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FORTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
2013

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Monday, the Twenty-Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand and Thirteen, being the Sixty-Second 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 Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA, 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 25th day of March, 2013, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Wiseman took the Chair.

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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 Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA 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 (Mr. King) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Canada–Newfoundland And Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act" (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 North (Mr. Kent), seconded by the Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Collins), 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 Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) and the Honourable the Premier (Ms. Dunderdale) also spoke to the motion.

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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. Steve Kent, Member for Mount Pearl North,
Mr. Sandy Collins, Member for Terra Nova,
Mr. Andrew Parsons, Member for Burgeo – La Poile.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following motion “That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” (Budget Speech).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) 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 Supply to Her Majesty (Bill No. 2).

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the offshore of the west coast of the island of Newfoundland is recognized as a region containing potentially billions of barrels of oil;

AND WHEREAS the petroleum exploration sector needs the certainty and confidence of a stable regulatory regime;

AND WHEREAS hydraulic fracturing could be an accepted and effective method of petroleum discovery and exploration and is compatible with the protection of the natural environment and community water sources when executed within the context of a robust comprehensive regulatory framework;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly call upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, in consultation with industry and communities, to develop and implement a regulatory framework under which hydraulic fracturing could proceed safely while protecting the natural environment and associated necessary local water resources.”

The Opposition House Leader (Ms. Jones) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 27th.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 26th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.