

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to commend Ms. Jennifer Barnes and Ms. Jocelyn Barnes of Deer Lake who will travel to Haiti to help at Karen Huxter's Orphanage which houses eighteen children and youth.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to inform the House about the Rocky Harbour Winter Carnival and to commend the organizers of the event.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) made a Statement to acknowledge the contribution to their community of the Portugal Cove – St. Philips Heritage Society.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to congratulate the Eastport Peninsula Heritage Society for being awarded the Doug Wheeler Award and for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Centreville-Wareham-Trinity for receiving a Torngat Municipal Achievement Award at the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Convention held in Corner Brook in 2011.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to congratulate all those responsible for making possible the opening of Marguerite's Place.

The Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) made a Statement to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the year of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Jackman) made a Statement about Education Week.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lane), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,  
the Honourable John Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL

May it please Your Honour:

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We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session Assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to this House.

Signed: Paul Lane, MHA  
Keith Russell, MHA  
Andrew Parsons, MHA

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On motion the report was received and on motion the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Wiseman) tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Election Finances for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** section 7 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Assembly is to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a nomination by the House of Assembly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mr. William J. Brown be nominated for appointment as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Assembly.”

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 Revenue Administration Act” (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Davis) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Consumer Protection And Business Practices Act” (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Collins) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991” (Bill No. 7);

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A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act” (Bill No. 8).

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“**WHEREAS** the House of Assembly is the cornerstone of responsible government in Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** the effective and proper functioning of the House of Assembly is essential to good government, effective legislative process and an open and democratic society;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly calls upon Government to provide for a fixed House of Assembly sitting schedule by introducing amendments to the *House of Assembly Act* as follows:

“Section 3 of the *House of Assembly Act* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

(3) In 2012 and every following year, except years in which there is a general election under subsection (2), there shall be a sitting of the House of Assembly

- (a) commencing on the second Monday in March and adjourning on the Wednesday before Easter Sunday; and
- (b) commencing on the third Monday after Easter Sunday and adjourning on the Thursday before the Victoria Day holiday; and
- (c) commencing on the third Monday in October and adjourning not later than one week before Christmas Day.

(4) In years in which there is a general election under subsection (2), there shall be a sitting of the House of Assembly

- (a) commencing on the second Monday in March and adjourning on the Wednesday before Easter Sunday; and
- (b) commencing on the third Monday after Easter Sunday and adjourning on the Thursday before the Victoria Day holiday; and
- (c) commencing no later than 30 days after the general election day and adjourning not later than one week before Christmas Day.

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(5) Nothing in subsection (3) prohibits the House of Assembly from sitting at times other than those referred to in that subsection.

(6) Where the Lieutenant-Governor in Council intends to adjourn the House of Assembly earlier than the sitting dates referred to in subsection (3) or to cancel a sitting referred to in subsection (3), the Government House Leader shall

- (a) table a report in the House of Assembly stating the reasons for the early adjournment or cancellation; and
- (b) on the first day of the next sitting of the House of Assembly, give notice of a motion to debate the report referred to in paragraph (a) which motion shall have precedence over all other substantive motions on the Order Paper.”

The Member for Burgeo – La Poile (Mr. Parsons) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to support the users of Route 470 in their request to obtain cellular phone coverage along Route 470.

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

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As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2013, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **John Crosbie**  
Lieutenant Governor@.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

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The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Kent) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had made some progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of Supply was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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