

Thursday, April 14th, 2016

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 (Ms. Bennett) moved "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government". The Honourable the Minister of Finance then delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett), seconded by the Honourable the Premier 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 (Ms. Bennett) informed the House that she had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"11 April, 2016

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 2017, in the aggregate of \$7,934,237,500, 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 (Ms. Bennett) 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.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster 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 (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her 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 (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Personal Income (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of a Deficit Reduction Levy on Taxable Income (Bill No. 14).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Corporate Income (Bill No. 15).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Capital Income (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 5" (Bill No. 17).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Used Vehicles” (Bill No. 18).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Insurance Premiums (Bill No. 19).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Gasoline (Bill No. 20).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Insurance Companies (Bill No. 21).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Tobacco (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 6” (Bill No. 23).

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

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

the Department of Finance and the Office of the Chief Information Officer;
the Public Service Commission and the Human Resources Secretariat and the Women’s Policy Office;
the Department of Service Newfoundland and Labrador;
the Government Purchasing Agency and
the Department of Transportation and Works.

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

the Department of Advanced Education and Skills;
the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development;
the Department of Forestry and Agrifoods;
the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency;
the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and
the Department of Natural Resources and the Office of Public Engagement.

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

the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services;
the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development;
the Fire and Emergency Services;
the Department of Health and Community Services;
the Department of Justice and Public Safety;
the Labour Relations Agency;
the Department of Municipal Affairs;
the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and
the Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development;

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, Monday, April 18th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.