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of the
FOURTH SESSION
of the
FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
2007

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Tuesday, the Twenty-Fourth Day of April, Two Thousand and Seven, being the Fifty-Sixth 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 Twenty-Fourth day of April, 2007, 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. Rideout) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting FPI Limited" (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 Topsail (Ms. Marshall) and seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) 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 (Ms. Michael) 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:

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Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Member for Topsail
Mr. Keith Hutchings, Member for Ferryland
Mr. Dwight Ball, Member for Humber Valley

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move: "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a certain Resolution for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty. (Bill No. 2)

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 63 that the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) would be the Private Member's Motion to be debated on Wednesday:

"WHEREAS many municipalities in this Province are currently experiencing severe financial difficulties;

AND WHEREAS many young people have already left rural communities and out-migration from the Province has increased by thousands this past year;

AND WHEREAS the unemployment rate in many communities is at an unacceptable level;

AND WHEREAS the present Government has taken action which hurts the economy of rural areas of this Province;

AND WHEREAS despite the promises made during the last election, the current Government has not taken the actions necessary to deal with the immediate crisis which exists in rural parts of this Province;

AND WHEREAS the situation in many parts of this Province could get even worse as a result of an expanding crisis in the fishery;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly condemns government on its failure to deliver any comprehensive actions to deal with the crisis situation in rural Newfoundland and Labrador”.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.