

**JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**of the**  
**THIRD SESSION**  
**of the**  
**FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**of**  
**NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**  
**2006**

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Wednesday, the Twenty-Second Day of March, Two Thousand and Six, being the Fifty- fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C., 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 22nd day of March, 2006, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Hodder took the Chair.

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At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Hodder) that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edward Roberts, Q.C. 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. Ed Byrne) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act" (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 St. John's Centre (Mr. Skinner) and seconded by the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) 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. Reid), the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Williams) also spoke to the motion.

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

Mr. Shawn Skinner, Member for St. John's Centre,  
Ms. Sheila Osborne, Member for St. John's West,  
Mr. Eddie Joyce, Member for Bay of Islands.

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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 on Supply to consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.