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Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Monday, the Twenty-First Day of March, Two Thousand and Eleven, being the Sixtieth 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 John C. Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL, 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 21st day of March, 2011, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Fitzgerald took the Chair.

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At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Fitzgerald) that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL, QC 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 (Ms. Burke) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Protection Of Adults" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read the first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 be read the 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 Humber West (Mr. Granter), seconded by the Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island (Mr. Brazil), 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 (Ms. Jones), the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) and the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) 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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Mr. Vaughn Granter, Member for Humber West,
Mr. David Brazil, Member for Conception Bay East-Bell Island,
Mr. Roland Butler, Member for Port de Grave.

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 Resolution for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Tax Credit Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services (Mr. Harding) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Public Accountants Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. O'Brien) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Standard Time Act" (Bill No. 6);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Repeal the Law Reform Commission Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice on behalf of the Member for Cartwright – Labrador (Ms. Jones) that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS breast cancer is the most common cancer among Newfoundland and Labrador women, (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer) with approximately 370 women to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Newfoundland and Labrador this year;

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AND WHEREAS we have one of the highest mortality rates from breast cancer and breast cancer in younger women tends to be more aggressive;

AND WHEREAS the benchmark for Newfoundland and Labrador's organized breast screening program is age 50 years;

AND WHEREAS women aged 40 to 49 years are not eligible to participate in Newfoundland and Labrador's organized breast screening program, while women aged 40-49 are eligible in British Columbia, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, and Yukon;

AND WHEREAS the earlier breast cancer is diagnosed, the better the outcome in terms of health and the therapeutic regimen women will be subject to;

AND WHEREAS there is empirical evidence that routine mammography screening of women in their 40s can reduce mortality from breast cancer by at least 24%;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador does not allow women in their 40s to self refer into the provincial breast screening program;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador has the existing capacity to accommodate women between the ages of 40 and 49 years in the provincial breast screening programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House calls upon Government to establish a new benchmark by reducing to 40 years of age the eligibility for self-referral to the provincial breast cancer screening program."

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 22nd at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.