

Tuesday, April 24th, 2012

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) moved "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government" and delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) that debate on the Budget Speech be adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

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:

"24 April, 2012

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2013, in the aggregate of \$7,608,762,400, 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 C. Crosbie**,
Lieutenant Governor".

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) that the Message together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

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The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Verge took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The budgetary documents were distributed.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

By leave, the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador’s sealing industry is ecologically sustainable, economically valuable and among the world’s most highly regulated and well managed humane animal harvests;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in a sustainable sealing industry in this Province through initiatives such as communications and advocacy campaigns and the provision of a \$3.6 million loan to Carino Processing Limited for the purchase of raw material, which will ensure products are available as the market grows while at the same time enabling hundreds of harvesters and plant workers to secure an income;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government – in agreement with our Government’s request – is challenging the discriminatory trade practices of other countries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the actions and investments of the Provincial Government to advance the growth of a sustainable and professional sealing industry in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House encourages the Federal Government to continue its efforts to support the Canadian sealing industry and to challenge the discriminatory actions of countries that violate trade laws.”

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Peach) would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, April 25th.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Kennedy) moved, by leave, pursuant to Standing Order 65(1)(a),(b) and (c) that

- (a) the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Resource Committee**:

Advanced Education and Skills
 Environment and Conservation
 Fisheries and Aquaculture
 Innovation, Business and Rural Development
 Natural Resources
 Tourism, Culture and Recreation;

- (b) the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Social Services Committee**:

Health and Community Services
 Child, Youth and Family Services
 Education
 Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
 Justice
 Municipal Affairs; and

- (c) the following **Heads of Expenditure** be referred to the **Government Services Committee**:

Finance
 Transportation and Works
 Public Service Commission
 Service Newfoundland-Labrador.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 25th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.