

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) raised a point of privilege regarding statements made in the House by the Honourable the Premier.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) ruled the matter not in order as the allegations made were unparliamentary unless admitted or proven.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Holloway) made a Statement to recognize and commend Mr. Douglas M. Thomas for his service to the community as a volunteer and community leader.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to recognize the coaches and volunteers of the Southern Shore and Goulds Minor Hockey Associations.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to thank the CBS Fire Department for their dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety of their community.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. King) made a Statement to congratulate the 2016 High School graduates in his District.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (Mr. Browne) made a Statement to congratulate The Burin Peninsula Youth Choirs on their success at the Atlantic Festival of Music in London, Ontario.

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

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) read the following names:

Snelgrove, John Charles	Southcott, Thomas	Squires, Cecil A.
Snow, Charles	Sparkes, George Joseph	Squires, Ephraim
Snow, Douglas K.	Sparkes, Samuel	Squires, Fred
Snow, Frederick E.	Sparkes, Stephen	Squires, John
Snow, Hardy Frederick	Sparkes, Wesley	Squires, John
Snow, John S.	Sparks, Eli	Squires, Kader
Snow, Joseph	Spencer, H. Bennett	Squires, Richard J.
Snow, Levi J.	Spencer, Herbert Maxwell	St. Croix, William
Snow, Randell Joseph	Spracklin, E. J.	Stacey, Alfred J.
Snow, William	Spracklin, Thomas	Stanley, Harold A.
Somerton, Frederick Charles	Spurrell, Frank J.	Starks, Edward G.
Somerton, Herbert	Spurrell, Richard	Stead, Jabez

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Somerton, Peter  
Soper, Morley

Spurrell, Walter J.  
Squibb, Josiah

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Honourable the Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Mitchelmore) made a Statement to recognize May 29 to June 4 as Tourism Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne), in compliance with Sections 8 and 10 of the *Public Tender Act*, tabled the Report of the *Public Tender Act* Exceptions for April, 2016.

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

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Smoke-Free Environment Act, 2005 And  
The Tobacco Control Act” (Bill No. 35);

A Bill,            “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No.  
36).

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 Mount Pearl North (Mr. Kent) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to instruct the school boards to delay the implementation of full-day kindergarten.

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 Ferryland (Mr. Hutchings) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reverse the decision regarding busing and start times for St. Bernard’s Elementary and Mobile Central High.

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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 instruct the school boards to delay the implementation of full-day kindergarten in Beachy Cove.

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 reverse fee increases introduced through Budget 2016.

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 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 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.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were read the third time and passed:

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act And The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 28);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Co-operatives Act" (Bill No. 30);

A Bill,            "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act" (Bill No. 31).

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Budget motion.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appear in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr.

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Trimper, Mr. Warr, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King, Ms. Parsley.

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

The Speaker declared the motion 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 Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“12 May, 2016

**The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board**

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 March 31, 2017, by way of Further Supply, 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.”

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Ms. Bennett), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply to consider the Message together with a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 11 for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Dempster) reported that the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed

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her to report that they had passed the amount of \$7,934,237,500 contained in the Estimates of Supply for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and had adopted a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommend that Bill No. 11 be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

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

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 the following Resolution be read the first time:

“That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2017 the sum of \$5,142,545,200”.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

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

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

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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 the Resolution be read the second time.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Ball, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Ms. Coady, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Crocker, Ms. Cathy Bennett, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Trimper, Mr. Warr, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Browne, Ms. Gambin-Walsh, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Letto, Ms. Haley, Mr. Bernard Davis, Mr. Derek

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Bennett, Mr. Holloway, Ms. Pam Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dean, Mr. King, Ms. Parsley.

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

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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 the Bill entitled "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 2017 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 11) be now read the first time.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

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

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The Speaker put the question on the motion.

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

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 11 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.