

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Clerk that His Honour the Administrator, the Honourable J. Derek Green, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has arrived.

His Honour the Administrator entered the Assembly preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

His Honour the Administrator having taken the Chair, the Clerk of the House addressed the Members as follows:

“On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, I received notice of resignation as Speaker of this Assembly from the Honourable Tom Osborne, Member for the District of Waterford Valley. In accordance with the Standing Orders, I advised all Members of the House of Assembly of the vacancy in the Office of the Speaker.”

The Clerk of the House then read the following proclamation as issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

**“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.

J. Derek Green  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **GREETING:**

#### **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** by a letter of resignation addressed to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Honourable Thomas Osborne, vacated the position of Speaker of the House of Assembly on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017;

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**AND WHEREAS** it is not expedient to call together the Forty-Eighth General Assembly until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Honourable J. Derek Green, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly to assemble for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that it is my pleasure that they should choose some person to be their Speaker and to present such person on that day for my approbation.

**WITNESS:** Our truly and well-beloved the Honourable Frank F. Fagan, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE** in Our City of St. John's, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

**BY COMMAND,**

Eddie Joyce  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL."**

His Honour the Administrator then addressed the Members as follows:

Members of the House of Assembly, I have it in command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you that His Honour having been informed of the vacancy in the Office of the Speaker of this Assembly and it being necessary that a Speaker of this Assembly be chosen, it is His Honour's will that you, the Members of the House of Assembly, do proceed to the election of a Speaker and that you present that person here today for my approval.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

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The Clerk informed the Members that at the close of nominations at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Ms. Pam Parsons and Mr. Perry Trimper had informed the Clerk of their intention to stand for election to the Office of Speaker.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 2, at approximately 2:10 o'clock the House proceeded to the election of the Speaker.

At 2:17 o'clock the voting procedure was completed and the sitting was suspended to the call of the Chair for the counting of the ballots by the Clerks-at-the-Table.

At 2:30 o'clock the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Suborder 4(11) the Clerk announced that the Member for the District of Lake Melville, Mr. Perry Trimper had been elected as Speaker.

To the applause of Members, Mr. Trimper was conducted to the Speaker's Chair by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) and the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis).

Whereupon, the Honourable the Speaker having seated himself in the Speaker's Chair addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour they had accorded him by electing him Speaker of the House of Assembly.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball), seconded by the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis), the Member for Baie Verte – Springdale (Mr. Warr) was elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball), seconded by the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Davis), the Member for St. George's – Humber (Mr. Reid) was elected Deputy Chair of Committees.

The Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Administrator had arrived.

His Honour the Administrator entered the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon His Honour the Administrator having taken his seat, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) addressed His Honour as follows:

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“May it please Your Honour:

The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour’s Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Perry Trimper, Esquire, Member for the District of Lake Melville, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for the approbation of Your Honour.”

His Honour was then pleased to reply:

“On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker.”

Whereupon the Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“Your Honour having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty’s loyal subjects to ask that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour’s presence at all reasonable times.”

His Honour was pleased to reply:

“Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.”

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

By leave the House proceeded to Oral Questions.

By leave 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 reverse the decision to make cuts to the educational system.

By leave 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 not to impose a provincial sales tax on books.

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On motion the House adjourned at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, *sine die*.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.