

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker gave guidance to Members respecting a point of privilege raised by the Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) on March 5, 2020 and the application of *sub judice* convention.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) raised a point of privilege respecting the actions of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Humber – Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Ralph Joyce of Lark Harbour, who was awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (Mr. Lester) made a Statement to recognize former Speaker Harvey Hodder and his contributions to the city of Mount Pearl.

The Member for Harbour Grace – Port de Grave (Ms. Parsons) made a Statement to recognize the Conception Bay Museum in Harbour Grace.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. O'Driscoll) made a Statement to recognize all essential workers in the Province.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) made a Statement to recognize Tom and Pearl Janes of Musgravetown on their contributions to their community as volunteers.

The Honourable the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (Mr. Warr) made a Statement to advise Members of the Regaining Movement Webinar hosted by the Department.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Loveless) made a Statement to advise Members of big game regulation changes to modernize and enhance hunting experiences.

Pursuant to Section 18(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) advised the House of the current composition of the House of Assembly Management Commission is as follows:

- The Government House Leader – Mr. Steve Crocker
- The Opposition House Leader – Mr. David Brazil
- The Minister of Finance – Ms. Siobhan Coady

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- The Member for Lake Melville – Mr. Perry Trimper
- The Member for Conception Bay South – Mr. Barry Petten
- The Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi – Ms. Alison Coffin
- The Speaker – Mr. Scott Reid
- The Clerk – Ms. Sandra Barnes

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Reid) pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, tabled the minutes of the meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on December 4, 2019, December 18, 2019, July 8, 2020 and July 15, 2020.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following motion: "That this House Approves in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government" (Budget Speech).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for the Granting of Supply to Her Majesty" (Bill No. 42).

The Deputy Premier (Ms. Coady) provided additional information respecting a question posed by the Leader of the Third Party (Ms. Coffin) during Oral Questions.

The Member for Bonavista (Mr. Pardy) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to immediately deploy the appropriate staffing to deliver acceptable care at the long term care facility in Bonavista.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Haggie) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Ms. Evans) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to provide adequate upgrades to the internet infrastructure in the Northern Labrador indigenous communities of Nain, Natuashish, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) replied to the Petition.

The Member for Harbour Main (Ms. Conway Ottenheimer) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to take the necessary action to turnaround the oil and gas industry and to

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ensure that the trades women and men that are impacted most are able to continue to be employed in the oil and gas industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (Mr. Parsons) replied to the Petition.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Insurance Contracts Act” (Bill No. 41) was introduced and read the first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) moved that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Crocker) moved that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady) informed the House that she had received a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

“11 September 2020

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2021, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly”.

Sgd. **Judy M. Foote**  
Lieutenant Governor”

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Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Ms. Coady), the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 40 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Ms. Parsons took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin), the following amendment:

“That the Resolution be amended by striking out the amount \$1,560,324,100 and substituting instead the amount \$1,040,216,400.”

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) suspended the proceedings at 5:02 o'clock to consider the amendment.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) resumed the Chair at 5:14 o'clock and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) suspended the proceedings at 5:34 o'clock for the supper break.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) resumed the Chair at 6:33 o'clock in the evening.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) put the question on the amendment.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Crosbie, Mr. Brazil, Mr. Forsey, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Wakeham, Mr. Lester, Ms. Evans, Mr. Petten, Mr. Kevin Parsons, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Pardy, Mr. Paul Dinn, Ms. Conway Ottenheimer, Mr. Tibbs, Mr. O'Driscoll, Ms. Coffin, Mr. James Dinn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lane.

Against: Ms. Coady, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Haggie, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dempster, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Davis, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Loveless, Ms. Stoodley, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Warr, Mr. Trimper, Ms. Haley, Mr. Mitchelmore, Ms. Gambin-Walsh.

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) declared the amendment carried.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution as amended.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) put the question on the Resolution as amended and declared the Resolution as amended carried.

Debate continued on Bill No. 40 Respecting the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay East – Bell Island (Mr. Brazil) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John’s East – Quidi Vidi (Ms. Coffin) the following amendments at Clause 2 and of the Schedule:

“That Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by striking out the amount \$1,150,324,100 and substituting instead the amount \$1,040,216,400.”

“That the Schedule to the Bill be struck out and the following be substituted:

<b><u>Head of Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Consolidated Fund Services	\$ 334,000
Digital Government and Service and Newfoundland and Labrador	\$ 5,879,800
Executive Council	\$13,504,400
Finance	\$20,185,600
Public Procurement Agency	\$ 320,400
Public Service Commission	\$ 371,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	\$12,421,400
Legislature	\$ 3,678,800
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture	\$17,299,800
Immigration, Skills and Labour	\$121,011,400
Industry, Energy and Technology	\$ 61,680,000
Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	\$ 10,576,000
Children, Seniors and Social Development	\$ 27,053,000
Education	\$131,369,800
Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities	\$ 50,470,600
Health and Community Services	\$ 526,138,200
Justice and Public Safety	\$ 30,231,600
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation	\$ 7,690,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,040,216,400”</b>

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The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) suspended the proceedings at 10:07 o'clock to consider the amendments.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) resumed the Chair at 10:29 o'clock and ruled the amendments in order.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Ms. Parsons) reported that the Committee of Supply 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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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