

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon the Lieutenant Governor having taken his seat, the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) addressed His Honour as follows:

ΔMay it please Your Honour:

The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour=s Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Ross Wiseman, Esquire, Member for the District of Trinity North, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for Your Honour=s approval.@

His Honour was then pleased to reply:

ΔOn behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker.@

Whereupon the Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

ΔYour Honour having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as its Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty=s loyal subjects, the people of this Province, respectfully to claim of Your Honour their accustomed rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament and that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour=s presence at all reasonable times, and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and privileges which have been confirmed to them by Your Honour=s Predecessors.@

His Honour was then pleased to reply:

ΔOn behalf of Her Majesty, I do confirm this House in the enjoyment of all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.@

His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech From the Throne.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Deputy Government House Leader (Mr. King) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Procurement By Public Bodies" (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 Mount Pearl South (Mr. Lane) and seconded by the Member for Lake Melville (Mr. Russell) 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. Ball), the Leader of the Third Party (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:

Mr. Paul Lane, Member for Mount Pearl South  
Mr. Keith Russell, Member for Lake Melville  
Mr. Andrew Parsons, Member for Burgeo – La Poile

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 Interim Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

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 Amend The Enduring Powers Of Attorney Act" (Bill No. 3).

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 Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 4).

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The Opposition House Leader (Ms. Jones) gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 63 that the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012:

**“WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador is a vast land mass with a long coastline and huge areas of open ocean. Labrador alone has approximately 300,000 square kilometers with a coastline of almost 8,000 km and many isolated communities, while the island portion has nearly 10,000 km of coastline and a surface area of over 110,000 square kilometers;

**AND WHEREAS** the lifestyle of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for work and for recreation is connected to the land and the sea;

**AND WHEREAS** we have seen many tragedies and many lives lost due to distress at sea and on land, most recently the death of 14-year old Burton Winters of Makkovik Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** search and rescue assets were not adequately deployed during the search for Burton Winters;

**AND WHEREAS** ground search and rescue is a provincial responsibility and was the first point of contact in the Burton Winters Tragedy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has announced the closure of the Maritime Search and Rescue Sub Centre located in St. John's thus impairing efficient and timely coordination of search and rescue services within the Province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House calls upon the Provincial Government to consider conducting a full investigation into the Burton Winters tragedy, examining the actions of both federal and provincial agencies and their coordination and communications;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House calls upon the Provincial Government to evaluate the search and rescue infrastructure within and available to the Province in a case of emergency in order to determine if there is sufficient and stable service;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House calls upon the Provincial Government, and our federal representatives in the House of Commons and Senate, to consider establishing a permanent search and rescue capability at 5 Wing Goose Bay;

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House calls on this House of Assembly to establish an all-party committee of this House to make representations to the Government of Canada to rescind the closure of Maritime Search and Rescue Sub Centre located in St. John's, Newfoundland.”

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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