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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Osborne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Mr. Jackman), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Sustainable Development Of Natural Resources In The Province" (Bill No. 25).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 28th, 2007.

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

"WHEREAS the current Government, on June 23, 2006, released its new Poverty Reduction Strategy entitled "Reducing Poverty: An Action Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador", following through on the Blueprint commitment to transform Newfoundland and Labrador over a 10-year period from the Province with the most poverty to the Province with the least poverty;

AND WHEREAS this Poverty Reduction Strategy is an unprecedented action plan combining the efforts of the Premier and his Cabinet colleagues and officials in Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, Education, the Women's Policy Office, Finance, Health and Community Services, Innovation, Trade and Rural Development and the Rural Secretariat;

AND WHEREAS the Government began to implement this new strategy with a financial commitment in the 2006 Budget of over \$60 million annually to support expanded eligibility for the prescription drug program, the elimination of school fees, increases to income support programs, and enhanced Adult Basic Education offerings in a focused effort to ensure that poverty reduction occurs and that the strategy's important objectives are met over the long term;

AND WHEREAS in the 2007 Budget, the Government significantly enhanced its commitment to poverty reduction with a total investment this year of \$91 million;

AND WHEREAS the Government also significantly enhanced the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program to cap annual out-of-pocket drug costs based on net family income;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its support for the Poverty Reduction Strategy initiatives of the 2006 and 2007 budgets and the Strategy's objective of transforming Newfoundland and Labrador over a 10-year period from the Province with the most poverty to the Province with the least poverty".

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to allocate funding to pave the road between Markland and Colinet.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the House of Assembly to urge Government to take the necessary steps to delay the opening of the Ptarmigan season in Southern Labrador by two months.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance 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 Student Financial Assistance 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 presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (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 Retail Sales Tax Act" (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 House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting The Transfer Of Securities” (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 Respecting The Transfer Of Securities” (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 House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992” (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 Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992” (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations” (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 Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations” (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services 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 Private Investigation And Security Services 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 House presently.

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

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The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of the Whole House considered and passed without amendment the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 10);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Transfer Of Securities" (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations" (Bill No. 17);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services Act" (Bill No. 18).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Hodder) resumed the Chair.

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

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 13);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 10);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Transfer Of Securities" (Bill No. 12);

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations" (Bill No. 17);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services 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 of the Whole House have leave to sit again presently.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 13, 20, 10, 12, 17 and 18 were read a third time by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed by leave:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Student Financial Assistance Act" (Bill No. 13);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 20);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2" (Bill No. 10);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Transfer Of Securities" (Bill No. 12);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Trust And Loan Corporations" (Bill No. 17);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Investigation And Security Services Act" (Bill No. 18).

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.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Rideout) 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:

"April 26, 2007

As 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 March 31, 2007, by way of Supplementary Supply, 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.

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Sgd. **Edward Roberts**
Lieutenant Governor."

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Rideout), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 6 for the Granting of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 6).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No .6 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time and adopted:

"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, 2007, the sum of \$2,368,500."

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, 2007 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 6) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 6 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.