

**JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**of the**  
**FORTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**of**  
**NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**  
**2011**

**Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Office to  
Members-elect**

**AND**

**The Election of the Speaker of the House of Assembly**

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Thursday, the Twenty-seventh Day of October, 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.

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

In accordance with the **Elections Act, 1991**, a General Election was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 after which His Honour, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL, QC, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador issued the following Proclamation:

**ÆLIZABETH 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.

John C. Crosbie  
**Lieutenant Governor**

Sandra Barnes  
**Registrar General**

**TO: William MacKenzie**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

and

**Elizabeth Murphy**  
Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly

**GREETING:**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** under section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am, or my delegate is, authorized to administer the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the General Election held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011;

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**AND WHEREAS** under section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, I, as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am, or my delegate is, authorized to administer an Oath or Affirmation of Office to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the said General Election;

**AND WHEREAS** a Proclamation has been issued to appoint the Honourable David B. Orsborn, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Trial Division, as Commissioner for the purpose of administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Oath or Affirmation of Office in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution Act, 1867 and section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the said sections of the Constitution Act, 1867 and the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* further require that the persons declared elected as Members during the General Election held on the said date must take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before they can take their seats in the House of Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said William MacKenzie and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to request that the Members Elect gather in the House of Assembly Chamber on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 10 o'clock in the morning in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before the Honourable Commissioner.

**WITNESS:** Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable John C. Crosbie, Member of the Privy Council of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE** in Our City of St. John's this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

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**BY COMMAND,**

Sandra Barnes  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL.@**

The following is the list of names of those persons returned by the returning officers for the several Electoral Districts to represent those Districts in the General Assembly:

Kevin Pollard	Baie Verte - Springdale
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands
Calvin Peach	Bellevue
Eli Cross	Bonavista North
Glen Little	Bonavista South
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo – La Poile
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis
Jerome Kennedy	Carbonear – Harbour Grace
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East – Bell Island
Terry French	Conception Bay South
Clayton Forsey	Exploits
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
Kevin O=Brien	Gander
Darin King	Grand Bank

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Susan Sullivan	Grand Falls-Windsor – Buchans
Ray Hunter	Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main
Tom Marshall	Humber East
Dwight Ball	Humber Valley
Vaughn Granter	Humber West
John Dinn	Kilbride
Nick McGrath	Labrador West
Keith Russell	Lake Melville
Wade Verge	Lewisporte
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl South
Felix Collins	Placentia – St. Mary's
Tony Cornect	Port au Port
Glenn Littlejohn	Port de Grave
Joan Burke	St. George=s – Stephenville East
Gerry Rogers	St. John=s Centre
George Murphy	St. John=s East
Dale Kirby	St. John=s North
Tom Osborne	St. John=s South
Dan Crummell	St. John=s West

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Lorraine Michael	Signal Hill – Quidi Vidi
Sandy Collins	Terra Nova
Derrick Dalley	The Isles of Notre Dame
Christopher Mitchelmore	The Straits – White Bay North
Paul Davis	Topsail
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains
Charlene Johnson	Trinity – Bay de Verde
Ross Wiseman	Trinity North
Kathy Dunderdale	Virginia Waters

At 10:00 o'clock in the morning, those Members returned by the returning officers as noted above and as confirmed by the Chief Electoral Officer in a Notice published in an Extraordinary Edition of **The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette** on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, gathered in the Assembly Chamber with family and friends seated in the Public Galleries. Whereupon, William C. MacKenzie, the Clerk of the House of Assembly, and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant preceded by Elizabeth Gallagher, the Sergeant-at-Arms (acting), entered the Chamber followed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Trial Division, the Honourable David B. Orsborn.

The Clerk of the House addressed the gathering and then read the above-noted Proclamation as issued under the Great Seal of the Province.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly having called the names of the Members returned for the several Districts, those Members-elect appeared and took and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the presence of the Honourable the Administrator, as follows:

Kevin Pollard	Baie Verte – Springdale
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands
Calvin Peach	Bellevue

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Eli Cross	Bonavista North
Glen Little	Bonavista South
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo – La Poile
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis
Jerome Kennedy	Carbonear – Harbour Grace
Yvonne Jones	Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
David Brazil	Conception Bay East – Bell Island
Terry French	Conception Bay South
Clayton Forsey	Exploits
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
Kevin O'Brien	Gander
Darin King	Grand Bank
Susan Sullivan	Grand Falls-Windsor – Buchans
Ray Hunter	Grand Falls-Windsor – Green Bay South
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main
Tom Marshall	Humber East
Dwight Ball	Humber Valley
Vaughn Granter	Humber West
John Dinn	Kilbride
Nick McGrath	Labrador West

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Keith Russell	Lake Melville
Wade Verge	Lewisporte
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North
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Felix Collins	Placentia – St. Mary's
Tony Cornect	Port au Port
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Kathy Dunderdale

Virginia Waters

The Clerk noted that the Writ of Election for the District of Burin – Placentia West had not been returned because of a judicial recount.

The Clerk also noted that the Members-elect for the Districts of St. Barbe and St. John's North were unavoidably absent during the ceremony.

After each Member had taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, signed the Roll of Members and subscribed to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office, His Honour the Administrator signed the Roll of Members, followed by the Clerk of the House of Assembly and the Clerk Assistant, who witnessed the signatures on the Roll.

His Honour the Administrator addressed the Members of the House of Assembly.

His Honour the Administrator then left the Assembly Chamber.

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sergeant-at-Arms (acting) notified the Clerk that His Honour the Administrator had arrived.

His Honour the Administrator entered the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms (acting).

His Honour the Administrator took the Speaker's Chair.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly then read the following Proclamation as issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

**ΔELIZABETH 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.

John C. Crosbie  
**Lieutenant Governor**

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**GREETING:**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** I have deemed it expedient that the Forty-Seventh General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador should be summoned for the dispatch of business on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Honourable David B. Orsborn, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some person to be their Speaker and to present such person for my approbation on the date on which the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly together are to be declared.

**WITNESS:** Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable John C. Crosbie, Member of the Privy Council of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE** in Our City of St. John's this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

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**BY COMMAND,**

Sandra Barnes  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL.@**

Whereupon His Honour said:

“Members of the House of Assembly, I have it in command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you that it is not convenient that the purposes for which he has called the General Assembly together should be declared until the Members of the House of Assembly have chosen a Speaker. It is therefore His Honour’s will that you, the Members of the House of Assembly, do proceed to the election of a Speaker.”

His Honour the Administrator having left the Chamber the Clerk then said:

“At the close of nominations for the Office of Speaker at 4:30 o’clock yesterday afternoon, two candidates had put their names forward: Mr. Tom Osborne and Mr. Ross Wiseman. Mr. Tom Osborne has since withdrawn his candidacy. Accordingly, pursuant to suborder 4(4) of the Standing Orders, I declare Mr. Ross Wiseman, the Member for Trinity North elected Speaker of the Forty-Seventh General Assembly.”

Mr. Wiseman was conducted to the Speaker’s Chair by the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) and the Honourable the Leader of the Official Opposition (Ms. Jones).

Whereupon, the Honourable the Speaker having seated himself in the Speaker’s Chair addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour they had unanimously accorded him by electing him Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) moved, seconded by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ball), that Wade Verge, the Member for Lewisporte be elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

The motion was put by the Speaker and carried *nemine contradicente*.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale), seconded by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Ball), that Steve Kent, the Member for Mount Pearl North be elected Deputy Chair of Committees.

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The motion was put by the Speaker and carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Speaker then read the following Proclamation:

**ÆLIZABETH 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.

John C. Crosbie  
**Lieutenant Governor**

To all to whom these presents shall come,

**GREETING:**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** I think fit to formally open the Forty-Seventh General Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador by declaring the purposes of summoning the said General Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, shall declare the purposes of summoning the said General Assembly when the Members next meet at the formal opening of the First Session of the Forty-Seventh General Assembly at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

**WITNESS:** Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable John C. Crosbie, Member of the Privy Council of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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**BY COMMAND,**

Sandra Barnes  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL.@**

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) then moved the adjournment of the House.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Ms. Dunderdale, Ms Burke, Mr. King, Mr. Hedderson, Ms Sullivan, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Felix Collins, Mr. French, Mr. Cornect, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Sandy Collins, Ms Johnson, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Russell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Crummell, Mr. Lane, Mr. Little, Mr. Cross, Mr. Verge, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Peach, Mr. Kent, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Granter, Ms Perry.

Against: Ms Jones, Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Edmunds, Ms Michael, Ms Rogers, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mitchelmore.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

**William MacKenzie,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.