

Tuesday, March 26th, 2013

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. Kennedy) 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. Kennedy) 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. Kennedy) 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:

"26 March, 2013

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 2014, in the aggregate of \$7,360,131,700, 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. **Frank F. Fagan**,
Lieutenant Governor".

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Kennedy) 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 ask 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.

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 to consider a certain Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Tobacco (Bill No. 3).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King), moved pursuant to Standing Order 65(1) (a),(b),and (c) that the composition of the Government Services, Resource and Social Services Committees be as follows:

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dwight Ball – Member for Humber Valley

Mr. Jim Bennett – Member for St. Barbe

Mr. David Brazil – Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island

Mr. Eli Cross – Member for Bonavista North

Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

Ms. Tracey Perry – Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune

Mr. Keith Russell – Member for Lake Melville

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Dwight Ball – Member for Humber Valley

Mr. John Dinn – Member for Kilbride

Mr. Randy Edmunds – Member for Torngat Mountains

Mr. Clayton Forsey – Member for Exploits

Mr. Paul Lane – Member for Mount Pearl South

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Mr. George Murphy – Member for St. John's East
Mr. Calvin Peach – Member for Bellevue

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Tony Cornect – Member for Port au Port
Mr. Dan Crummell – Member for St. John's West
Mr. Eddie Joyce – Member for Bay of Islands
Mr. Glen Little – Member for Bonavista South
Mr. Glenn Littlejohn – Member for Port de Grave
Mr. Andrew Parsons – Member for Burgeo - La Poile
Ms. Gerry Rogers – Member for St. John's Centre

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

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

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

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

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

the Department of Health and Community Services
the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services
the Department of Education
the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
the Department of Justice and Attorney General
the Department of Municipal Affairs; and

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

the Department of Finance
the Department of Transportation and Works
the Public Service Commission
the Department of 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, March 27th at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.