

Thursday, April 6th, 2017

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 (Mr. Ball) 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:

"04 April, 2017

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 2018, in the aggregate of \$7,327,757,400, 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 ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act" (Bill No. 9).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Parsons), 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. Brian Warr – Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay

Mr. Kevin Parsons – Member for Cape St. Francis

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

Mr. Jerry Dean – Member for Exploits

Mr. Derrick Bragg – Member for Fogo Island – Cape Freels

Ms. Pam Parsons – Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave

Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi

Mr. John Finn – Member for Stephenville – Port au Port

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Edmunds – Member for Torngat Mountains

Mr. Neil King – Member for Bonavista

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Ms. Carol Anne Haley – Member for Burin – Grand Bank
 Mr. Keith Hutchings – Member for Ferryland
 Ms. Betty Parsley – Member for Harbour Main
 Mr. Steve Kent – Member for Mount Pearl North
 Ms. Lorraine Michael – Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi
 Mr. John Finn – Member for Stephenville – Port au Port

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ms. Lisa Dempster – Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
 Mr. Brian Warr – Member for Baie Verte – Green Bay
 Ms. Carol Anne Haley – Member for Burin – Grand Bank
 Ms. Tracey Perry – Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
 Ms. Betty Parsley – Member for Harbour Main
 Mr. Scott Reid – Member for St. George's – Humber
 Ms. Gerry Rogers – Member for St. John's Centre
 Mr. Paul Davis – Member for Topsail – Paradise

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

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, Consolidated Fund Services and the Office of the Chief Information Officer;
 the Public Service Commission, the Human Resources Secretariat and the Women's Policy Office;
 the Department of Service Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government Purchasing Agency and the Office of Climate Change;
 the Department of Transportation and Works.

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

the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour;
 the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources;
 the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation;
 the Department of Natural Resources.

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

the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development and the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation;
the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development;
the Department of Health and Community Services;
the Department of Justice and Public Safety;
the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

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 10th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.