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

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Ryan Russell, the late Roy Sainsbury and the late Randy Scott Rose who died in a tragic boating accident on May 18th.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Dinn) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Elementary Grade VI Basketball Team which recently won the Under-12 Boys Basketball Provincial Championship.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to congratulate the Conception Bay South Junior Squash Club which recently celebrated its 15th consecutive successful year of operation.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment & Conservation (Ms. Johnson) made a Statement to recognize Environment Week which is being celebrated from May 30 to June 5.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) made a Statement about the Fire & Emergency Services Spring Training School which was held in Gander over the weekend.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) tabled the Annual Report for 2009-2010 of the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Court Security" (Bill No. 24).

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

"WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador is home to one of the best undeveloped clean, green, renewable energy projects in North America at the Lower Churchill River in Labrador; **AND WHEREAS** Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and the North Eastern United States are in need of affordable, clean energy sources;

AND WHEREAS last week's ruling of the Régie de l'énergie in Quebec on a transmission service request by Nalcor Energy once again demonstrates that province's arrogance and discriminatory business practices, in particular their determination to see the Lower Churchill proceed only on their terms;

AND WHEREAS this ruling is deemed by this Province to be completely contrary to the rules of fair, open and competitive access;

AND WHEREAS this Government is determined to proceed with this project in the best interests and for the benefit of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly affirms its full support for the approach of Nalcor Energy and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue plans to develop this extraordinary clean, renewable energy project, including two alternative routes to market, including the Labrador-Island Link, the Maritime route as well as the pursuit of a separate 724 MW transmission service request into the Maritimes and New England."

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to pave the road between Red Bay and Goose Bay.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) 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 notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Insurance Adjusters, Agents And Brokers Act" (Bill No. 21);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Portability Of Pensions Act" (Bill No. 22).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

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).

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

The Speaker left the Chair. Mr. Kelly took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of the Whole on Supply considered the matters to them referred and passed without amendment the Estimates of the **Executive Council**, **Legislature** and **Consolidated Fund Services**.

On motion the Committee rose. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Mr. Kelly) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the Estimates of the **Executive Council**, **Legislature** and **Consolidated Fund Services** without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply was received and adopted.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

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

"7 May, 2010

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province

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for the year ending March 31, 2011, by way of Further 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.

Sgd. John Crosbie Lieutenant-Governor."

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 6 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair. Mr. Osborne took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

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, 2011 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. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 6 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and ask leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the 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, 2011 the sum of \$4,512,522,100" (Bill No. 6).

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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, 2011 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 6) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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, June 1st at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly.