

JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
SECOND SESSION
of the
FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
2017

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Tuesday, the Twenty Eighth Day of March, Two Thousand and Seventeen, being the Sixty-sixth 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, 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 28th day of March, 2017, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Tom Osborne took the Chair.

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The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Osborne) 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. Parsons) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting The Office Of The Auditor General And The Auditing Of The Public Accounts Of The Province" (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 Stephenville - Port au Port (Mr. Finn), seconded by the Member for Exploits (Mr. Dean), 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. Davis), the Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (Ms. Michael) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) 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. John Finn, Member for Stephenville – Port au Port,
Mr. Jerry Dean, Member for Exploits,
Ms. Tracey Perry, Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act” (Bill No. 2).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice And Public Safety (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act Respecting An Independent Court Of Appeal In The Province” (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Intergovernmental Affairs Act” (Bill No. 4).

The Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to convene a public summit in 2017 to discuss the challenges of inclusive education and constructive solutions with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers’ Association, the Faculty of Education of Memorial University, the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils, specialist educators, classroom/subject teachers, instructional resource teachers, student assistants, guidance counsellors, educational psychologists, program specialists for student support services, school administrators, parents, students, advocacy groups for persons with disabilities, other special interest groups, experts on inclusive education practices, legislators representing all parties in the House of Assembly and members of the general public.”

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 29th.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00 o’clock in the morning.

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On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.