

Tuesday, March 30th, 2004

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

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

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As the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March, 2005, in the aggregate of \$3,704,240,200, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **Edward Roberts,**
Lieutenant Governor@.

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

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The Speaker put the question on the motion.
The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Fitzgerald 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 Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Tobacco (Bill No. 13).

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

WHEREAS the main purpose of the Atlantic Accord for Newfoundland and Labrador, according to paragraph 2(c), is to become the principal beneficiary of the oil and gas resources off its shores;

AND WHEREAS that condition has not been met;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada to acknowledge and honour its obligation under the Atlantic Accord to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador is the principal beneficiary of the oil and gas resources off its shores;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada specifically to allow Newfoundland and Labrador to receive 100 per cent of the provincial revenues from oil and gas off its shores.©

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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