the end of an era at the St. John's Memorial Stadium. The Member noted that the events this evening will mark the official tribute to the memory of the forty-seven years that the stadium has hosted sporting events and other entertainment.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate four youths from her district who attended a national conference on poverty in Ontario.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), as the Member for St. John's Centre, made a Statement to offer condolences to the family of the late Cy Mills, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. By leave, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) paid tribute to Mr. Mills and it was agreed that the Speaker send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Mills.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones), as Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney), made a Statement to comment on the announcement that a federal health care commission had been appointed to be headed by former Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow. The Commission will explore the principles and values which underlie the health care system in Canada and propose new approaches for long-term sustainability of health care in the Country.

In answer to a question during Oral Questions respecting the status of snow clearing on the highways in the Province, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled a report respecting the status on various highways.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave answers respecting the Consolidated Fund Services, certain pension plans and the Province's unfunded liability of these plans.

Wednesday, April 4th, 2001

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. Osborne):

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador's fresh water is among its most precious and valuable resources;

AND WHEREAS exporting Newfoundland and Labrador's fresh water resources in bulk could have serious deleterious consequences for the Province and the Country under the North American Free Trade Agreement;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have consistently made clear they expect to receive maximum benefits from their natural resources in terms of not only royalties and other revenues but also value-added processing, jobs and other spinoffs;

AND WHEREAS there has been considerable public debate in Newfoundland and Labrador on bulk water export, and the public have spoken loudly and clearly in that debate of their determination to protect our Province's fresh water resources;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House in 1999 debated and, on December 14, 1999, unanimously passed into law *An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province* to ban the bulk export of fresh water from Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House honour the commitment that was made when *An Act To Provide For The Conservation, Protection, Wise Use And Management Of The Water Resources Of The Province* was passed in this House by maintaining the ban on the bulk export of fresh water from Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

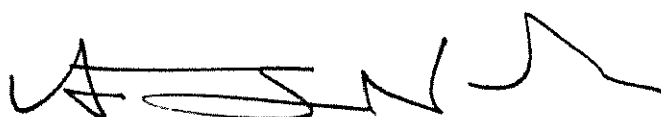
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There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), Mr. Efford, the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Walsh, Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 5th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Thursday, April 5th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Angie Bursey, a seventeen year old student from MSB Academy in Middle Arm, who was awarded the prestigious John Motley Moorhead Scholarship tenable at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to commend the Committee comprising the staff and students of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, representatives of Corner Brook Pulp and Paper and Members of the Newfoundland Historical Society for hosting a symposium on the history of the forest industry in Western Newfoundland.

The Member for Placentia and St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate Eugene Manning, a student attending Fatima Academy in St. Bride's, on being awarded the Canada Trust Scholarship.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to wish Happy Birthday to the Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder).

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order by alleging that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) had uttered an unparliamentary expression and had used inappropriate body language. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) tabled the 2000 Annual Report and audited financial statements of The Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to introduce legislation to protect children from exposure to pornographic, violent and degrading behaviour via the Internet in the Provincial Libraries.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 4 be read a second time on tomorrow.


Thursday, April 5th, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgeting policy of the Government" (the Budget Motion).

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, April 9th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, April 9th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) spoke, followed by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) to congratulate Mr. Danny Williams, the new Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland and Labrador who was sitting in the Public Gallery.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), as the Member for Humber Valley, made a Statement to congratulate the Deer Lake Red Wings on winning the Herder Memorial Trophy.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. Harold Druken, formerly of Shea Heights, now a hockey player with the Vancouver Canucks, for scoring not only the tying goal but also the winning goal which put the Vancouver Canucks in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Jeffrey Quilty, a Grade 6 student from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Marystown on winning the provincial competition of the La Dicter Paul Gerin LaJolie competition sponsored by the Canadian Parents for French.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to officially advise the House that the Government, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees had reached an historic tentative agreement with the Province's more than 19,000 public service workers early Friday morning.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the official celebrations in connection with the Province's recognition of the 100th anniversary of Marconi's transatlantic wireless achievement.

The Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh), 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
Mines and Energy
Tourism, Culture & Recreation
Industry, Trade and Rural Development, and
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.**

Monday, April 9th, 2001

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney), 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:

Education
Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education
Human Resources and Employment
Labour
Health and Community Services, and
Justice.

On motion, the Reports were received and on motion debate on the Reports was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Burlington, Smith's Harbour and Middle Arm urging the Government to upgrade and pave the roads in their communities because of the condition of these roads.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, April 10th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Andrew Critch of Hillview, a Grade 9 student at Clarendville High School who placed second in the W.J. Blundon Contest sponsored by the Mathematics Department at Memorial University.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Rhiannon Morgan, a student at Queen Elizabeth High School who was chosen to try out for Canada's National Ladies Volleyball Team this Summer in Waterloo, Ontario.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to commend three pilots in his District, namely George Parly, Bill Cornick and Gerry Holloway along with the Honourary Chairperson Brigadier General Chuck Yeager, who will be hosting Young Eagles Day by taking young people on short flights over Labrador and to introduce and encourage young people to the possibilities of aviation careers.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Justice Garrett Handrigan, a resident of Marystown, on being appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Trial Division in the Judicial Centre of Grand Bank.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney), made a Statement to advise Members that the Government would continue its commitment to assist regional health boards in encouraging graduate nurses to work in the health system by offering a \$3,000 bursary to graduate nurses in return for one year of service.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), pursuant to section 28(3) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the following:

- (a) Minute of Council 148-2001 authorizing a new activity under the Department of Education creating the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Investment Corporation;
- (b) Minute of Council 589-2001 authorizing a new activity under the Department of Finance relating to debt relief to municipalities; and
- (c) Minute of Council 422-2001, authorizing a new activity under the Department of Education relating to a loan to the Private Training Corporation.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), in accordance with section 26(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, also tabled Minutes of Council 700-2000 and 689-2000 relating to pre-commitments under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure for the Trans Canada Highway, the Trans Labrador Highway and the Regional Trunk Roads Agreements.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7).

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. 8).

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the recently released Final Report on the Renewal Strategy for Jobs and Growth has identified knowledge based industries as a strategic growth opportunity;

AND WHEREAS information technology is changing many aspects of society and it is being predicted that there will be continued change of both a technical nature and a structural nature;

AND WHEREAS many government services can be provided online and the availability of information and communication technology are becoming important ingredients in economic development;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Development and Rural Renewal and the Department of Industry, Trade and Technology have been combined to form a new Department of industry, Trade and Rural Development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House of Assembly supports the priority of ensuring all regions of the Province have access to modern telecommunications infrastructure to participate in the knowledge based economy."

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The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Harry's Harbour in his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave the roads in their community because of the condition of these roads.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4) continued.

During the debate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) moved that the House adjourn.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the motion.

A Division was called.

A point of order was raised with respect to the sequence of events.

The Speaker recessed the House at 4:05 o'clock in the afternoon to check Hansard.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) ruled that the vote had not been completed. The yeas were called but the nays were not called.

The Speaker again put the question on the motion that the House adjourn.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Harvey Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Manning, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

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Against: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (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 the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (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. Lush) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) 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, April 11th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

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

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege in relation to matters that had occurred in a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee in that Members from the Government side had not showed up for the meeting and by that action had shown contempt for the House. The Speaker ruled that the Committee was master of its own procedure and that the Leader of the Opposition had not established a *prima facie* case of privilege.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to advise Members of the 40th Anniversary of the Town of Labrador City. The Member stated that the celebration will commence on April 23 with the arrival of the Great Canadian Mining Show and conclude on May 12th with the Provincial Mining Week Celebrations.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mary French of Harbour Grace who was a well known volunteer for the Red Cross and the Carbonear Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Grace United Church in Coley's Point for holding Proclamation 2001 in cooperation with the Canadian Bible Society and churches in the area with respect to the reading of the Bible.

The Honourable Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith) made a Statement to recognize National Volunteer Week to be held during the period April 22nd to 28th and to recognize that this year, 2001, had been declared the Year of the Volunteers by the United Nations.

It was agreed to extend question period beyond 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to provide an update on wind energy generation. The Minister announced that the Hydro Corporation had selected the NeWind Group to undertake a Wind Energy Demonstration Project in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to advise Members of two events that had taken place last month in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Combined Councils of Labrador had met to provide an overview of the new Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and that Directions North, a major conference, sponsored by the Combined Councils, had met to discuss concerns of Labrador's Communities.

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The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members about Encounters with Canada, a Canada wide student program which brings together young people from across the country for a week-long stay at the Terry Fox Youth Centre in Ottawa.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) tabled a letter in relation to a matter of literacy.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and by leave moved the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government has announced and is implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce the consumption of tobacco products, in particular by young people;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant body of evidence that tobacco consumption causes serious forms of illness and even death;

AND WHEREAS health care costs associated with the treatment of tobacco related illness constitutes a significant burden on the fiscal resources of the Province;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House has given First Reading to a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs";

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to receive the opinions of interested groups respecting this component of Government's comprehensive strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Select Committee of this Honourable House consisting of the following Members be appointed to hear from these groups and to report back to this Honourable House:

- The Member for Trinity North who shall be the Chairperson
- The Member for Bay of Islands
- The Member for Cartwright L'Anse Au Clair

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- The Member for Torngat Mountains
- The Member for Ferryland
- The Member for St. John's East
- The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee receive representations from the following groups:

- Alliance for the Control of Tobacco
- Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Bankers, Confectioners, Tobacco and Grain Millers Union
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador
- Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited
- JTI-MacDonald Corp.
- Lung Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Newfoundland and Labrador Health Care Association
- Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association
- Non-Smokers' Rights Association
- Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada
- Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc.
- Teen Tobacco Team;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may receive written representations from other interested groups on or before April 27, 2001;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee conduct its hearings between April 30, 2001 and May 8, 2001 and report back to this Honourable House not later than May 14, 2001."

After some debate the Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried. It should be noted that it was agreed that the terms and mandate of the Committee may need to be extended depending on the number of representations received.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman):

“WHEREAS the recently released Final Report on the Renewal Strategy for Jobs and Growth has identified knowledge based industries as a strategic growth opportunity;

AND WHEREAS information technology is changing many aspects of society and it is being predicted that there will be continued change of both a technical nature and a structural nature;

AND WHEREAS many government services can be provided online and the availability of information and communication technology are becoming important ingredients in economic development;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Development and Rural Renewal and the Department of Industry, Trade and Technology have been combined to form a new Department of industry, Trade and Rural Development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House of Assembly supports the priority of ensuring all regions of the Province have access to modern telecommunications infrastructure to participate in the knowledge based economy.”

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 30th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, April 30th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on April 11th, 2001.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to offer congratulations to Aubrey and Verna Pilgrim of Griquet who celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 29th.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the finalists and winners of the Writers Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Book Awards for 2001.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) 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 illnesses.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to update Members following her appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance regarding the Province's concerns about Bill C-18, an Act to amend the equalization program to lift the existing ceiling for one year, 1999-2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Acting) (Mr. Smith) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Acting)(Mr. Smith) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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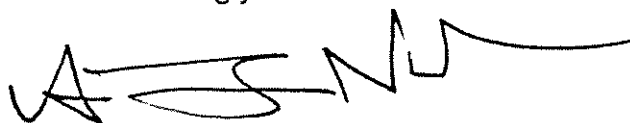
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, May 1st, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Melanie Haire, a sixteen year old young athlete from Harbour Grace who won a silver medal in the eighteen year old and under category as part of the Canadian National Team in the World Pro Kick Boxing Association World Championships in Greece.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to offer congratulations to Eugene Manning, a Grade 12 student of Fatima Academy in St. Bride's who won three scholarships totaling \$94,200 namely the Canada Trust Scholarship, the Memorial University Alumni Entrance Scholarship and the Millennium Scholarship Excellence Award.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), in her capacity as the Member for Gander, made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Bill Bennett, a well known bush pilot who founded Gander Aviation Air Services and who provided air ambulance service to communities in the Province. The Member asked the Speaker to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Bennett.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to advise Members that the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board had announced a new Call for Bids in the Province's offshore area, namely parcels located in the Flemish Pass Area, the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, the South Whale Basin and four parcels adjacent to the Newfoundland West coast area.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith) made a Statement to advise Members that the National Child Development Program Report 2000 had been released. The Minister also gave an update on progress of the Provincial Program which was established to reduce child poverty, help people find employment and to provide families with support to ensure children receive a healthy start.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement respecting the change in the Board of Directors of Fishery Products International and to reaffirm Government's intention to protect the people of rural Newfoundland and Labrador. The Minister stated the Government will hold the new Board of Directors accountable with respect to the future of the fishing industry in the Province.

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Westport in his District urging the Government to upgrade and pave a certain section of Highway Number 411 which runs through the Community.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Committee.

By leave, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government and House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador inform the new Board of Directors of Fishery Products International Limited of their firm resolve to hold the company to the obligations and limitations required of it in the *Fishery Products International Limited Act*."

Debate continued and concluded on the Report of the Social Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee.

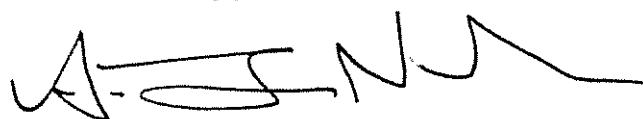
The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2001

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to give recognition to NaGeira House in Carbonear which had been designated as a Registered Heritage Structure by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to advise Members that Labrador West would be holding its first ever Come Home Year Celebration from July 20th to 27th in 2002.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to advise Members that the Deputy Premier and Members of Cabinet and Caucus had met with the new Board of Directors of Fishery Products International and had advised the new Board of Government's intent to hold the new Board accountable for the commitments which the new Board had publicly made to the people of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to recognize Library Week from April 29th to May 5th. The theme this year is "Let Libraries Carry You Away". The Minister emphasized the important role of libraries towards the advancement of literacy in the Province.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province 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, the Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce), 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:

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

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government and House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador inform the new Board of Directors of Fishery Products International Limited of their firm resolve to hold the company to the obligations and limitations required of it in the *Fishery Products International Limited Act*."

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the following amendments to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended

(a) by adding the following words at the end "and their intention to hold the company's Board of Directors accountable for the public commitments it has made to the residents of this province to maintain and enhance employment levels and continue to operate all of its existing plants"; and

(b) by adding immediately after the Resolution clause the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government and the House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government, as a trustee of the fisheries resources adjacent to our province, to ensure that all current and future quotas held by this company be harvested and processed for the maximum benefit of residents of this province"."

It was agreed to recess the House for ten minutes in order to give Members an opportunity to study the amendments.

The Speaker (Ms. Hodder) recessed the House at 3:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Ms. Hodder) resumed the House at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was agreed by all Members that the amendments to the Resolution would be accepted.

After some debate, the Speaker put the question on the amendments to the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the amendments carried unanimously.

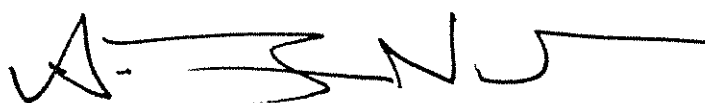
The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

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The Speaker declared the Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 3rd, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Thursday, May 3rd, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to advise Members that Captain Gunnar Sonstebj who was Norway's most decorated war hero of World War II, addressed Levels One and Two students at Carbonear Collegiate on his war time experience.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Barry Pearce of Trinity who was named a recipient of the 2000 Bancroft Award at the recent Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association annual convention.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to advise Members that the Western Newfoundland Model Forest and Deer Lake/Corner Brook/St. Barbe School District will be hosting a regional Envirothon Competition in Corner Brook from May 3rd to May 5th.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the recent filming activity taking place in the Province, in particular the shooting of the film *The Shipping News*, which is based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by E. Annie Proulx. The Minister also made comments about the involvement of the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation in local film productions.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) rose to establish a *prima facie* point of privilege respecting certain remarks made by the Member for Harbour Main-Whitborne (Mr. Hedderson) which resulted in an incorrect newspaper headline. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for March 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education and the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Kelly) tabled the Annual Report of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 16).

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The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province 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 The Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Jacksons Arm, Sop's Arm, Pollards Point and area urging the Government of the Province to undertake an aggressive search for a doctor who would be willing to permanently locate in this area of the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time on tomorrow.

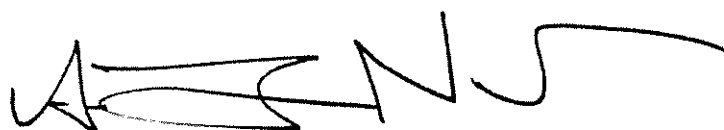
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the motion to concur in the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that the House concur in the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 7th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, May 7th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Ed Samson who recently received a medallion given by the Royal Norwegian Consulate in recognition of his role in training Norwegian sailors to be gunners for that Country's Merchant Navy during World War II.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the entire production team associated with *Etcetra 15*, a musical production of students attending Mount Pearl Senior High and Mount Pearl Intermediate School.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Frank and Alice MacDonald of West St. Modeste who celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Gerry Rogers on winning the Gold Award for the best Canadian film documentary "*My Left Breast*". The Award was presented at the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival in Toronto on May 6th.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to advise Members that he had appointed a Committee comprising the Ministers of Environment, Health and Community Services, Municipal and Provincial Affairs and Government Services and Lands to examine the concerns surrounding the supply of safe drinking water.

The Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to update Members on recent media reports with respect to the 3L shrimp allocation to Prince Edward Island. The Minister also stated that the Government would oppose the allocation of any additional fish resources off the Coast of the Province to outside interests.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to recognize the week of May 6-12, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. The Minister also paid tribute to this year's recipients of the Occupational Health and Safety Recognition Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to recognize the week of May 7-13 as Mining Week in Newfoundland and Labrador. The theme this year is "Mining Makes it Happen". The Minister further stated that Mining Week was designed to recognize the important contribution that the mineral sector makes to the economy of the Province and Canada.

Monday, May 7th, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 18).

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

"WHEREAS Canada has the largest marine boundary of any nation in the world;

AND WHEREAS a strong shipbuilding industry is an important part of any economic strategy for a strong trading nation such as Canada;

AND WHEREAS we have a skilled workforce and facilities in this country capable of competing with any other nation in the world in the shipbuilding industry;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry in Canada has been adversely affected by unfair trade practices by other nations;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significantly subsidized other modes of transportation to take advantage of world market opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Canada, particularly on the east coast, has a developing offshore oil sector which will create an environment where marine construction will be a strategic sector where we can lead the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to act and act quickly to implement the recommendations in the Report of the National Shipbuilding and Industrial Marine Partnership, *Breaking through.*"

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush) gave an answer respecting the text of the Free Trade Agreement with the Americas.

Monday, May 7th, 2001

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Community of Black Duck Cove urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take immediate action to ensure that the shrimp processing Plant at Black Duck Cove does not close and to make sure the plant reopens so the Community will continue to survive.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents who live near the stretch of gravel road that runs between the Discovery Trail and Route 234 requesting the Government to pave the road during 2001.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety, and Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No.16) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No.5) was 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No.6) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (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 on tomorrow.

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

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

Monday, May 7th, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No.15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be read a second time presently.

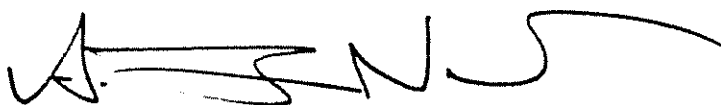
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No.15) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (the Budget Motion).

On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, May 8th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) made two rulings with respect to two outstanding matters. The Speaker ruled that the Minister of Education had failed to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege on May 3rd when she alleged that the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) had misrepresented her Department's policy on the position of primary school language arts.

The Speaker also ruled with respect to a point of order raised by the Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) on December 14th, 2001. The Speaker ruled that the Member for St. John's West was out of order when she displayed text books on her desk. The Speaker referred to various precedents.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Grade 4 students who were winners and participants in the Anti Drinking and Driving Contest jointly sponsored by the Citizens Crime Prevention Association, the Province's police forces and the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation. The contest consisted of drawing on Newfoundland Liquor Corporation bags.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Jaymee Miller from her District who will be going to British Columbia and Indonesia as part of the Canada World Youth Exchange Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement with respect the Government's commitment to the principle of cost sharing the clean up of St. John's Harbour.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement with respect to the Cabinet Committee struck to review the potential concerns surrounding the Province's drinking water. The Minister took the opportunity to table data relating to the water supplies of communities in the Province.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the fiscal year April 1st, 1999 to March 31st, 2000.

The Member for the Straits-White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) attempted to present a Petition from the Town of Conche. The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order to question the form of the Petition. The Speaker ruled it was not in a proper form and there was no leave given to present the Petition.

Tuesday, May 8th, 2001

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of Anchor Point urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to improve road, water and sewer conditions in the town.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No.17) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No.18) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association 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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 14 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (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 on tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 8th, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (Budget Speech).

During the debate, the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) moved, seconded by the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald), that all of the words after the word "that" be struck out and replaced with the following:

- "this House acknowledge and condemn the Government's failure
- to represent accurately the Province's fiscal situation,
 - to manage competently the Province's treasury,
 - to protect adequately the Province's resource wealth,
 - to secure soundly the Province's social programs,
 - to invest widely in the Province's youth,
 - to deal fairly with the Province's public employees,
 - to maintain properly the Province's infrastructure.
 - to contract capably with the Province's investors,
 - to fight aggressively for the Province's best interests,
 - to answer candidly to the Province's people,
 - to listen attentively to the people's concerns,
 - to administer accountably the Province's departments and agencies,
 - to plan prudently for the Province's growth,
 - to respond creatively to the desperate need for jobs, or
 - to discharge effectively any of its other fiduciary responsibilities."

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) recessed the House at 3:38 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:42 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

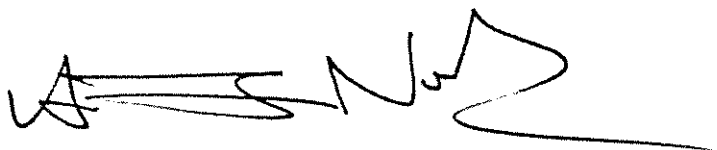
Tuesday, May 8th, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, May 9th, 2001

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of Judge James Kean who celebrated his retirement from the Provincial Court at Harbour Grace on May 3rd. The Member wished him well in his retirement and thanked him for his lengthy service to the judicial system.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate all those involved in the production of *Random Passage*, an eight hour mini series, based on the novel by Newfoundland writer, Bernice Morgan, which was filmed in New Bonaventure.

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members of the financial initiatives his Department have provided for purposes of infrastructure and training in order to enhance water quality in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members how the Government would continue to invest in the students of the Province by ensuring they were provided with state of the art school facilities equipped with the most modern teaching and learning aids available.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) tabled information relating to the legal advice obtained by Government respecting Fishery Products International Limited.

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

Wednesday, May 9th, 2001

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 Canada has the largest marine boundary of any nation in the world;

AND WHEREAS a strong shipbuilding industry is an important part of any economic strategy for a strong trading nation such as Canada;

AND WHEREAS we have a skilled workforce and facilities in this country capable of competing with any other nation in the world in the shipbuilding industry;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry in Canada has been adversely affected by unfair trade practices by other nations;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significantly subsidized other modes of transportation to take advantage of world market opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Canada, particularly on the east coast, has a developing offshore oil sector which will create an environment where marine construction will be a strategic sector where we can lead the world;

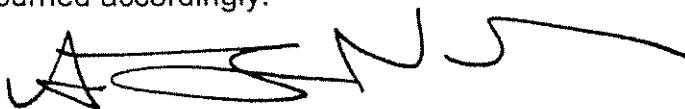
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to act and act quickly to implement the recommendations in the Report of the National Shipbuilding and Industrial Marine Partnership, *Breaking through.*”

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 10th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rees of Seal Cove who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on May 7th.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the Burin Salvation Army Corps on its 112th Anniversary of providing care and service to residents of the Burin area.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of Bob Toms of Forteau who founded and led the Labrador Straits Team of the Junior Canadian Rangers Program which is a model team for other Junior Ranger groups across the Country. The Member congratulated Mr. Toms on his efforts in being selected to pilot the Canadian program "Prevention of Harassment and Abuse through Successful Education".

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to announce the Government's commitment to improving the transportation infrastructure in the Province and outlined funding for highways and roads during the new fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to advise Members that the Student Investment and Opportunities Corporation had been officially established to help potential and current post-secondary education students gain work experience and employment to offset the cost of their education.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce that the general election for school boards would be held on September 25th, 2001. The Minister encouraged those citizens who wish to make a difference in the education of children in their area to offer themselves for election to their school boards in September.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege by stating that the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) had made certain remarks against school board members.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to point out that Members were not addressing the Chair with their questions. The Speaker ruled that the Member's point was well taken and reminded all Members they must address the Chair with their questions, comments and answers.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (Bill No. 10)" was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

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" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration 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 on tomorrow.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Hodder took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 1).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11).

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12).

On motion of the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

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

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 1);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11);

A Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12).

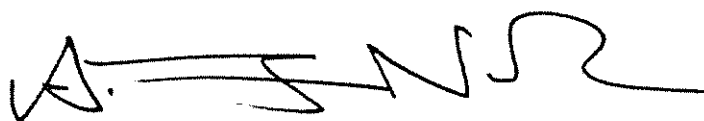
On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 5, 6, 13, 15, 1, 11, 14, 12 be read a third time on tomorrow.

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 14th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, May 14th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Fred Carberry, a physical education teacher at Herdman Collegiate in Corner Brook who was recently awarded the Prime Ministerial Certificate of Achievement.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Don Lewis and the members of the Kiwanis Club of Kelligrews for raising in excess of \$15,000 for the purchase of an ambulance for the Conception Bay South Area.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Carbonear Salvation Army Corps on its 115th Anniversary serving the Carbonear region.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Jamie Lawrence, a Grade 5 student of All Hallows Elementary School in North River and Katie Gale, a Grade 6 student from Cowan Heights Elementary in St. John's who were the overall winners at the Avalon Regional Heritage Fair which was held at Amalgamated Academy of Bay Roberts. The Member congratulated all the participants, winners, volunteers and parents whose efforts made the fair a great success.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members of the projects that have been approved under the Municipal Capital Works Program and also provided a status report on projects that have been proposed for funding under the Canada Newfoundland Infrastructure Program pending sanction under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford) made a Statement to remind all Members that the forest fire season had begun. The Minister stated that the 2001 forest fire ban had been officially declared for the Island portion of the Province from May 11th to September 16th while the forest fire season for Labrador will commence May 18th and end on October 7th.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) rose on a point of order to dispute the use of the word "schizophrenic" by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne). The Speaker took the matter under advisement. However, before Petitions were presented, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) rose to explain the matter.

Monday, May 14th, 2001

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman), in his capacity as the Chairman of the Select Committee Struck to Review Bill No. 9 "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs", tabled the Report of the Committee.

On motion the Report was received.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of St. Mary's Bay Centre Area asking the Government to provide the necessary funding to carry out much needed repairs to Route 90.

The Member for the Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Savage Cove and supporters urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to pave the Savage Cove Road.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be read a second time presently.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing 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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a second time presently.

During the debate the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) commented on the use of the word "scurrilous" by the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) on a previous occasion of which the Speaker had not made a Ruling.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Monday, May 14th, 2001

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No.20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.20 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No.20)" was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Hodder took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act", (Bill No. 16).

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act", (Bill No. 18).

On motion of the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

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

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act", (Bill No. 16);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act", (Bill No. 17);

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act", (Bill No. 18).

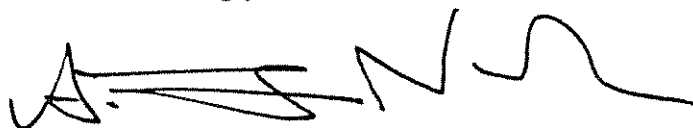
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On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 16, 17, 18 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 15th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Marystown on the 50th Anniversary of its incorporation. To commemorate the event, the Town will be hosting the first ever Burin Peninsula Summer Games from July 16th to 22nd, 2001.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate the Clarenville Youth Choir and Cadenza who have been chosen to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at the 2001 Choral Music Festival-Unisong in Ottawa on Canada Day.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate students, organizers and teachers who participated in the Heritage Fair 2001 at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook. At the fair, students from schools within School District 3 exhibited approximately 171 projects covering a broad spectrum of Newfoundland and Labrador's culture, history and heritage.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) made a Statement to announce that the Government will undertake a public consultation on solid waste management.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) made a Statement to advise Members that his Department will soon be implementing a new e-commerce service enabling vehicle owners to renew their registration over the Internet.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) tabled the 2000 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) tabled the 2000 Annual Report and audited financial statements of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of St. Mary's Bay Centre Area asking the Government to provide the necessary funding to carry out the much needed repairs to Route 90.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province 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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By leave, the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the current Premier ascended to that post by being elected leader of his Party on February 3, 2001 by 638 delegates to his Party's leadership convention;

AND WHEREAS it is reasonable and proper to demand that a new Premier overseeing a new administration, unless merely filling a caretaker role in continuation of the mandate of his predecessor, should move swiftly to seek a new mandate directly from the people, whom the Premier presumes to govern;

AND WHEREAS on every other occasion in this Province where there has been a change in leadership of the governing Party, a general election has followed within 100 days;

AND WHEREAS the current Premier, during the first 100 days of his administration, has stated and demonstrated his desire to take his administration in policy directions that deviate significantly from those of his predecessor;

AND WHEREAS on the bulk water export issue in particular, the current Premier has stated publicly he now prefers to pursue a policy that defies not only the policy but indeed the legislation that was drafted, passed unanimously and enacted under the administration of his predecessor, with the current Premier's support at the time, and that is now the law of the Province;

AND WHEREAS on the Voisey's Bay development issue in particular, the current Premier has articulated a position on the export of nickel ore prior to finished processing that explicitly defies the position that was published and provided to voters in the Liberal Party's 1999 election 'red book', on the basis of which the voters of the Province gave the current Premier's predecessor his mandate;

AND WHEREAS at least two prominent Members of the Cabinet of the current Premier's predecessor have, publicly and repeatedly, expressed grave concern and opposition with respect to the approach of the current Premier on the Voisey's Bay development issue;

AND WHEREAS the current Premier has stated in this House that he is willing to sign a binding contract on Voisey's Bay development without first bringing it directly to the people of the Province and their elected representatives in the House of Assembly for scrutiny and approval, thereby shackling the people of the Province to a deal on which they have had no input;

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AND WHEREAS the current Premier has failed to articulate a strategic plan for the Province's fishing industry as a principal means of fostering the economic development that rural Newfoundland and Labrador desperately needs;

AND WHEREAS numerous other significant public policy issues with enormous long-term implications for Newfoundland and Labrador and its people - including energy supply, Churchill Falls development, oil and gas development, forest management, infrastructure management, federal-provincial agreements and others - are now before the provincial government for decisions, yet the people of the Province have been given no clear articulation and no direct opportunity to approve or disapprove of the direction the current Premier intends to take on these vital issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador to promptly ask His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the General Assembly and to issue a writ of general election."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (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 Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (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 Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (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 on tomorrow.

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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel, Q.C.,
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 Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to recognize the winners of the Royal Canadian Legion's essay, poem and poster contest which is part of Remembrance Day activities. The students who won the contest will take part in the Beaumont Hamel Pilgrimage sponsored by the Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to recognize Ms. Samantha March, an eleven year old Grade 5 student at All Hallows School in North River who has excelled at various athletic and gymnastic events in this Province and the Atlantic Provinces.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Rob Gladney of Clarendville who had been elected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), in his capacity as the Member for Terra Nova, made a Statement to congratulate the members of the Glovertown Academy Badminton Team who recently won the Triple A Provincial Badminton Championship held in Glovertown on May 12th.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize May as Tourism Awareness Month in Newfoundland and Labrador. This is a public awareness campaign sponsored by Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador to highlight the importance of the tourism industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members of her Department's commitment to maintaining a highly qualified teacher work force by sponsoring a teacher recruitment fair along with Memorial University, the Teachers' Association and the School Boards.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel), in accordance with section 56(1) of the *Automobile Insurance Act*, tabled the annual report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on the operations carried out under the *Automobile Insurance Act* for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

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

"WHEREAS the current Premier ascended to that post by being elected leader of his Party on February 3, 2001 by 638 delegates to his Party's leadership convention;

AND WHEREAS it is reasonable and proper to demand that a new Premier overseeing a new administration, unless merely filling a caretaker role in continuation of the mandate of his predecessor, should move swiftly to seek a new mandate directly from the people, whom the Premier presumes to govern;

AND WHEREAS on every other occasion in this Province where there has been a change in leadership of the governing Party, a general election has followed within 100 days;

AND WHEREAS the current Premier, during the first 100 days of his administration, has stated and demonstrated his desire to take his administration in policy directions that deviate significantly from those of his predecessor;

AND WHEREAS on the bulk water export issue in particular, the current Premier has stated publicly he now prefers to pursue a policy that defies not only the policy but indeed the legislation that was drafted, passed unanimously and enacted under the administration of his predecessor, with the current Premier's support at the time, and that is now the law of the Province;

AND WHEREAS on the Voisey's Bay development issue in particular, the current Premier has articulated a position on the export of nickel ore prior to finished processing that explicitly defies the position that was published and provided to voters in the Liberal Party's 1999 election 'red book', on the basis of which the voters of the Province gave the current Premier's predecessor his mandate;

AND WHEREAS at least two prominent Members of the Cabinet of the current Premier's predecessor have, publicly and repeatedly, expressed grave concern and opposition with respect to the approach of the current Premier on the Voisey's Bay development issue;

AND WHEREAS the current Premier has stated in this House that he is willing to sign a binding contract on Voisey's Bay development without first bringing it directly to the people of the Province and their elected representatives in the House of Assembly for scrutiny and approval, thereby shackling the people of the Province to a deal on which they have had no input;

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AND WHEREAS the current Premier has failed to articulate a strategic plan for the Province's fishing industry as a principal means of fostering the economic development that rural Newfoundland and Labrador desperately needs;

AND WHEREAS numerous other significant public policy issues with enormous long-term implications for Newfoundland and Labrador and its people - including energy supply, Churchill Falls development, oil and gas development, forest management, infrastructure management, federal-provincial agreements and others - are now before the provincial government for decisions, yet the people of the Province have been given no clear articulation and no direct opportunity to approve or disapprove of the direction the current Premier intends to take on these vital issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador to promptly ask His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the General Assembly and to issue a writ of general election."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

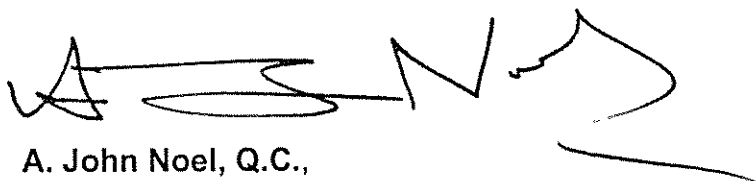
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The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice, pursuant to Standing Order 11, that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Thursday, May 17th, 2001.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 17th, at 1:30 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 horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

Thursday, May 17th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) made a number of rulings respecting various points of order and privilege.

The Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) on April 5th by asking the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) to reflect on his remarks that the Honourable the Premier was less than honest with an answer to a question. The Leader of the Opposition rose to correct and withdraw those remarks. The Speaker also ruled that it would be difficult for the Speaker to rule hand movements or gestures out of order unless they were rude or obscene.

The Speaker ruled on a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader on December 14th, 2000. The Speaker clarified his ruling of December 13th by explaining the sequence of events laid out in Hansard and his interpretation of those events.

The Speaker ruled that the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) on May 10th had not established a *prima facie* case of privilege with respect to comments made by the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson). The Speaker ruled that the comments constitute a difference of opinion.

The Speaker ruled that the point of order raised by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) on May 14th had been resolved when the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) had clarified his comments later in that sitting day.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) rose to ask leave so that the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) might make a Statement. Leave was granted.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to announce his retirement from the House of Assembly. The Member also thanked the many people who had supported him over the past seventeen years. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne), the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) also spoke to thank the Member for Port de Grave for his contribution to political life in the Province.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), in his capacity as the Member for Terra Nova, made a Statement in order to extend special birthday greetings to Mr. John Pritchett of Gambo who will celebrate his 102nd birthday on June 12th.

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The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the use by her Department of the Atlantic Province's Education Foundation Assessment Resource. The Minister stated that the use by her Department of this assessment resource will be part of a comprehensive program of initiatives to improve literacy levels in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Foote) made a Statement with respect to a study released by her Department namely *Career-Search 2001, Employment Experience and Earnings of 1998 Graduates*. The Minister stated that the Study consisted of two documents - one based on the experience of Memorial University of Newfoundland graduates and the other on the experience of graduates of the College of the North Atlantic and private colleges. In making her Statement, the Minister also tabled a copy of the study.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) tabled the following Reports:

- (a) the 2000 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission; and
- (b) the 2000 Annual Report of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Review Division.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission for the fiscal year ended on March 31st, 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for April 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege with respect to comments made by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) on May 16th about certain fish processing licences.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Cow Head urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take immediate action to ensure the survival of the community by developing a plan to create employment opportunities in Cow Head.

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The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Bauline Line urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take immediate action to upgrade and pave 5.2 kilometers of Bauline Line.

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

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock and 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2001.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved in accordance with Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

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Against: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Manning, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

The Speaker recessed the House at 5:58 o'clock in the afternoon for a dinner break.

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) resumed the Chair at 7:02 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Budget Speech (being a non-confidence motion).

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Jones, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) declared the motion defeated.

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The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of order to point out that the names of the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) had not been included in the vote when the Division was taken on the motion to extend the sitting time past 5:30 o'clock.

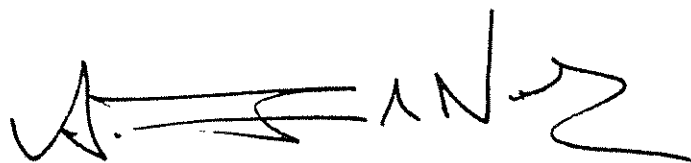
It was agreed that the two above named Members be included in the Division. The Clerk advised the Speaker that the record would be altered to include the Members for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi and Labrador West.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate continued on the motion "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (Budget Speech).

On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 22nd, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

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

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) rose to wish the Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) and the Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Tulk) Happy Birthday.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to recognize three teachers from the Mount Pearl area who had recently received awards for excellence in their profession. The Member congratulated Ms. Stella Greenslade, Ms. Joanne Sparkes and Mr. Clarence Button.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Hayford Fong, leading citizen of Carbonear who died last Saturday at the age of seventy-nine. The Member conveyed his deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Fong.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to advise the House of the activities of the Marine Centre in Bonavista which is presently employing over sixty people building the third boat at the Centre.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to acknowledge the contributions made by the Carol Players of Labrador West. The drama group had been invited to take part in an international festival in Ireland where the drama group will perform the play "West Moon".

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members on the status of the Newfoundland and Labrador/Nova Scotia Offshore Boundary Dispute Arbitration. The Premier noted that the Tribunal had released its decision under phase one of the Arbitration to confirm the position of the Province that the line dividing the respective offshore areas of Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia had not been resolved by agreement.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Reef's Harbour, Shoal Cove West, New Ferolle, Castor River North, Castor River South and Bartlett's Harbour urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consider the health and environmental concerns of the residents and to further investigate before proceeding with the proposed spraying of the area this summer.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the motion, "That This House Approves In General The Budgetary Policy of The Government" (the Budget Speech).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

Against: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Manning, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) informed the House she had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator.

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

"April 30, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 2002, 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.

Clyde K. Wells
Administrator".

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole 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, 2002 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the total contained in the Estimates in the amount of \$3,392,287,700 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year be carried and that the Committee report that the Committee had adopted a Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto relating to Further Supply and that the Committee rise and ask leave to sit again.

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the amount of \$3,392,287,700 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and had adopted a certain Resolution and recommended that Bill No. 3 be introduced to give effect to the same 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 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, 2002, the sum of \$2,165,841,600."

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, 2002 and For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3) was read a first, second and 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer 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 Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8).

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) moved amendments to clauses 2 and 3 of Bill No. 8.

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After some debate, the Chair put the question on the proposed amendments and declared the amendments defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8) without amendment.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Mercer) 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:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools' Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9).

It was agreed to stop the clock for a few minutes in order to complete the procedure on the Bills.

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.

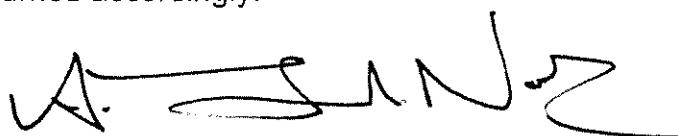
On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 19, 8, 20 and 9 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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It was agreed to forego Private Members' Day, tomorrow, May 23rd.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2001

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Robert Lynch on being elected the new Fire Chief of the Harbour Grace Fire Brigade. The Member also congratulated other persons elected to the Fire Brigade in this the International Year of Volunteers. The Member also congratulated the Fire Brigade for promoting fire safety.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to announce that three blue lobsters had been caught in the Province lately.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. James H. Crocker of Corner Brook who had recently been awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of Conche urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and pave 26 kilometers of dirt road linking Conche to Roddickton.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews), in accordance with section 3(2) of the *Mineral Act*, tabled the Report of Mining Leases and Mineral Licences issued for the period April 1st, 2000 to March 31st, 2001.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Baie Verte Peninsula asking the Government to place the LaScie Highway, Route 414, on a Roads Program and undertake the upgrading and paving of the highway.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province 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 Conception Bay East and Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) rose on a Point of Order to ask whether Petitions dealing with the same subject matter should be presented in bulk or whether it is permissible to present the same subject matter Petitions on different days. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Walsh (pro tem Chair) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 4:

- "1. That Clause 2 of Bill No. 4 be amended by deleting the proposed paragraph 2(1)(b) and substituting the following:
 - (b) "consumer" means a person who acquires a petroleum product for that person's use and not for the purpose of selling, exchanging or otherwise disposing of it to another person but does not include a person who acquires a petroleum product under a contract between the person and a retailer or wholesaler at a price that the person and the retailer or wholesaler have previously agreed on;" and
2. That Clause 8 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after subsection (4) the following:
 - "(5) Where the commissioner makes an order under paragraph (2)(b) or (c), the commissioner, after giving notice of the application and an opportunity to be heard, may order the price change to apply to other wholesalers or retailers in addition to the applicant."."

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

With the exception of the long title of Bill No. 4, the Committee passed the Bill.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion that the title of the Bill carry.

The Committee divided.

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There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post-Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Ms. Jones, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Ross Wiseman.

Against: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Manning, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hunter, Mr. French, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Collins.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4) with amendments.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) moved the following amendments:

1. That Subclause 31(4) of Bill No. 7 be deleted.
2. That Subclause 54(4) of Bill No. 7 be amended by deleting the number "30" and substituting the number "60".
3. That Subclause 97(2) of Bill No. 7 be repealed and the following substituted:

"(2) A regulation made under subsection (1) and procedures and forms established under subsection 54(4) shall not come into force or be considered to be established without the prior written approval of the minister.".

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7) with amendments.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (Bill No. 10).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 6 of Bill No. 10 be amended by adding immediately afer the word "may" the words and commas ", for cause,".

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

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 10:

"1. That clause 7 of Bill No. 10 be struck out and the following substituted.

"7.(1) Where the House of Assembly is not in session, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Internal Economy Commission may suspend the Citizens' Representative for incapacity, neglect of duty or misconduct, but the suspension shall not continue in force beyond the end of the next ensuing session of the House of Assembly.

(2) Where the Citizens' Representative is suspended under subsection (1), the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Internal Economy Commission shall appoint an acting Citizens' Representative to hold office until the suspension has been dealt with in the House of Assembly.";

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2. "That Bill No. 10 be amended by adding the following after clause 16:

"16.1 The House of Assembly may refer to the Citizens' Representative, for investigation and report by him or her, any petition that is presented to it for consideration or any matter to which the petition relates, and, in that case, the Citizens' Representative shall,

- (a) subject to special directions of the House of Assembly, investigate the matters referred to him or her as far as it is within his or her jurisdiction; and
- (b) make a report to the House of Assembly that he or she considers appropriate,

but nothing in section 23, 24 or 38 applies in respect of an investigation or report made under this section.";

3. That Bill No. 10 be amended by striking out Clause 31 and substituting the following:

"31. Where the Minister of Justice certifies that the giving of any information or the answering of any questions or the production of any document, paper or thing might involve the disclosure of

- (a) the deliberations of the Executive Council or a committee of the Executive Council;
- (b) proceedings of the Executive Council, or committee of the Executive Council, relating to matters of a secret or confidential nature and would be injurious to the public interest; or
- (c) interfere with or impede the investigation or detection of any offence,

the Citizens' Representative shall not require the information or answer to be given or the document, paper or thing to be produced, but shall report the giving of the certificate to the House of Assembly."

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

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The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (Bill No. 10) with amendments.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7);

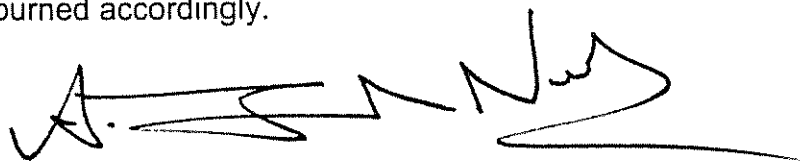
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It was agreed to stop the clock for a few minutes in order to complete the procedure.

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 24th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Clarendville on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation as a community.

The Member for Conception Bay East and Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Scottie Upshall, a seventeen year old player with the Kamloops Blazers of the Western Hockey League who was named winner of the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy, the League's rookie of the year award. Mr. Upshall has Bell Island roots.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Reuben Carpenter, a master ship builder and designer who recently died in Bonavista. The Member expressed his sympathy to the late Mr. Carpenter's family.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith) made a Statement to reaffirm the Government's commitment to address the issue of child poverty in the Province. The Minister reported that families in receipt of the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit should be reminded that the system will change on July 1st whereby low income families and children will be able to earn more money and still qualify for the child benefit.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise Members that during the Attractions Canada Awards Gala in Halifax, the Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve received the National Award for best Natural Outdoor Site. The Minister also announced that other tourist sites in the Province had been recognized by Attractions Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Acting) (Mr. Smith) made a Statement to announce the successful transition from the old Janeway Hospital in Pleasantville to the new Child Care Centre at the Health Science Centre had been completed.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) made a Statement to announce that the Province will host a meeting of Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Consumer Affairs on May 25th.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order with respect to the rule of brevity during Oral Questions. The Minister quoted from Marleau and Montpetit. The Speaker ruled that at times the questions and answers have been too long and that Members will have to adjust to the rules when television is introduced.

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The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Great Northern Peninsula urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to put in place a true adjacency plan which will see processing plants on the Northern Peninsula have priority access to the raw resources harvested in waters adjacent to the coast and to pressure the Government of Canada to begin respecting the principles of adjacency.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) reverted back to the procedure of the previous day. The amendments to Bills No. 4, 7 and 10 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 4, 7 and 10 be read a third time presently.

On motion the Report of the Committee of the Whole House yesterday was received and adopted yesterday 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, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 1)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12)

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health, Safety and Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 16).

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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 17).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 17) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 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 following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 18)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20)

A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9)

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4)

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7)

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Powers Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman" (Bill No. 10).

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.

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The Speaker recessed the House at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker resumed the Chair.

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 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 Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2002 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 3)

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

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

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

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Prepaid Funeral Services Act" (Bill No. 5)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 6)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Corporation Act" (Bill No. 13)

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Order Of Newfoundland and Labrador (Bill No. 1)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Chiropractors Act, The Dieticians Act, The Pharmaceutical Association Act, 1994 And The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999" (Bill No. 12)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workplace Health, Safety And Compensation Act And The Occupational Health And Safety Act" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Relations Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Schools Act, 1997" (Bill No. 8)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991 No. 2" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Recovery Of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Petroleum Products" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Municipal Elections" (Bill No. 7)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Appointment Of A Citizens' Representative For The Province Who Shall Have The Power Traditionally Conferred On An Ombudsman (Bill No. 10).

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

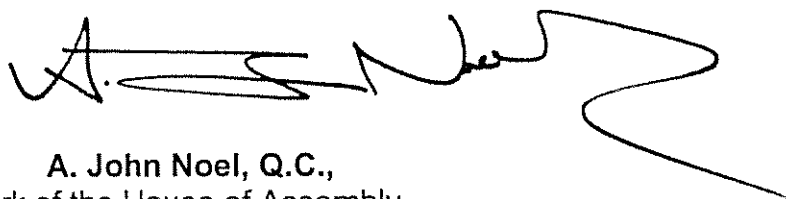
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

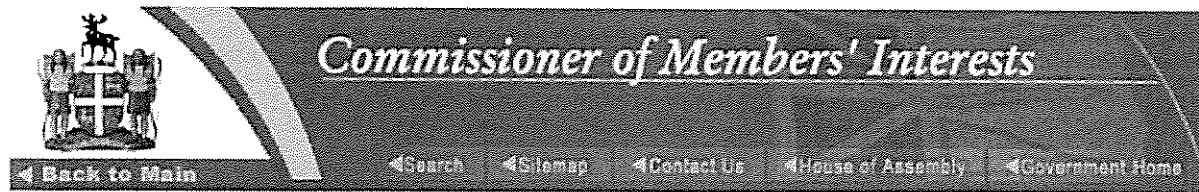
The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the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

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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



Past Commissioner's

The House of Assembly (Amendment) Act was proclaimed on June 1, 1993. Since then there have been three Commissioner of Members' Interests. Mr. Wayne Mitchell was appointed on May 27, 1993 and served until December 15, 1996. Mr. Robert Jenkins was appointed on December 16, 1996 and served until March 31, 2001. On April 1, 2001 Mr. Wayne Green was appointed and continues to serve as Commissioner.

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Friday, July 6th, 2001

Be it known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Roland Butler, Member returned for the District of Port de Grave. The Clerk of the House of Assembly advised His Honour that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a Notice in **The Newfoundland Gazette** declaring Roland Butler as the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of Port de Grave in the By-Election held on June 19th, 2001. Whereupon, Mr. Butler took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

Thursday, August 2nd, 2001

Be it known that on this day there appeared before the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, Danny Williams, Member returned for the District of Humber West. The Clerk of the House of Assembly advised His Honour that the Chief Electoral Officer had published a Notice in **The Newfoundland Gazette** declaring Danny Williams as the duly elected Member of the House of Assembly for the District of Humber West in the By-Election held on June 19th, 2001. Whereupon, Mr. Williams took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

Monday, November 19th, 2001 (Morning Sitting)

Pursuant to a notice given by the Honourable the Speaker on November 14th, 2001, the House of Assembly met in a Special Sitting at 10 o'clock in the morning of November 19th, 2001 in order to adopt a Resolution authorizing televised proceedings of the House.

Following remarks by the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and moved the following Resolution:

"Be it Resolved that this House of Assembly do authorize the recording on film and the televising of its proceedings in accordance with guidelines made by the Honourable the Speaker in consultation with the Commission of Internal Economy".

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

The Speaker called for further Notices of Motion.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Name Of The Province". (Bill No. 43)

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection". (Bill No. 45)

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman) also gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources In The Province". (Bill No. 44)

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communication". (Bill No. 35)

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) also gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act". (Bill No. 30)

Monday, November 19th, 2001 (Morning Sitting)

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act". (Bill No. 32)

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) also gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy". (Bill No. 38)

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons". (Bill No. 34)

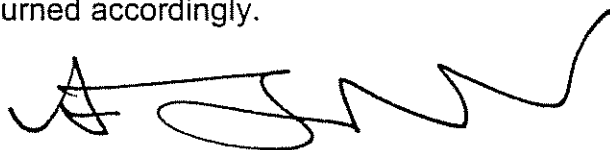
The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act". (Bill No. 29)

It was agreed by the Members of the House that the morning sitting of November 19th, 2001 would constitute a separate sitting day.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in favor of the agreement.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Monday, November 19th, 2001 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, November 19th, 2001 (Afternoon Sitting)

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) advised Members that the newly elected Members for the Districts of Port-de-Grave (Mr. Roland Butler) and Humber West (Mr. Danny Williams) had each taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown and had signed the Members' Roll. Whereupon, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) and the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) officially introduced the Members before the Speaker.

By leave, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in recognition of the implementation of television proceedings and to welcome the newly elected Members. The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) also spoke to thank Members for their welcome.

The Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate the donors, volunteers and community partners and sponsors of the Canadian Blood Services. In particular, the Member mentioned two residents of the Province, namely Ms. Amy Barker of Portugal Cove and Ms. Gertrude Barrett of Lewisporte were recently recognized by the Canadian Blood Services.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to recognize Mrs. Ruth Noel who was recently honoured by the Hadassah - Wizo Organization of Canada for her many years of volunteer work with various organizations in St. John's.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to recognize and pay tribute to the late Mr. Al Pittman of Corner Brook who died on August 26th. The Member referred to Mr. Pittman's life as a gifted writer of Newfoundland and Labrador literature.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the passing of Ms. Lucy Vinnicombe who at the age of ninety-seven was the oldest resident of Shea Heights.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate and send best wishes to Members of the Ascension Astro Jazz Band of Bay Roberts who will be attending the Canada-Cuba Jazz Festival in Havana in February 2002.

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The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement respecting the recent Youth Pilgrimage to Newfoundland and Labrador War Memorials in France and Belgium which was sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command.

The Speaker advised Members and those who were watching the House of Assembly proceedings on television that an effort would be made to have information on the daily proceedings displayed on the television screen in the near future.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce that the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor had commenced the presentation of the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal to recipients in ceremonies throughout the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to announce that the minimum wage will be increased from \$5.50 per hour to \$5.75 per hour on May 1, 2002 and a further 25 cents to \$6.00 per hour on November 1, 2002.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to update Members on measures Government intends to take with respect to ensuring the safety and security of the people of the Province and property belonging to the Province following the tragedy of September 11th.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement with respect to Phase Two of the Newfoundland and Labrador/Nova Scotia offshore boundary dispute arbitration. The Minister stated that the Arbitration Tribunal will provide a final decision on the boundary within four months after completing the hearings. The Minister also tabled the Memorial of Newfoundland and Labrador on Phase Two of the Arbitration Between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia Concerning the Delimitation of the Offshore Boundary Dispute, August 17th, 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to advise Members of the sale of the fish plant in Twillingate to Notre Dame Seafoods Ltd. and the reactivation of the shrimp processing license for that plant.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to update the Members on the status of negotiations with Inco with respect to the Voisey's Bay Project.

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The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with Section 32 of the *Auditor General Act*, tabled the auditor's report of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS research and development is an important factor in the economic development of this province;

AND WHEREAS there is funding available through various Federal programs to promote research and development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports efforts to access research and development funding for the advancement of economic development in this province."

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 Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

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| A Bill. | "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52); |
| A Bill, | "An Act To Revise The Law About Pensions For Members Of The House Of Assembly" (Bill No. 51); |
| A Bill, | "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59); |
| A Bill, | "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act, The Retail Sales Tax Act And The School Tax Authorities Winding Up Act" (Bill No. 62); |

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow Move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider certain Resolutions relating to the Granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 27)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she 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. 37)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board gave notice that she would on tomorrow Move that the 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. 47)

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Woodford), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41).

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The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. Noel) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act". (Bill No. 42)

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

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate". (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act", (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act And Licensed Practical Nurses Act", (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act", (Bill No. 53).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act". (Bill No. 60)

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act". (Bill No. 54)

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The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act". (Bill No. 55)

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act". (Bill No. 24)

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 58);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act". (Bill No. 25)

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of the Province to act immediately to have the Fairy Pond Road in the Community of Cape Broyle properly maintained and paved this year.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Communities of Open Hall, Red Cliff and Tickle Cove urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade where necessary and repave the seven kilometres of road leading from Route 235 through the above named communities on the Bonavista Peninsula.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

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By leave, it was agreed to move all the motions which were introduced during the Morning Sitting of the House.

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

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Name Of The Province" (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (Bill No. 45);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill, "An Act to Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communications" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill, "An Act to Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill, "An Act to Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29).

On motion it was ordered that with the exception of Bills 43,34,30,32 and 38 the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow. The noted Bills would proceed to Second Reading, if time permitted.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Name Of The Province" (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 Respecting The Name Of The Province"(Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be referred to Committee of the Whole House presently.

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On motion of the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) it was agreed to dispense with debate in Committee of the Whole House.

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

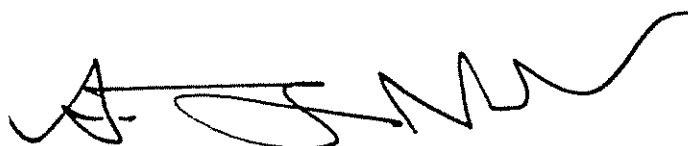
On motion it was agreed that Bill No. 43 be read a third time presently.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion this Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Name Of The Province" (Bill No. 43) was read a third time and passed unanimously. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 20th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, November 20th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Joy Burt on being the first female inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to recognize the Annual Employer and Supporter Recognition Night sponsored by the Genesis Employment Corporation in partnership with the Argentia Area Chamber of Commerce. The Genesis Employment Corporation is a non-profit organization which seeks and secures meaningful employment for persons with developmental disabilities.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement about the first annual Burin Peninsula Summer Games which took place in Marystown in July. The Member stated that 1500 athletes between the ages of 10 and 18 took part in these Games.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Wilfred Dawe, a pioneer and life long friend of the Co-operative and Credit Union Movement in the province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Wally Andersen) made a Statement to advise Members he travelled with a group of aboriginal youth who attended an Aboriginal Youth Conference in Edmonton in October. The Member stated he was very proud of the manner in which they represented the province.

The Member of Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) made a Statement to offer condolences to the family of the late Claude Ward, Mayor of La Scie, and to pay tribute to the late Mr. Ward. The Member asked the Speaker to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. Ward.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to provide Members with a mid-year report on the economic and financial position of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to update Members on the series of regional health care forums held throughout the Province in October following the release of a Province - wide discussion document entitled *Reaching Consensus and Planning Ahead*.

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The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to recognize National Child Day.

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

“WHEREAS the residents of dozens of communities in Newfoundland and Labrador rely on ferries for transportation;

AND WHEREAS seven of the twelve government-owned vessels in the ferry fleet are older than 25 years of age;

AND WHEREAS the normal life expectancy of a ferry vessel is about 25 years, as reported by the Auditor General in her 2000 Annual Report;

AND WHEREAS there has not been a significant upgrade of the province's fleet of marine vessels since 1993, with the exception of the *Captain Earl Winsor* and the *Ahelaid*;

AND WHEREAS the *Captain Earl Winsor*, purchased from the Government of Canada for \$300,000 in October of 1997 when it was 25 years old, required refit to meet Canadian standards and departmental requirements at a total cost of \$3.6 million;

AND WHEREAS the *Ahelaid*, purchased from Estonia for \$764,000 plus \$166,000 in custom duties in May of 1999 when it was 13 years old, also required refit, which is not yet complete and which will cost in excess of \$4.1 million;

AND WHEREAS many in this province who rely on ferries are often deprived of acceptable ferry service, or any ferry service at all, because the vessels are broken down or unable to operate;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government in the 1980's, while following a policy of constructing ferries at the Marystown Shipyard, built the *Gallipoli*, the *Beaumont Hamel* and the *Flanders* and planned to build a sister ship to the *Flanders*, though that project was canceled after the Liberal Government was elected in 1989;

AND WHEREAS constructing modern ferries at the Marystown Shipyard instead of purchasing old and derelict vessels would ensure the province has a reliable fleet while also revitalizing the struggling local shipbuilding industry, stimulating spinoff economic activity, increasing employment and boosting provincial government revenues;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Provincial Government to implement a vessel replacement policy of constructing new ferries at shipyards in Newfoundland and Labrador instead of purchasing vessels from outside the province".

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

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act And Licensed practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender 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 debate concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a second time presently.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (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.

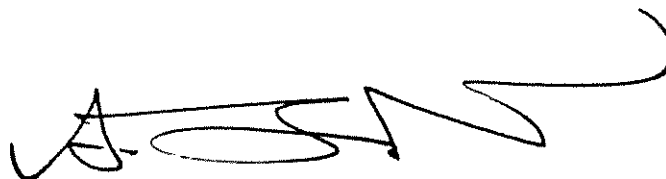
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (Bill No. 34) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Byrne) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel, Q.C.,
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 Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the Community Youth Network of the Trinity-Conception area on the opening of their SPLASH Centre in Harbour Grace.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to congratulate the members of the Torbay Holy Trinity Senior Concert Band and the Holy Trinity Jazz Band for their outstanding showing in a national competition in Hull, Quebec in May.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the news team at VOXM on winning the Edward R. Murrow Award for the best newscast in a small market.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate Mount Pearl Councillor Randy Simms who was recently elected to the Presidency of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to acknowledge the Battle Harbour Literacy Council which had been awarded the Canada Post Literacy Award for Community Leadership for its excellence in furthering the cause of literacy.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Otthenheimer) made a Statement to recognize the Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador which is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the establishment of a network of protected natural areas in the Province. The Member also recognized Ms. Laura Jackson the executive director of the Association.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to clarify information made recently about temporary lay off of employees in the engineering division of the Department of Works, Services and Transportation with respect to road projects under the Roads for Rails Agreement.

Various points of order were raised after Oral Questions. The Speaker dealt with most of the issues in the Chair while he reserved ruling on whether all the questions asked by the Leader of the Opposition were unusual and therefore out of order.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney):

“WHEREAS research and development is an important factor in the economic development of this province;

AND WHEREAS there is funding available through various Federal programs to promote research and development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly supports efforts to access research and development funding for the advancement of economic development in this province.”

After some debate, the Honourable The Premier (Mr. Grimes) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the following amendment to the Resolution:

“That the words “such as research and development funding for hydrometalurgic technology” be added after the words “development in this province”.”

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) recessed the House briefly to consider the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the

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Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Jones, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Butler, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams), Mr. Ed Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Ross Wiseman, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Manning, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French, Mr. Young.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

The House divided:

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post Secondary Education (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Jones, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Butler, Mr. Harris, Mr. Collins.

Against: the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams), Mr. Ed Byrne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Ross Wiseman, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Manning, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hedderson, Mr. French, Mr. Young.

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The Speaker (Mr. Snow) declared the Resolution , as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 22nd, at 1:30 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, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, November 22nd, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to announce that the Marble Mountain Event Management Group had been awarded the 2002 Canadian National Senior Freestyle Ski Championships.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to recognize the Town of Conception Bay South as being one of the top three Canadian Communities out of ninety surveyed by the RBC Royal Bank, Canada Post and Home Business Report for home based businesses that positively impact on the economy.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the earthquake on the South Coast which registered 7.2 on the Richter scale in the form of a tidal wave which killed 28 people and destroyed a million dollars worth of property.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to recognize the following persons: John & Gladys Brown of Dunville who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; John & Eleanor McGrath of Branch who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on December 2nd; Eleanor McGrath who will celebrate her 80th birthday on December 2nd; Walter & Julia Manning of St. Bride's who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; Lawrence & Lena Barry of St. Bride's who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and Patrick & Bride Coffey of Placentia who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Member for Carbonear - Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate certain young entrepreneurs from around the province who were in Carbonear and recently received Youth Ventures Program Awards.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the Friends and Lobbyists of the Waterford River, an environmental action group dedicated to the environmental cleanup and preservation of the Waterford River and watershed system in his district in St. John's as well as Mount Pearl and Paradise.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), in accordance with section 28.2 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* tabled the Tribunal Report of the Newfoundland Provincial Court Judges - Salaries and Benefits Tribunal dated Sept. 14, 2001.

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The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS in recent years, child poverty rates have declined in all Provinces except Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS over the past 20 years, our neighboring Province, Prince Edward Island, has been able to reduce its child poverty rate from 22.7 percent to 12.5 percent;

AND WHEREAS in those same years the child poverty rate in Newfoundland and Labrador has increased from 21.6 percent to 25.3 percent;

AND WHEREAS current longitudinal studies that follow families over time indicate that poverty affects a greater number of children than may have been thought by looking exclusively at the yearly child poverty rates;

AND WHEREAS single-parent families have extremely high poverty rates;

AND WHEREAS the 2001 Report of the National Council of Welfare shows, in considerable detail, the impact of poverty on family lifestyles and expectations;

AND WHEREAS the link between socio-economic status and educational achievement has been demonstrated by numerous studies;

AND WHEREAS the Williams Royal Commission and the Canning Report made many recommendations for positive actions to reduce child poverty rates in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the recent research shows that in some parts of our Province as many as 40 percent of food bank recipients are children;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has not demonstrated a strong commitment to the reduction of child poverty in our Province;

AND WHEREAS the National Council of Welfare strongly recommends that greater emphasis be placed on comprehensive policies that support parents and children where low-income and poverty issues compromise reasonable lifestyle expectations;

Thursday, November 22nd, 2001

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to adopt social and economic strategies that will reduce child poverty in this Province to national levels or below by the year 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House ask the Government to present a comprehensive child poverty-reduction strategy, with sufficient budgetary commitments to achieve acceptable targets in the March 2002 Provincial Budget."

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

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 approximately five kilometres 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 Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57).

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 Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (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 Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (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 Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act And Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act And Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 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 Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier 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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands 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 Lands 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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (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 Amend The Assessment Act" (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 on tomorrow.

Thursday, November 22nd, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36) 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 26th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, November 26th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of privilege to allege that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) had misquoted or misrepresented certain statements made by the Auditor General, as an officer of the House, in her Annual Report to the House of Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate the following persons:

Mrs. Annie Belle Johnson of Catalina who celebrated her 100th Birthday,
Mrs. Laura Sweet of Bonavista who celebrated her 101st Birthday,
Mrs. Gertrude Hobbs of Jamestown who celebrated her 101st Birthday, and
Mrs. Gladys Yetman of Southern Bay who celebrated her 102nd Birthday.

The Member for Conception Bay East and Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Russell Bowers of Bell Island for his promotion of the work and the life story of Newfoundland musical artist and Bell Island native, Harry Hibbs.

The Member for Harbour Main - Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to recognize Majors Ross and Beulah Cole of South River, Conception Bay who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 26th.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the volunteer efforts of Mr. Ford Rumbolt of Mary's Harbour and Ms. Agnes Pike of West St. Modeste who both recently received the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Wiseman) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Edith Bailey of Hickman's Harbour, Random Island who celebrated her 100th Birthday on November 26th.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishment of persons with developmental disabilities in the area of St. Lawrence, Little St. Lawrence and Lawn who are employed by Island Rock Jewelry in producing beautiful hand crafted gem stone jewelry and souvenir items.

Monday, November 26th, 2001

During Oral Questions the sound system malfunctioned. It was agreed to recess the House at 2:23 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 2:44 o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Oral Questions continued.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) tabled the Annual Report of the Office of the High Sheriff of Newfoundland for the fiscal year April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) gave an answer respecting the Province's real gross domestic product forecast for next year.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of The Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 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 Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (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 Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (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.

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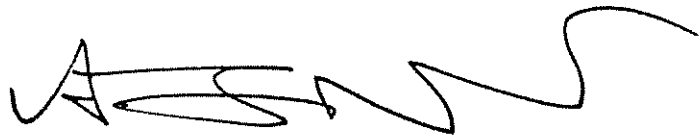
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No.31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (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 on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 27th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, November 27th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

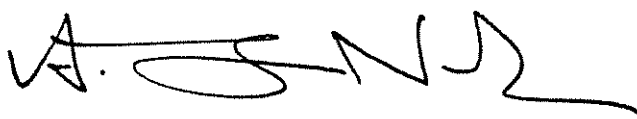
At the beginning of the sitting the sound system again malfunctioned. It was agreed to recess the House at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon for an hour.

At 2:46 o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The sound system continued to malfunction.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the House adjourn at the call of the Chair and that the Speaker advise all Members when the sound system was repaired.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, November 28th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled on a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) with respect to the guidelines and the form and content of questions and answers during Oral Questions. The Speaker took the opportunity to review the rules with respect to this matter.

The Speaker ruled on a point of privilege raised by the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) about certain statements made by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) in asking questions relating to the Auditor General's Report for 2000. The Speaker ruled that the Honourable Minister had not established a *prima facie* case of privilege and that the matter was a difference of opinion between two Honourable Members.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the Bay Roberts Heritage Society which had recently received the Merit Award from the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador in recognition of excellence in preserving heritage in the Province by restoring the former Western Union Cable Building.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to congratulate the students, staff and parents of the Holy Heart Regional High School Community in St. John's who volunteered their time, their energy and goodwill to make the stranded airline passengers feel welcome and cared for following the tragic events of September 11th, 2001.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to recognize the five Community Economic Development Award winners of the first Rural Expo. The winners were: Wilf and Tom Sutton of Trepassey for the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award; Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs for Excellence in Fostering Entrepreneurship Award; Nordic Economic Development Corporation for Excellence in Partnership Award; Michelle Snow of Clarke's Beach for Excellence in Youth Leadership Award; and Random North Development Association for Innovation in Education Award.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Bertha Hewitt of St. Luke's Home who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Wednesday, November 28th, 2001.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Mrs. Lorraine Humber of Lark Harbour who received the Victorian Order of Nurses Canada Award of Distinction this year.

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The Member of Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the 9th Annual Toys for Joys fund-raising event which raised money to buy Christmas gifts for children in need in Labrador West.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to announce that he and the Federal Minister of Natural Resources had received the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board's Decision Report on the White Rose Development Plan Application filed by Husky Oil in January of this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), pursuant to section 28(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-304 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$2,500,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure; and
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 2001-599 under Section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$260,000 to be expended under the Department of Justice Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) in accordance with section 26(5)(a) of the *Financial Administration Act*, tabled copies of Minute of Council 2001-303 which relates to a precommitment for \$2,500,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditures with respect to the Trans Labrador Highway.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents from his district urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make the Torbay By-Pass a part of the new road construction plan and put funding in place to start the construction of the Torbay By-Pass as soon as possible.

It was agreed to forego Private Members' Day.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (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 Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be referred to Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (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 Respecting The Protection of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to 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 Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communication" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act to Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers to the Use of Electronic Communication" (Bill No. 35) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be referred to Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) 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 31, 2001 (in 5 volumes).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be referred to Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House to consider certain Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act and Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Practice of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39).

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act and Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 24);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38 and 39 be read a third time presently.

It was agreed to stop the clock to complete Third Reading of the above noted Bills.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act and Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23);

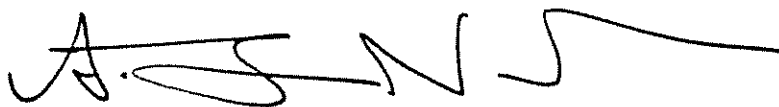
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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39).

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 30th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Thursday, November 29th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to advise Members that the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization for Women Entrepreneurs had named Ms. Tina Stewart of Corner Brook as this year's western region woman entrepreneur of the year.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Betty Ann Kennedy of Conception Harbour on being the recent winner of the Fairfax Scholarship, a national award.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to commend the Avalon North Wolverines Search and Rescue on the official opening of its new building in Bay Roberts which was named after the late Frederick R. Bowering.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to advise Members of the official opening of the newly renovated Carew Lodge, which provides independent housing units for otherwise homeless people.

The Member for Harbour Grace-Carbonear (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the St. James Anglican Church Heritage Committee of Carbonear on their efforts to have St. James Anglican Church designated as a heritage site by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate John and Helen Hennessey of Branch, St. Mary's Bay who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 1st.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to advise Members that the Special Panel on Corporate Concentration in the Fishing Industry had completed its deliberations and submitted its final report to the Minister. The Minister also tabled the Report.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order to question the type of questions asked during Oral Questions in relation to the Speaker's ruling on anticipation on a previous occasion.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Thursday, November 29th, 2001

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 pave approximately one kilometre of road in the Community of Jamestown and approximately six kilometres of road leading to and including part of the Community of Winter Brook.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Child and Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Child and Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be referred to Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled a photocopied list of the various communities throughout the Province showing the House of Assembly television-channel numbers assigned to those communities.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

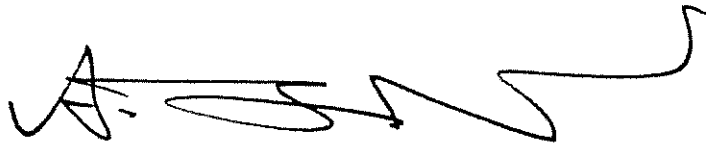
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Thursday, November 29th, 2001

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11 the House of Assembly not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Monday, December 3rd, 2001.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 3rd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, December 3rd, 2001

During the Private Session, the Clerk of the House of Assembly announced that the Speaker was unavoidably absent, whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Mercer) took the Chair.

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to recognize the Canadian Rangers and in particular the activities of the Junior Rangers Association in the Communities of Postville and Hopedale.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate Mike and Mary Norman of Brigus who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 1st.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to thank and recognize the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Canada for establishing a new Family Care Room at the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre. Chris and Debbie Squires, the owner/operators of the McDonald's restaurant in Marystown, assisted in securing the donation.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to recognize the invaluable work of the Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador. In particular, the Member mentioned the Green Team, the Climate Change Action Group and Environmental Leadership Program.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to recognize the two Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal recipients from his District, namely: Ms. Minnie Vallis of Meadows and Mr. Arthur Vincent Sr. of York Harbour.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to update Members with respect to the status of the feasibility review with Alcoa regarding the Lower Churchill Hydro Project and the possible establishment of an aluminum processing facility in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement with respect to the successful conclusion at a recent Federal Provincial Territorial Housing Ministers Conference which will lead to a framework agreement between the province and Canada Mortgage and House Corporation to provide safe, suitable and affordable housing in the province.

Monday, December 3rd, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), in accordance with section 20 of the *Pippy Park Commission Act*, tabled the Annual Report of the C.A. Pippy Park Commission and audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2001.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair (Ms. Jones) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada commits the Parliament and Government of Canada to make equalization payments to provinces to ensure Canadians have access to reasonably comparable levels of public service at reasonably comparable levels of taxation;

AND WHEREAS the current equalization program does not meet this constitutional requirement, and there is evidence that we are moving further away from satisfying this commitment;

AND WHEREAS the treatment of non-renewable resource revenues in the present equalization system is unfair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call upon the Federal Government to replace the current equalization formula with a fairer system that re-establishes the fundamental principles on which this program is based;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House go on record of supporting the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Premier of Nova Scotia in campaigning for fairness as it relates to offshore resource royalties.”

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Connaigre Peninsula urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to impose the same licence fee requirements on non-resident hunters of small game as are imposed on non-resident hunters of big game.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, “An Act To Amend The Forestry Act” (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read a second time presently.

Monday, December 3rd, 2001

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection of Privacy" (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 Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection of Privacy" (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 on tomorrow.

The Speaker ruled with respect to a point of order raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) on November 28th. The Speaker ruled that the Oral Question period is a proceeding whereby Members have an opportunity to address matters, where there is no other avenue available to them to do so. With respect to the matter of anticipation, the Speaker quoted Speaker Parent of the House of Commons who said that questions dealing with orders that were on the Order Paper should be of a general nature. The Debates of the House of Commons March 4, 1997, page 8594-5.

The Speaker recessed the House at 5:27 o'clock in the afternoon for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:45 o'clock in the evening.

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. 50) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 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. 50) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) informed the House she had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

"November 22, 2001

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

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, 2001, 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.

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 27 for the granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mercer 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 Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee of the Whole on Supply continued to sit as the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 37).

On motion the Committee rose.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

It was agreed to stop the clock at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 27 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$61,520,000" (Resolution of Bill No. 27).

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, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Hodder) further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 37 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked 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 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." (Resolution of Bill No. 37)

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 37) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

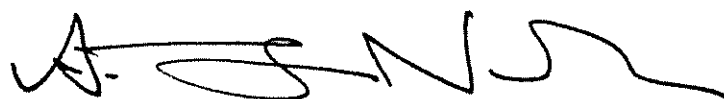
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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 4th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, December 4th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Paula Power of Corner Brook who had been recognized by her peers for her service in promoting literacy by being awarded the first-ever Susie Day Laubach Literacy Award for Volunteers.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to congratulate Herbert and Elsie Pittman of Englee who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 17th.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize the historic legacy of the Gibbons Family of Red Bay for their involvement with the postal services in the community for over 100 years.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to recognize the Members of the Placentia Area Fire Department and to congratulate members of the Fire Department who were recently honoured at the annual dinner and dance.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize the achievement of the Bay Roberts Sea Lions Swim Team in winning their seventh consecutive provincial championship.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to advise the people of the Province about the plans for the first ever come home year for Labrador West which will be held from July 20th to 27th, 2002.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the following:

- (a) in accordance with section 273(3) of the *Elections Act, 1991*, the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000; and
- (b) in accordance with section 35 of the *House of Assembly Act - Part II*, the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests for the period covering April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

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The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled answers to Questions No. 9 and 10 asked by the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) on the Order Paper of November 21st respecting the cost of refitting the *Captain Earl Winsor and the Apollo*.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote) tabled answers to Question No. 12 asked by the Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) on the Order Paper of November 21st respecting the costs of certain advertisements.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make the Torbay By-Pass a part of the new road construction plan and put funding in place to start the construction of the Torbay By-Pass as soon as possible.

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 immediately reduce the speed limit on a residential section of Route 230 in Lethbridge between the Depot of the Department of Works, Services and Transportation and Blundon's Esso Station.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Shea Heights asking the Government to address the need for wheelchair accessible housing units in the Shea Heights area.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 was read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (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 on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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On motion the Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 47).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 47 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked 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 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" (Resolution of Bill No. 47).

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 47) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No.47 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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 have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (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.

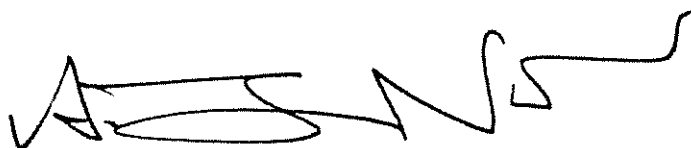
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (Bill No. 45) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 5th, 2001.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, December 5th, 2001

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

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate the owner, manager and staff of the Carbonear A & W Restaurant on being given the Employer of Merit Award by the Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living. The award was given in recognition of hiring a person with developmental disabilities who has been a valued member of the staff.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) made a Statement to commend the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Campaign with respect to the organization's campaign to publicize the fact that many people are injured or killed in needless accidents caused by drunk drivers.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to a special group of young people who contributed their talents in the form of artwork in a book "If You Could See What I See: Works of Art from Canada's Smallest Citizens". The proceeds of the book will go to the relief efforts in New York City.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) made a Statement to offer congratulations to her father, Mr. Jim Ridgely, on his 91st birthday.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to offer congratulations to the Town of L'Anse au Loup which was selected as one of the tidiest towns in Newfoundland and Labrador under the Tidy Towns Program.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to offer congratulations to the Officers and Cadets of 774 St. Anthony & Area Squadron for winning the Drill Team Award ten years in a row.

During Oral Questions, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) rose on a point of order with respect to quoting from Hansard during that proceeding.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63).

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Justice and Attorney General asked the Tribunal under section 28.1 of the Act to make recommendations on outstanding pension issues for the years 1992 to 1996 in order to complete implementation of the Whalen Report, and to make recommendations on salary and benefits issues, including pension benefits, for the years 1996 to 2000 and 2000 to 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister on September 14, 2001;

AND WHEREAS the report of the 2001 Newfoundland Provincial Court Judges Salaries and Benefits Tribunal was tabled in this Honourable House on November 22, 2001 under section 28.2 of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required under section 28.2 of the Act to approve, vary or reject the report within 30 days of it being tabled;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask the House to accept some of the recommendations, vary others and reject one of the recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the 2001 Newfoundland Provincial Court Judges Salaries and Benefits Tribunal set out with the necessary clarification in Schedule A;

AND THAT this House vary the recommendations as set out in Schedule B for the reasons given;

AND THAT this House reject the recommendation set out in Schedule C for the reasons given;

AND THAT the recommendations of the Tribunal that this Honourable House accepts and varies, as set out in Schedules A and B, be implemented effective April 1, 2002 in the manner set out in Schedule D."

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In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith) tabled certain information respecting social assistance case loads.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder):

"WHEREAS in recent years, child poverty rates have declined in all Provinces except Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS over the past 20 years, our neighboring Province, Prince Edward Island, has been able to reduce its child poverty rate from 22.7 percent to 12.5 percent;

AND WHEREAS in those same years the child poverty rate in Newfoundland and Labrador has increased from 21.6 percent to 25.3 percent;

AND WHEREAS current longitudinal studies that follow families over time indicate that poverty affects a greater number of children than may have been thought by looking exclusively at the yearly child poverty rates;

AND WHEREAS single-parent families have extremely high poverty rates;

AND WHEREAS the 2001 Report of the National Council of Welfare shows, in considerable detail, the impact of poverty on family lifestyles and expectations;

AND WHEREAS the link between socio-economic status and educational achievement has been demonstrated by numerous studies;

AND WHEREAS the Williams Royal Commission and the Canning Report made many recommendations for positive actions to reduce child poverty rates in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the recent research shows that in some parts of our Province as many as 40 percent of food bank recipients are children;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has not demonstrated a strong commitment to the reduction of child poverty in our Province;

AND WHEREAS the National Council of Welfare strongly recommends that greater emphasis be placed on comprehensive policies that support parents and children where low-income and poverty issues compromise reasonable lifestyle expectations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to adopt social and economic strategies that will reduce child poverty in this Province to national levels or below by the year 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House ask the Government to present a comprehensive child poverty-reduction strategy, with sufficient budgetary commitments to achieve acceptable targets in the March 2002 Provincial Budget."

After some debate, the Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Mr. Smith) moved, seconded by the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) the following amendments to the Resolution:

"That the Resolution be amended

(a) by deleting the 10th recital clause of the Resolution and replacing it with the following:

"**WHEREAS** the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to on-going improvements to the range of programs and services aimed at reducing child poverty in our Province;" ; and

(b) by deleting the two resolution clauses and substituting the following:

"**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House endorses the need for a continued emphasis on comprehensive social and economic strategies aimed at reducing child poverty rates in this province to national levels or below over a reasonable period of time." "

The Speaker briefly recessed the House to consider the amendments to the Resolution.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendments to the Resolution in order.

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Debate commenced on the amendments to the Resolution.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) tabled Schedules A,B,C, and D referred to in the Resolution respecting the salaries and benefits for Provincial Court Judges as moved earlier by the Minister.

By leave, in reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) tabled certain information respecting the professional fees paid by Marystown Shipyard Limited from 1998 to 2001.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that in accordance with Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, December 6th, 2001.

Debate continued and concluded on the amendments to the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder).

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

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 6th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) made a ruling with respect to a question raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) on December 5th. The Speaker ruled that Members must not read from anything when asking a question during Oral Questions. Referring to a document or Hansard is acceptable, verbatim quotations are not.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to pay tribute and to convey sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Archibald Lawrence of Corner Brook.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to the first 200 young men who volunteered to enlist in the British Royal Navy shortly after the beginning of World War II. The Member stated that these special veterans were unable to hold a reunion because of failing health and decreased numbers this year.

The Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate Lee English of Paradise who was recently presented with the prestigious Maj. Gen. W.A. Howard Award as the outstanding army cadet in the Province for 2001.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) made a Statement to remember and thank the many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from all over the Province who put their lives at risk in fighting for freedom, peace and security in the war on terrorism.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mrs. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate five young students who participated this past summer in a Junior Team Canada Trade Mission to Asia as organized by Global Vision. The participants were: Kevin Farrell of Marystown, Krista Peddle, Chris Roberts, Jillian Stoyles of St. John's and Ryan Chaisson from Upper Ferry in the Codroy Valley.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers, musicians and performers who donated their talent at a successful fund-raising concert held at the Ship Inn on December 2nd, 2001 for the benefit of the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to recognize December 6th as the anniversary of the murder of fourteen women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique Engineering School and to recognize this day as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

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In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) tabled an answer to a question from the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) with respect to an analysis of provincial personal income tax cuts.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63);

A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 58);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60).

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

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the Committee recess for the attendance of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A.M. House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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 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 entitled, "An Act Respecting The Name Of The Province" (Bill No. 43).

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Hodder took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

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. 28).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communication" (Bill No. 35).

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The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41).

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

"That Bill No. 41 be amended by deleting clause 15(7) and replacing it with the following:

"(7) An applicant or a farmer may appeal a decision of the board to the Trial Division within (30) days of the date of the decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

(8) An appeal under subsection (7) does not stay the decision being appealed unless the Trial Division orders otherwise." "

The Chair put the question on the amendment to Bill No. 41 and declared the amendment carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41) with an amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46).

The Members for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) and St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) moved amendments to the Schedule and Clause 17 respectively. The amendments were tabled. On motion the debate was adjourned on Bill No. 46 in order for the amendments to be studied by Members.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (Bill No. 34).

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communications" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (Bill No. 34).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 21, 22, 26, 28, 33, 35, 57, 50 and 34 be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairperson of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41) with an amendment and asked leave to sit again.

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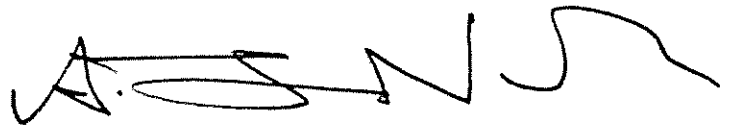
The amendment to Bill No. 41 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No 41 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on December 10th, 2001.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, December 10th, 2001

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Bas Buckle and his Corner Brook Recplex Curling Team on winning the Provincial Senior Men's Curling Championship. The rink will represent the Province at the National Championship in St. Thomas, Ontario in February.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to congratulate the Boys 4A Volleyball Team from Ascension Collegiate of Bay Roberts on winning the High School Provincial Championship.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to commend the representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion on their successful campaign to have the Conception Bay North Access Road named the "Veterans Memorial Highway" in honour of the memory of those who fought for Canada in various conflicts.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to congratulate the organizers of a concert at St. Catherine's Academy on Salmonier Line held on December 8th. The concert featured local Newfoundland groups and the Member paid tribute to the organizers of the event, Mr. Gus Marrie and Mr. Michael Dobbin.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Martha Winters of Hopedale and Mr. John Andersen of Makkovik on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Trixie and Martin Collins, his parents, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 6th in Gambo.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) tabled an answer to Question No. 6 as published in the November 21st Order Paper from the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) respecting certain advertising costs.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) tabled an answer to Question No. 7 as published in the November 21st Order Paper from the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) respecting the EDGE Program.

The Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) tabled an answer to Question No. 21 as published in the November 26th Order Paper from the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) respecting the drafting on child advocate legislation.

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The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to begin investing in infrastructure improvements in his District which will lead to economic remuneration in a region that is in need of such benefits.

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 approximately five kilometres of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) left the Chair.
Mr. Mercer took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered and continued debate on the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46).

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 46:

"That Bill No. 46, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate", be amended by adding immediately following subclause 17(2) the following subclause:

"(3) Every facility, caregiver's home, group home or other home or place in which a child is placed under an Act of the province, the *Criminal Code* or the *Young Offenders Act* (Canada), shall be given written information telling them about the office of

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the advocate, their right to bring any grievance to the advocate, and how they may contact the advocate”.

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

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved that Clause 23(2) of Bill No. 46 be deleted.

After some debate, the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) moved that the first word “Before” in clause 23(2) of Bill No. 46 be deleted and the word “Upon” be substituted.

By leave, the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) withdrew his amendment.

The Chairperson (Mr. Mercer) put the question on the amendment moved by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Bettney) and declared the amendment carried.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) tabled an amendment to the Schedule of the Bill which was not carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

It was agreed to recess the Committee for a dinner break at 5:28 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson recessed the Committee.

The Chairperson (Ms. Hodder) resumed the Chair at 6:45 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued in Committee on the consideration of Bill No. 46.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, “An Act Respecting the Child and Youth Advocate” (Bill No. 46) with amendments.

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On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Hodder) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting the Child and Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46), with amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 46 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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 debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (Bill No. 45) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on December 11th, 2001.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 11th, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate and to recognize Chris Griffiths for patenting and producing the Griffiths Active Bracing System and opening the Garrison guitar manufacturing plant in Mount Pearl.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to advise Members with respect to the seal products made by the Atlantic Marine Products Plant in Catalina.

The Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Joyce Churchill and Mr. Heber Walters of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Carol Curling Club in Labrador West and in particular the Barbra Pinsent Rink on winning the Women's Provincial Curling Championship.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to advise Members that the Smart Labrador Initiative made its first live video connection in the broadband network between the Communities of Black Tickle and Cartwright.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) made a Statement to congratulate Jack and Mary MacDonald of Kilbride on the celebration of their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to announce that Newfoundland and Labrador's application into the Energy Council of America had been accepted.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has done nothing in twelve years to halt or slow down the rapid social and economic decline in rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the government's Renewal Strategy for Jobs and Growth is all process and no action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failure to develop a realistic plan to maintain economically and socially viable communities in rural Newfoundland and Labrador."

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The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately provide fair and reasonable compensation offers to all those affected by flooding associated with tropical storm Gabrielle.

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 pave approximately one kilometre of road in the Community of Jamestown and approximately six kilometres of road leading to and including part of the Community of Winter Brook.

The Member for Windsor-Springdale (Mr. Hunter) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Connaigre Peninsula urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to impose the same licence fee requirements on non-resident hunters of small game as are imposed on non-resident hunters of big game.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (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 Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 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 and The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 59 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to Standing Order 11.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, " An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60).

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

The Speaker (Mr. Mercer) resumed the Chair to 6:45 o'clock in the evening.

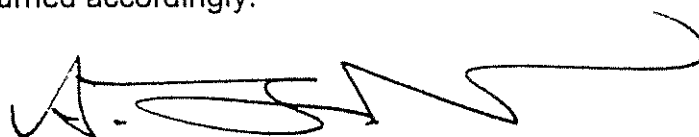
Debate continued on Second Reading of Bill No. 60.

On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for The Straits and White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) would be deleted on Private Member's Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 12th at 1:30 in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, December 12th, 2001

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

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to advise Members of the innovative program provided by the Humber Literacy Council known as "Books for Babies" which helps to promote reading in young children.

The Member for The Straits & White Bay (Mr. Taylor) made a Statement to extend birthday greetings to Mrs. Philomena O'Brien of Lanse-au-Loup, Labrador, who celebrated her 91st birthday on December 12th.

The Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to congratulate the East Coast Trail Association on the official opening of the East Coast Trail, a world-class hiking trail.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) made a Statement to thank the many volunteers in his District during this the International Year of the Volunteer.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to pay tribute to Mr. George Marcello of Toronto for his "Canada 769 Day Walk" to raise money and awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donations.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Roland and Ina Abbott on their 66th Wedding Anniversary as well as Claude and Susanna Dunne on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

The Honourable the Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean) made a Statement to advise Members of the meeting of Federal-Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for Aboriginal Affairs and the Leaders of five national Aboriginal organizations which was held in Ottawa on December 6th and 7th.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) tabled the 2000-2001 Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

The Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Kelly) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice that in accordance with Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and 10 o'clock in the evening on Thursday, December 13th, 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) tabled an answer to Question No. 8 as published in the November 21st Order Paper from the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed Byrne) respecting the cost of the recent Trade Mission to Atlanta.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to allocate additional hours for the operation of the Brigus Library in order to address the literacy needs of the general public.

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 where necessary and repave the seven kilometres of road leading from Route 235 through Open Hall, Red Cliffe and Tickle Cove.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor):

"WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has done nothing in 12 years to halt or slow down the rapid social and economic decline in rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the Government's Renewal Strategy for Jobs and Growth is all process and no action;

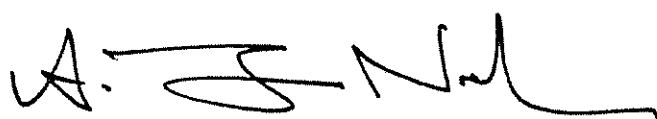
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the government for its failure to develop a realistic plan to maintain economically and socially viable communities in rural Newfoundland and Labrador."

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

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn, until tomorrow, Thursday, December 13th, at 1:30 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 horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate Ms. Elizabeth Jerret of Bay Roberts and Mr. Vernon Petten on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne (Mr. Hedderson) made a Statement to note the death of Mr. William R. Smallwood, Q.C., a former Member of the House, who passed away on October 30th, 2001.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate David Brenton of Marystown and Marguerite Martin of Burin on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) made a Statement to congratulate Michael Duggan and Taryn Stone of St. John's who received the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award from Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to pay tribute and congratulate Lillian Parsons of Victoria and Doug Moores, Q.C. of Harbour Grace on being awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Service Medal.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to announce the appointment of Mr. Fraser March as the new Citizens' Representative as an officer of the House under the *Citizens' Representative Act*.

By leave, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) gave notice and moved that Mr. Fraser March be appointed the Citizens' Representative of the House of Assembly under section 3(1) of the *Citizens' Representative Act* effective February 1, 2002.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett) tabled the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for May, June, July, August, September and October.

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The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) tabled the Annual Report of the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith) tabled, in accordance with section 5 of the *Social Assistance Act*, a Report on the Income Support Program of the Department of Human Resources and Employment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Bettney) tabled an answer to Question No. 3 as published in the November 21, 2001 Order Paper from the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) respecting the long term debt of all institutional and community health boards as of March 31, 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Ralph Wiseman) tabled an answer to Question No. 1 published in the May 9, 2001 Order Paper from the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) respecting the Waste Management Trust Fund.

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communication" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57);

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50);

A Bill, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Pensions" (Bill No. 34);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46).

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

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54).

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved the following amendment to clause 15(3):

' That clause 15 of the Bill be amended at the proposed subsection 34(3) by adding immediately after the word "wages" the commas and words", with that employee's consent,".'

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

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved another amendment to clause 9.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40).

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The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 and Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) 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 Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 and Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 40 and 59 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House also reported that the Committee had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54) with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

The amendment to Bill No. 54 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 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 presently.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59).

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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 continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 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 Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (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 Environmental Protection" (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 Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources In The Province" (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 Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources in the Province" (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.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and by leave introduced a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64).

By leave, Bill No. 64 was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be read a second time presently by leave.

The Speaker recessed the House at 5:07 o'clock in the afternoon for a dinner break.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:02 o'clock in the evening.

Debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 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 House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved the following:

"Notwithstanding Standing Order 80, that the following Bills entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (Bill No. 45), and, "An Act Respecting The Control And Management of Water Resources in the Province" (Bill No. 44) be referred to the Resource Committee for examination, and that the Committee conduct its meetings in St. John's during the winter recess and report its findings to the House of Assembly on the day on which the House next reconvenes".

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) also moved the following:

"Notwithstanding Standing Order 80, that a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49), be referred to the Social Services Committee for examination, and that the Committee conduct its meetings in St. John's during the winter recess and report its findings to the House of Assembly on the day on which the House next reconvenes".

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities 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 Securities 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 presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender 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 Public Tender 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 presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation Of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons):

"WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Justice and Attorney General asked the Tribunal under section 28.1 of the Act to make recommendations on outstanding pension issues for the years 1992 to 1996 in order to complete implementation of the Whalen Report, and to make recommendations on salary and benefits issues, including pension benefits, for the years 1996 to 2000 and 2000 to 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister on September 14, 2001;

AND WHEREAS the report of the 2001 Newfoundland Provincial Court Judges Salaries and Benefits Tribunal was tabled in this Honourable House on November 22, 2001 under section 28.2 of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required under section 28.2 of the Act to approve, vary or reject the report within 30 days of it being tabled;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask the House to accept some of the recommendations, vary others and reject one of the recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the 2001 Newfoundland Provincial Court Judges Salaries and Benefits Tribunal set out with the necessary clarification in Schedule A;

AND THAT this House vary the recommendations as set out in Schedule B for the reasons given;

AND THAT this House reject the recommendation set out in Schedule C for the reasons given;

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AND THAT the recommendations of the Tribunal that this Honourable House accepts and varies, as set out in Schedules A and B, be implemented effective April 1, 2002 in the manner set out in Schedule D." (Schedules A, B, C and D were tabled with this Resolution by the Minister).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (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 Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (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 presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 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 the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 58) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently by leave.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

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The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Honourable the Minister of Works Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 25:

'That paragraph (h.1) be deleted and the following substituted:

"(h.1) where the work involves emergency acquisition of parts, repairs or maintenance, or unknown work identified during refit, or where a lease is required on an emergency basis, in relation to ferry vessels operated by the government;".'

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 25) with an amendment.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Taxation of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Matthews) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 55:

'That subclause 9(7) of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the proposed subsection 39(4) the following:

"(5) Subsection (4) shall not apply to a regulation made under paragraph (1) (a)."

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55) with an amendment.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48).

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 48:

'1. That Clause 5 of Bill No. 48 be deleted and the following substituted:

"5. Section 23 of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (5) the following:

"(6) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a warrant is not required for the removal of a child where

- (a) the child is in the care of a director under an agreement between the director and a parent of the child entered into under section 10, and the agreement expires or is repudiated by the parent, and the director or social worker believes the child is in need of protective intervention; or
- (b) a parent of a child voluntarily places the child in the care of a director but refuses to enter into an agreement under section 10."

2. That Bill No. 48 be amended by adding immediately after clause 44 the following:

"45. (1) A regulation that contains a reference to "Newfoundland" is amended to refer to "Newfoundland and Labrador".

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a reference in a regulation to

- (a) the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary;
- (b) the Memorial University of Newfoundland, its pension plan or the foundation; or
- (c) a professional or occupational group that includes the name "Newfoundland" in its title."

3. This section is considered to have come into force on December 6, 2001.'

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors in the Statute Law" (Bill No. 48) with amendments.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 58).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 42).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Mercer) 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 Taxation of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 58);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 52, 63, 58, 60, 64, 53, 42 and 56 be read a third time by leave.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Mercer) also reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the following Bills with amendments and asked leave to sit again:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 25);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55);
- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48).

The amendments to Bills No. 25, 55 and 48 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 25, 55 and 48 be read a third time presently by leave.

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

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

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 58);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act"(Bill No. 60);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64);
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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55);
- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63).

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. 25).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Langdon), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Barrett), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Mr. Smith), Mr. Joyce, the Hon. the Minister

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of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Parsons), the Hon. the Minister of Youth Services & Post Secondary Education and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. Noel), the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Ms. Thistle), the Hon. the Minister of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs (Mr. McLean), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Wiseman), Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hodder, Ms. Jones, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Butler.

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

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 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 10:35 o'clock in the evening, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour, the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

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

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2001 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 27).

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

The Speaker further addressed His Honour as follows:

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

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Dental Act" (Bill No. 32);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Practice Of Massage Therapy" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health Care Association Act, Hospitals Act and Licensed Practical Nurses Act" (Bill No. 23);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Lands Act" (Bill No. 30);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 24);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Law To Consider Same Sex Cohabiting Partners In The Same Manner As Opposite Sex Cohabiting Partners" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Economic Advisory Council Act" (Bill No. 31);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 39);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 37);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 47);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Teacher Training Act" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forestry Act" (Bill No. 22);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registered Nurses Act" (Bill No. 26);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Act" (Bill No. 28);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Endangered Species" (Bill No. 33);
- A Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Electronic Commerce By Removing Barriers To The Use Of Electronic Communication" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Farm Practices In The Province" (Bill No. 41);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Resources Act" (Bill No. 57);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act No. 2" (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, "An Act To Permit An Action By One Person On Behalf Of A Class Of Persons" (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Child And Youth Advocate" (Bill No. 46);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 54);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 40);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991 And The Uniformed Services Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 59);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child Care Services Act" (Bill No. 53);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Parks Act" (Bill No. 56);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 25);

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Taxation of Utilities And Cable Television Companies Act" (Bill No. 52);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act" (Bill No. 55);
- A Bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Limitations Act" (Bill No. 63).
- A Bill, "An Act To Establish The Boxing Authority Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 58);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 60);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The House of Assembly Act" (Bill No. 64).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Government 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 the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

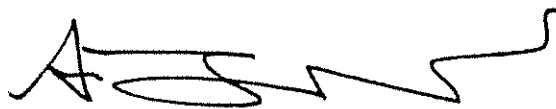
The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi wished everyone Seasons Greetings.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) 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 do now adjourn."

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

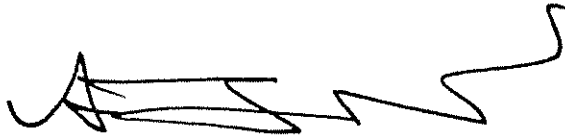
On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, January 28th, 2002

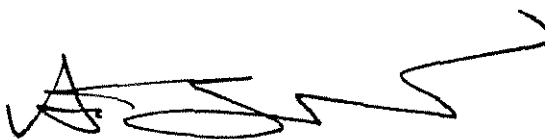
Be it known on this day in accordance with section 39 of the *Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992*, Dr. Leslie Harris, Commissioner of the RNC Public Complaints Commission, submitted his Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 2001 to the Honourable the Speaker.

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

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

Thursday, January 31st, 2002

Be it known on this day in accordance with section 13 of the *Auditor General Act*, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, the Auditor General, submitted her Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to the Honourable the Speaker.

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

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

Monday, March 11th, 2002

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted on December 13th, 2001 and pursuant to a notice sent to the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) on February 28th, 2002.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of privilege with respect to the Leader of the Opposition's public comments questioning the impartiality of the Speaker. Without continuing his point of privilege, the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) sat down to permit the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) to address the Speaker and Members of the House.

Whereupon the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) rose on a point of order to explain his actions and to apologize to the Speaker and all Members of the House for his ill chosen words.

The Speaker then ruled that the matter was resolved.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate the performers and all those involved in SnowJob 2002, Much Music's Annual Snowfest, an open-air concert at Marble Mountain.

The Member for Humber West (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to congratulate all the participants and organizers involved in the Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games held in Gander.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate the athletes from seventeen schools in Labrador who participated in the first ever Labrador High School Championship Sports.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate the Discovery Collegiate Destroyers for winning the Boyle Hockey trophy. The Member read the names of members of the team.

The Member for Port-de-Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to congratulate the achievements of the male and female teams of Ascension Collegiate, Bay Roberts, the Ascension Astros, with respect to their recent success at the Confederation Cup Hockey Tournament.

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The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to update Members on the three major resource projects namely Voisey's Bay, the Lower Churchill and the White Rose oil field.

The Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (Mr. Walsh), in his capacity as the Chair of the Resource Committee, presented a report of the Committee with respect to Bill No. 45, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection".

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), in his capacity as the Chair of the Social Services Committee, presented a report of the Committee with respect to Bill No. 49, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy".

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act". (Bill No. 65).

The Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the marine resources on the Grand Banks of this Province are a critical element of the global ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS these resources have the potential to provide tremendous economic benefits on a sustainable basis;

AND WHEREAS the protection and conservation measures provided by the international community and organizations such as NAFO are not sufficient to protect marine resources on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks off the Coast of this Province;

AND WHEREAS the longer this ecosystem remains unprotected, increased and possibly irreparable damage continues to occur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to take custodial management of the Continental shelf off the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to put in place the necessary provisions and resources to enforce conservation measures for the marine resources in this area."

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The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Clarenville Area urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Minister of Health and Community Services to proceed immediately to appoint the engineering and design consultants for a forty-four bed long term care facility in Clarenville.

The Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education and the Member for Gander (Ms. Kelly) presented a Petition on behalf of certain post-secondary students urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to legislate a progressive reduction of tuition fees at all post-secondary institutions, to increase post-secondary education funding, to implement a comprehensive system of grants available to all students on the basis of need and to call on the Federal Government to restore funding for post-secondary education.

By leave, and pursuant to order and on motion, the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) was introduced and read a first time. On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49).

The Honourable the Member of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 49:

'1. That Bill No. 49 be amended by adding immediately after clause 2 the following:

"2.1 (1) The purposes of this Act are to make public bodies more accountable to the public and to protect personal privacy by

- (a) giving the public a right of access to records;
- (b) giving individuals a right of access to, and a right to request correction of, personal information about themselves;

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- (c) specifying limited exceptions to the right of access;
 - (d) preventing the unauthorized collection, use or disclosure of personal information by public bodies; and
 - (e) providing for an independent review of decisions made by public bodies under this Act."
2. That Bill No. 49 be amended by renumbering clauses 2.1 to 76 as clauses 4 to 77 and renumbering accordingly any references to those clauses in the Bill.
 3. That clause 8 of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the words "shall make a reasonable effort" and substituting the words "shall make every reasonable effort".
 4. That subclause 10(1) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the words "shall make a reasonable effort" and substituting the words "shall make every reasonable effort".
 5. That clause 13 of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the word and numeral "90 days" where it twice occurs and by substituting the word and numeral "45 days".
 6. That subclause 16(2)(b) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the words "shall make a reasonable effort" and substituting the words "shall make every reasonable effort".

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

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Rideout) moved certain amendments to Bill No. 49.

The Chairperson put the question on those amendments and declared those amendments defeated.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matter to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of 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.

By leave, the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) gave notice and moved the following Resolution:

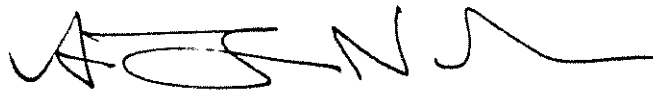
"BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly endorses the principal of adjacency with respect to the allocation of fish quotas off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador and, in particular, urges the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to decline the request for a 3NO redfish allocation requested to supply the plant in Canso, Nova Scotia."

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11 the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on March 12th, 2002.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until Tuesday, March 12th, 2002 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Walter Carter, a former Member of the House of Assembly. The Premier asked that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. Carter.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the Burin Peninsula scholarship winners from her District, namely: Karen Power, Janelle Kenway, Heather Kirby, Desiree Leonard, Steven Maye, Melissa Brockerville, Nicole Synard, Stephanie Lundrigan and Kyla Brake.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) made a Statement to offer congratulations to Krystal Penney and Laura Chislett, Level Two students at Booth Memorial High School who were awarded first place at the Science Fair's senior level in the life category.

The Member for Port-de-Grave (Mr. Butler) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Lewis R. Gosse of Spaniard's Bay for his significant contribution to his community and the Province.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate all the athletes, coaches and organizers who participated in the first ever Labrador High School Sports Meet. In particular, the Member congratulated the participants from his District namely: Krystal Burt and Ryan Turpin.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) made a Statement to acknowledge the formation of the Churchill Park Neighbourhood Association which monitors and addresses issues concerning the quality of life of the neighbourhood and seeks to preserve and enhance the social and physical environment of the neighbourhood community.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that Government had decided not to appeal the decision of the Supreme Court with respect to pay equity for government employees in the hospital HS sector.

The Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island (Mr. Walsh), in his capacity as the Chair of the Resource Committee, tabled the Report of the Committee with respect to Bill No. 44 "An Act Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources In The Province".

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In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Rural Development (Mr. Tulk) gave an answer with respect to costs associated with a multi media presentation arranged for his Department through a tender to Bristol Communications.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Clarenville Area urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Minister of Health and Community Services to proceed immediately to appoint the engineering and design consultants for a forty-four bed long term care facility in Clarenville.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents in his District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make the Torbay By-Pass a part of the New Road Construction Plan and put funding in place to start the construction of the Torbay By-Pass as soon as possible.

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 pave approximately one kilometre of road in the Community of Jamestown and approximately six kilometres of road leading to and including part of the Community of Winter Brook.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) raised a point of order with respect to certain words used by the Opposition House Leader on March 11th. These words had already been ruled on by the Chair of Committees.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) moved that pursuant to Standing Order 11, the House not adjourn at 5:30 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 on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65).

The Speaker recessed the House at 5:16 o'clock in the afternoon for the dinner break.

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

Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved the following amendment to clause 1 of Bill No. 65:

"That clause 1 of Bill No. 65 be amended by renumbering the new clause 2.1 as 2.1(1) and by adding immediately after the new clause the following:

"(2) In this section, "the company" means FPI Limited and Fishery Products International Limited."

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Reid) moved the following amendment to clause 2 of Bill No. 65:

"That clause 2 of Bill No. 65 be amended by deleting the proposed subsection 5.1(2) and by substituting the following:

"(2) In subsection (1), "head office" means the corporate and administrative head offices of FPI Limited and Fishery Products International Limited."

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

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) with amendments.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matter to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) with amendments and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 65 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be read a third time presently by leave.

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 Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 65 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel, Q.C.,
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 Humber East (Mr. Mercer) made a Statement to congratulate the Pasadena Lions Club for hosting the 17th Annual Snow-A-Rama which raised money in support of the Newfoundland Society for the Physically Disabled.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate the dramatic artists at O'Donel High School in Mount Pearl on their excellent production of Irving Berlin's musical *Annie Get Your Gun*. The Member also recognized the great commitment of the students, faculty, parents and supporters who contributed to the success of the production.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) made a Statement to congratulate Powell's Supermarket in Harbour Grace, which was judged to be one of the top ten small independent grocers in Canada according to a recent judging by the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to offer congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Jessie Randell of St. Luke's Home who celebrated her 100th Birthday.

The Member for Conception Bay East & Bell Island (Mr. Walsh) made a Statement to recognize an historic event in the Province, that being the 100th anniversary of the provincial anthem, the *Ode to Newfoundland*, which was first performed on January 21st, 1902.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute and recognize the athletic achievements of Mr. Alf Parsons, a long time resident of Labrador City, who recently won a silver medal in the World Masters Cross-Country Ski Championship and the Gold Medal in the 10 km, 30 km and 45 km races in the Canadian Masters Championship.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Youth Services and Post Secondary Education and the Member for Gander (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to extend best wishes, congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped make the recent Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games such a success.

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The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) made a Statement to announce the implementation of new security measures in the Confederation Building Complex and the House of Assembly. The Minister mentioned that the new measures were in response to heightened security awareness and that the Commission of Internal Economy had also recommended certain measures as a result of an independent review of safety and security conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Aylward) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Butler):

“WHEREAS the marine resources on the Grand Banks of this Province are a critical element of the global ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS these resources have the potential to provide tremendous economic benefits on a sustainable basis;

AND WHEREAS the protection and conservation measures provided by the international community and organizations such as NAFO are not sufficient to protect marine resources on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks off the coast of this Province;

AND WHEREAS the longer this ecosystem remains unprotected, increased and possibly irreparable damage continues to occur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to take custodial management of the Continental Shelf off the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to put in place the necessary provisions and resources to enforce conservation measures for the marine resources in this area.”

After some debate, the Member for The Straits & White Bay North (Mr. Taylor) moved the following amendment:

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"That the first Resolution clause be deleted and the following substituted:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to take custodial management of the NAFO regulatory area off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador."

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

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried unanimously.

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

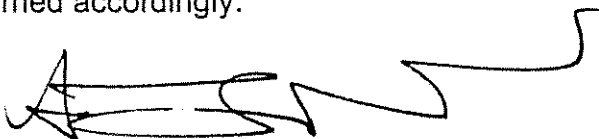
By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) gave notice and moved the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that on this year of celebration marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Throne, this House do convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty as Queen of Canada the warm and heartfelt congratulations of the Government and People of Newfoundland and Labrador on the completion of fifty years of devoted and inspired service to Canada and to all of the people of the Commonwealth and express to Her Majesty our constant and unswerving loyalty and allegiance to the Crown."

The Speaker 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, March 14th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) made a Statement to congratulate the athletes from Labrador who recently competed at the Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games in Gander and for being selected as the most spirited and dedicated team. The Member also congratulated the Volleyball team from Hopedale which won the bronze medal in volleyball.

The Leader of the Opposition and Member for Humber West (Mr. Williams) made a Statement to congratulate the Provincial Rock Group *Timber* for winning the grand prize at the Ninth Annual National Song Writing Competition held at Canada Music Week earlier this month in Toronto.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) made a Statement to congratulate James Hollett of the Burin/Black Duck Cove who was selected the winner from the Burin Peninsula in the Tenant Association and Co-operative Housing Youth Volunteer Award.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) made a Statement to pay tribute to the boys and girls teams at Roncalli High School of Avondale representing the Avalon area for winning the gold medal in basketball at the 2002 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games held in Gander two weeks ago.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to recognize a local company, Air Labrador, which is a member of the Pike Group of Companies owned by local businessman, Roger Pike, for its recently announced expansion to serve several areas in the Lower North Shore of Quebec.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate Ms. Kristen Parsons of Wabush who was crowned Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador, marking the first time a contestant from Labrador had received this title.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader and Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Mr. Alfred Saint of Musgravetown for his hard work and dedication to his family and community.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order with respect to certain remarks made by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) during Oral Questions.

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The Speaker heard arguments and took the matter under advisement.

The Speaker heard the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Barrett) say certain unparliamentary words. Whereupon the Speaker asked the Member to withdraw the words and the Member complied.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Ross Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Clarenville Area urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to direct the Minister of Health and Community Services to proceed immediately to appoint the engineering and design consultants for a forty-four bed long term care facility in Clarenville.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Government of the Province to direct the Department of Health and Community Services to reverse the decision to reduce nursing staff at the clinic in Trepassey.

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 approximately four kilometres of Route 235 from Birchy Cove to Bonavista.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Lush) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49) and continued reviewing the Bill at the stage it adjourned debate on the last sitting day.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Parsons) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 49:

- "1. That subclause 19(2) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out paragraph (f) and substituting the following:

“(f) a final report or final audit on the performance or efficiency of a public body or on any of its programs or policies;”.

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2. That subclause 21(1)(p) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the word "anticipated" and substituting the word "imminent".
3. That clause 33 of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the words "shall make a reasonable effort" and substituting the words "shall make every reasonable effort".
4. That clause 37 of Bill No. 49 be amended by renumbering it as subsection 37(1) and by adding the following immediately after that subsection:

"(2) the use of personal information by a public body shall be limited to the minimum amount of information necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is used."
5. That clause 38(i) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the words "an individual" where they twice occur and substituting the words "the individual the information is about".
6. That clause 38 of Bill No. 49 be amended by renumbering it as subsection 38(1) and by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

"(2) The disclosure of personal information by a public body shall be limited to the minimum amount of information necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is disclosed".
7. That subclause 44(1)(a) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the word and numeral "30 days" and substituting the word and numeral "60 days".
8. That clause 60 of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out subsection (3).
9. That subclause 61(3) of Bill No. 49 be amended by adding immediately after the word "including" the words and comma "where appropriate,".
10. That subclause 68(2) of Bill No. 49 be amended by striking out the word "and" at the end of paragraph (b), striking out the period at the end of paragraph (c) and substituting a semi-colon and the word "and", and by adding the following immediately after that paragraph:

"(d) a description of the manuals used by employees of a public body in administering or carrying out the programs and activities of the public body."

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11. That clause 72 of Bill No. 49 be amended by deleting subclause (2).

The Chairperson put the question on these amendments and declared these amendments carried.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Williams) moved certain amendments to Bill No. 49.

The Chair put the question on these amendments and declared these amendments defeated.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Mercer) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49) with amendments and asked leave to sit again.

The amendments to Bill No. 49 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 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 Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49) was read a 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.

It was agreed that the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Environmental Protection" (Bill No. 45) and the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Control And Management Of Water Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 44) be reintroduced during the 4th Session of the 44th General Assembly and appear on the Order Paper at the same stage, that is Committee of the Whole House.

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

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At 5:16 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour, the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

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."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fishery Products International Limited Act" (Bill No. 65).

A Bill, "An Act To Provide The Public With Access To Information And Protection Of Privacy" (Bill No. 49).

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

The Speaker further addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

"Your Honour, Honourable Members have asked me to inform you of a Resolution passed unanimously by the House of Assembly yesterday, a Resolution of congratulations and loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I would like to read the Resolution and then to ask you, Your Honour, to transmit it to Her Majesty."

"To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty
Most Gracious Sovereign

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador, now in session, beg to extend to your Majesty, on this year of celebration marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Accession of Your Majesty to the Throne, the warm and heartfelt congratulations of the Government and People of Newfoundland and Labrador, on the completion of fifty years of devoted service to Canada and to all the peoples of the Commonwealth, and we express to Your Majesty our constant and unswerving loyalty and allegiance to the Crown."

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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects for this expression of congratulations and loyalty. It will be with much honour that I convey it to Her Majesty."

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The Third Session of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought before you by My Ministers. Your commitment to your work and diligence deserve our appreciation and acknowledgment.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

Sixty pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in health, justice, finance, labour, fisheries, consumer affairs, energy, tourism and culture.

Following passage of a Resolution in the Senate and House of Commons of Canada to change the name of our Province, this Honourable House passed the *Newfoundland and Labrador Act* so that our law would be consistent with the changes to the Constitution of Canada.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

As stated in My Address opening this Session, My Government would introduce legislation to establish the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Office of the Citizens' Representative and the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate.

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador has been established by legislation. The Order will recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by exceptional achievement and sacrifice, unique skills and talents, or by noteworthy contributions to their communities and the Province.

The Citizens' Representative has been appointed. As an officer of this Assembly, our new Citizens' Representative has the mandate to investigate and deal with complaints by citizens who feel aggrieved by administrative decisions, acts or omissions done by a department or agency of government or an officer or employee.

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The *Child and Youth Advocate Act* also passed this Honourable House during this Session. Members will soon be asked to consider the appointment of an Advocate whose responsibility will be to ensure the rights and interests of children and youth are advanced and protected.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

My Government continues to be concerned by smoking in public places and especially among our young people. As Members will recall, this Honourable House passed legislation to deal with these issues during the year 2000. As part of My Government's continuing effort with respect to this problem, *An Act to Provide for the Recovery of Tobacco Related Health Care Costs* was introduced last spring, referred to a Select Committee of this House and eventually enacted.

An Act to Permit an Action by One Person on Behalf of a Class of Persons was enacted to cure an anomaly and an inequity in the law. As part of My Government's efforts to make Government more accountable and transparent, a new *Act to Provide the Public with Access to Information and Protection of Privacy* was enacted into law. This new Act, when proclaimed into force, will replace the old *Freedom of Information Act*, which when enacted in 1981, was considered progressive legislation at that time.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

In an effort to provide a legal framework and rules to facilitate commerce and communication by electronic means, the *Electronic Commerce Act* was enacted. My Government is very much aware that our Province must do everything in its power to provide our consumers and businesses with protection when they use electronic commerce. Amendments were also made to the *Securities Act* in order to bring our security regulations in line with regulations in other provinces so that issuers of securities and investors in securities in our Province have access to the markets on the same equitable base as issuers and investors in other provinces.

The *Economic Diversification and Growth Enterprises Act* was amended to further stimulate growth and diversification of the Province's economy.

The *Fishery Products International Act* was amended to give effect to the recommendations of the all-party review committee resulting from the recent public consultations on the Act.

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During this Session, the *Petroleum Products Act* was enacted. This new law provides for a regulatory regime which will assure the public that heating and motor fuel prices are set in a rational and fair manner. Also, the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* was amended to provide a statutory royalty regime for petroleum produced under a lease issued under that Act.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

During this Session the *Endangered Species Act* was enacted to provide for the designation of species as vulnerable, threatened, endangered, extirpated or extinct and for the management and protection of designated species and their habitat. The *Historic Resources Act* was amended to clarify the role and responsibility of Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and also to protect the fossil resources of our Province.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

As noted in My Speech opening this Session, My Government renewed its relationship with labour, business and community groups through the creation of a new Department of Labour. Also, upon advice of an outside consultant, amendments to the *Labour Relations Act* were introduced in this Honourable House in order to focus on building a strong labour relations framework for the Province as it relates to offshore oil and gas fabrication and construction projects. In order to be responsive to the needs of business and labour, My Government also introduced significant changes to the *Labour Standards Act*. Important amendments were made to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* as well as the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act* following a review through public hearings held by the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission. Emphasis on the prevention of workplace accidents and injuries was highlighted in the amendments to those Acts.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

An Act Respecting the Protection of Farm Practices in the Province was enacted during this Session. *An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Law with Respect to Municipal Elections in the Province* was also enacted during the spring sitting of this Honourable House.

Among the other legislative measures enacted during this Session were: *An Act Respecting the Practice of Massage Therapy*, *An Act to Amend the Schools Act, 1997*, *An Act to Amend the Aquaculture Act*, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, *An Act to Amend the Forestry Act*, *An Act to Amend the Motor Carrier Act*, *An Act to Amend the Lands Act*, *An Act to Amend the Judgment Enforcement Act*, *An Act to Amend the Child Care Services Act* and *An Act to Amend the Provincial Parks Act*.

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Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted. I assure you that the appropriations that you have granted have been and will be expended by My Ministers with care and efficiency.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:

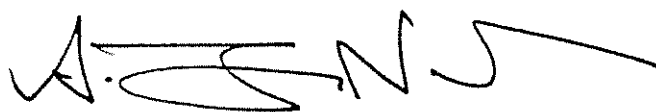
It is my pleasure that the Third Session of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly now be prorogued and is prorogued accordingly.

It is my pleasure that the Third Session of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly now be prorogued and is prorogued accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then said, "It is the wish and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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