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At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Clerk that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judy M. Foote, PC, ONL had arrived.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having taken the Chair, the Clerk of the House addressed the Members as follows:

“On September 6th, 2019, I received notice of resignation as Speaker of this Assembly from Mr. Perry Trimper, Member for the District of Lake Melville. 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 Her 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.

Judy M. Foote
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS by a letter of resignation addressed to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, Mr. Perry Trimper, vacated the position of Speaker of the House of Assembly on September 6th, 2019;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to call together the Forty-Ninth General Assembly to proceed Members of the House of Assembly on the said day to their choice of Speaker;

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NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Elizabeth Murphy, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly to assemble for the dispatch of business on Monday, the 4th day of November, 2019, at 1:30 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 Judy M. Foote, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE in Our City of St. John's, this 30th day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Derrick Bragg
REGISTRAR GENERAL."

Her Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Clerk informed the Members that at the close of nominations for the Office of Speaker at 4:30 o'clock Friday, November 1st, two candidates had put their names forward: the Candidates in alphabetical order are:

Mr. Scott Reid
Mr. Perry Trimper

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 2, at approximately 1:36 o'clock the House proceeded to the election of the Speaker.

At 1:49 o'clock the voting procedure was completed and the sitting was suspended for the counting of the ballots by the Clerks-at-the-Table.

At 2:02 o'clock the sitting resumed.

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Pursuant to Standing Suborder 4(11) the Clerk announced that the Member for the District of St. George's - Humber, Mr. Scott Reid had been elected as Speaker.

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

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. Crosbie), the Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) was elected Deputy Speaker of the House.

The Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor had arrived.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having taken her seat, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Ball) addressed Her Honour as follows:

"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 Scott Reid, Esquire, Member for the District of St. George's - Humber, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for the approbation of Your Honour."

Her 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 Her 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."

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Her Honour was pleased to reply:

“Mr. Speaker, I do confirm, on behalf of Her Majesty, that your words and actions will constantly receive the most favourable construction.”

Her Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to Members' Statements.

The Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate (Mr. Bennett) made a Statement to recognize the Twillingate Volunteer Fire Department for their devoted service to their community.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Leo Puddester.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Brown) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Darrell Brenton, former Mayor of Labrador City, for his years of service to Labrador West.

The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) made a Statement to thank the Board of Directors of the HUB, the President, Jim Kelly, and all HUB volunteers for their contribution to their community.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) made a Statement to congratulate Shailynn Snow, a member of the under 18 Canadian Hockey Team which won gold at a tournament in Japan in January.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to inform the House that he had joined Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador for the launch of National Skilled Trades and Technology Week and wished the organization a successful event.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) made a Statement to honour the crew of the MV Flanders who went to the aid of two men in distress in Conception Bay after their watercraft had overturned.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) presented the Report of the Government Services Committee respecting the draft Bill Entitled “*An Act Respecting The Regulation Of Real Estate Trading In The Province*”.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Osborne) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2019-161 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit against budgetary appropriations as follows: \$300,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2020-21, \$429,500 against its budgetary appropriations for 2021-22, and \$300,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2022-23, to facilitate a contract with the Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare;
- (b) Order in Council 2019-162 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows:
 - (i) \$65,925 in each of 2020-21 and 2021-22 and \$54,938 in 2022-23, excluding HST, to facilitate the lease of 2,637 square feet of office space in St. John's from Beothuck Investments Inc; and
 - (ii) \$12,575 in each of 2020-21 and 2021-22 and \$10,480 in 2022-23, excluding HST, to facilitate the lease of 503 square feet of office space in St. John's from Beothuck Investments Inc;
- (c) Order in Council 2019-171 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$47,999 in each of fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24; and \$35,999 in 2024-25, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations to lease office space in Marystown from Bi-Rite Ltd;
- (d) Order in Council 2019-172 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$161,505 annually in 2020-21 through 2028-29 and \$107,670 for 2029-30, against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate the award of a lease agreement to M&S Investments Ltd for a ten-year term;
- (e) Order in Council 2019-178 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit \$2,425,200 against its budgetary appropriations in 2020-21, to facilitate the award of a contract to Brook Construction (2007) Inc. for the construction of a protective care extension at the Dr. Hugh Twomey Centre in Botwood;
- (f) Order in Council 2019-179 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$9,500,000 against its budgetary

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appropriations in 2020-21 and \$4,502,300 against its budgetary appropriations in 2021-22, to facilitate the award of a contract to Brook Construction (2007) Inc. for the construction of the new St. Alban's school;

- (g) Order in Council 2019-180 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$898,500 against its budgetary appropriations in 2020-21, to facilitate the award of a contract to EFCO Enterprises Ltd. for the construction of a new school bus depot in Corner Brook;
- (h) Order in Council 2019-181 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$9,500,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2020-21 and \$3,486,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2021-22, to facilitate the award of a contract to Macro Services Ltd. for the reconstruction of Gander Academy;
- (i) Order in Council 2019-184 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations as follows: \$5,930,950 in 2020-21; \$5,878,600 in 2021-22; \$5,888,950 in 2022-23; \$5,890,950 in 2023-24; and \$1,702,716 in 2024-25, to facilitate the award of two contracts to Grey Rock Services Inc. for road maintenance on the Trans-Labrador Highway;
- (j) Order in Council 2019-185 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$2,563,788 against its budgetary appropriations in 2020-21, to facilitate the award of a contract to Trident Construction Limited for the new bridge to replace West Bottom Brook Bridge;
- (k) Order in Council 2019-186 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$167,800 per annum against its budgetary appropriations in fiscal years 2020-21 through 2028-29 and \$83,900 against its budgetary appropriations in 2029-30, to facilitate the award of a contract for leased office space in St. John's to Lansing Properties Inc. for a term of 120 months;
- (l) Order in Council 2019-224 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer as follows:
 - (i) to pre-commit funds, against its budgetary appropriations, of up to \$481,300 in 2020-21, \$492,900 in 2021-22, \$504,700 in 2022-23, \$516,800 in 2023-24 and \$529,200 in 2024-25 to facilitate the award

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of a five-year contract to OnX Enterprise Solutions for data centre management services; and

- (iii) to pre-commit funds, against its budgetary appropriations, of up to \$2,169,400 in 2020-21, \$2,230,600 in 2021-22, \$2,277,900 in 2022-23, \$2,327,100 in 2023-24 and \$2,420,500 in 2024-25 to facilitate the award of a five-year contract to Bell Canada for mainframe services;
- (m) Order in Council 2019-225 which authorized the Office of the Chief Information Officer to pre-commit against its budgetary appropriations \$8,400,000 per annum in each of fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 to facilitate the award of a Managed Service Provider contract to Flextrack Inc.;
- (n) Order in Council 2019-237 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds of \$3,850,257, in each of fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, excluding HST, against its budgetary appropriations, to facilitate the awarding of a 60-month contract with Hickman Truck Centre for the capital lease of plow trucks and accessories;
- (o) Order in Council 2019-255 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$131,746 against its budgetary appropriations for 2020-21 through 2023-24, \$57,394 against its budgetary appropriations for 2024-25, excluding HST, to facilitate the award of a contract for leased office space in Mount Pearl to Redwood Management Ltd. for a term of 60 months.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Mitchelmore) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act” (Bill No. 8).

The Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS community organizations across the Province make significant contributions in various aspects of community life, such as mental health supports, the arts, and school meal programs;

AND WHEREAS the community sector is a major contributor to the Province’s economy;

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AND WHEREAS the community sector directly employs 16,000 people across the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Community Sector Workplan was developed in collaboration with representatives from 17 various community sector groups in order to advance their social and economic contributions to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the Community Sector Council's Summit stressed the importance of strengthened cooperation between Government and the Community Sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House continue to work together with the Community Sector Council and its members to advance the role of the community sector groups across the Province”.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Coady) announced, pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), that the Resolution of which the Member for Mount Scio (Ms. Stoodley) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 6th.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) presented a Petition (not certified) from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to press the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to release the “hold back” teaching unit for Heritage Collegiate in the coming school year.

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mr. Warr) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (Mr. Dinn) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to look at the Skills Development Program, to recognize that these programs can be restrictive and to implement more flexible policies to accommodate a wider range of people seeking assistance.

The Honourable the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (Mr. Mitchelmore) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Petten) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to carry out immediate repairs to the Foxtrap Access Road.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Works (Mr. Crocker) replied to the Petition.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act” (Bill No. 5);

A Bill, “An Act Respecting Disclosure Of Information Under An Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol” (Bill No. 6).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act” (Bill No. 8) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.