

JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
THIRD SESSION
of the
FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
2018

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on Tuesday, the Thirteen Day of March, Two Thousand and Eighteen, being the Sixty-Seventh 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, CM, MBA, ONL, 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 13th day of March, 2018, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Perry Trimper 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. Trimper) 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 To Amend The Family Violence Protection Act" (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 Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons), seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Letto), 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.

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:

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Ms. Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave,
Mr. Graham Letto, Member for Labrador West,
Mr. Jim Lester, Member for Mount Pearl North.

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 Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 And The Public Utilities Act” (Bill No. 2).

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consider eliminating the sales tax on insurance”.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hutchings) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Parsons) had given notice would be debated on Private Members’ Day, Wednesday, March 14th.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 14th at 10:00 o’clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.