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Be it known on this day at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, attended upon the Honourable Frank Fagan CM, ONL, MBA, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, at its present session, passed certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent.”

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill, “An Act To Establish An Appointments Commission And To Require A Merit-Based Process For Various Appointments” (Bill No. 1);

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Law Respecting Statutory Offices Of The House Of Assembly” (Bill No. 27).

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said, “In Her Majesty’s Name I assent to these Bills”.

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

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to congratulate the Goulds Lions Club on their 39th Charter Night.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize and congratulate the members of the Mount Pearl Senior High Robotics Team which took first place at the Regional Robotics Competition recently.

The Member for Burin – Grand Bank (Ms. Haley) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Ellen Mary Kearney.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Edmunds) made a Statement to recognize the victims and survivors of Residential Schooling.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) made a Statement to congratulate Dina Shehata recipient of a Lester B. Pearson Scholarship.

*The Commemoration of the First World War and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel
Honor 100*

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) read the following names:

Randell, Loyal	Reid, Carl	Rice, Frederick Bennett
Randell, Marcus	Reid, Charles	Rice, John Joseph
Randell, Peter	Reid, Charles	Richards, David
Randell, Ralph	Reid, Ellwood	Richardson, Frank
Raynes, Frederick	Reid, Joseph H.	Richardson, Patrick
Read, Alexander A.	Reid, Robert Bruce	Ricketts, George
Read, Charles A.	Reid, Samuel S.	Ricketts, Thomas
Reader, Alexander	Reid, William Frederick	Ricks, Simon
Reader, John	Reid, William Joseph	Rideout, Ford
Rees, Edgar	Reilly, Peter	Rideout, Keywood
Rees, William E.	Rendell, Arthur James	Rideout, Pierce
Reeves, Maxwell	Rendell, Clifford	Rideout, Thomas
Reid, Alfred	Rendell, Ernest John	
Reid, Allan R.	Rendell, Herbert	

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development (Ms. Gambin-Walsh) made a Statement to recognize May as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

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The Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the Government’s proposal to provide the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors’ Benefit, a refundable tax credit for low-income seniors, which this year is providing some 42,000 seniors in our Province with payments of up to \$971 – the highest amount ever”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, May 25th.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council appointed a tribunal under section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* to make recommendations on the salaries and benefits of judges and the chief judge;

AND WHEREAS the tribunal submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety on December 21, 2015;

AND WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal Report was tabled in this Honourable House on March 17, 2016 as required by section 28.2 of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly is required to approve, vary or reject the report within the period of time referred to in that section;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask this Honourable House to accept all but one of the recommendations of the tribunal as contained in its report of December 21, 2015;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask this Honourable House to reject one of the recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House accept the recommendations of the 2015 Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Court Judges Salary and Benefits Tribunal set out in Schedule A;

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AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House reject the recommendation set out in Schedule B for the reasons given;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Tribunal that this Honourable House accepts and rejects, as set out in Schedules A and B, be implemented effective April 1, 2013.”

The Member for St. John’s Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure that the Deficit Reduction Levy is eliminated and any replacement measure is based on progressive taxation principles and that an independent review of the provincial tax system begins immediately.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate certain Health Care services in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to keep libraries open and work on a long term plan to strengthen the library system.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to direct Eastern Health to reverse cuts to X-ray and laundry services at the Bonavista Peninsula Community Health Centre.

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the office of Advanced Education and Skills on Bell Island.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon and that the House not adjourn at 10 o’clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o’clock in the afternoon and at 10 o’clock in the evening and declared the motions carried.

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On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 20).

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Dempster took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 20) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read the first and second time:

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure respecting the imposition of taxes on gasoline".

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 20) was read the first and second time.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett) that Bill No. 20 be now read the third time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Bragg, Ms. Parsley, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Warr, Mr. Finn, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King.

Against: Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Kent, Mr. Brazil, Ms. Perry, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Petten, Ms. Michael, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Lane.

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The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3” (Bill No. 20) was read the third time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996” (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996” (Bill No. 29) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996” (Bill No. 29).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed her to report that they had passed a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The College Act, 1996” (Bill No. 29) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.