

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The House met at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (J. Hogan) as follows:

THAT the House concur in the report of the Standing Orders Committee dated March 15, 2022.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) as follows:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 but shall instead meet at 2:00 pm on that day for routine process proceedings and the conduct of Government Business;

AND THAT, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall then adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 45) for the granting of interim supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

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On motion, the House recessed at 12:06 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker introduced Pages:

Cody Dalton of St. John's who is studying Political Science at Memorial University.

Gala Palavicini Jauregui of Mexico who is studying Political Science, and Russian Language and Literature at Memorial University.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (B. Warr) congratulating Joy Barker of Baie Verte for winning the NLOWE 2021 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Economic Impact.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) recognizing Rosie Ryan of Kippens, a former physical education teacher, for her contributions to youth throughout the Bay St. George area for over 40 years.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) congratulating Charlie Russell of Port Hope Simpson, on his retirement from mushing after 28 years.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Bev Moore Davis on receiving the Atlantic Books Today 2021 number one bestselling author in Newfoundland and Labrador honour.

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The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Lakecrest Independent School in St. John's.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) congratulating the recipients of the 2022 Research Inspired Student Enrichment (RISE) Awards. The Members for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Education (T. Osborne) recognizing March 14-18 as Education Week.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) and the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to paragraph 19(5)(a) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker tabled minutes of meetings of the House of Assembly Management Commission held on:

September 15, 2021;
September 22, 2021;
October 6, 2021;
December 1, 2021;
January 5, 2022; and
January 12, 2022.

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Pursuant to subsection 18(9) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker advised the House of the current composition of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

Pursuant to section 6 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, the Minister of Women and Gender Equality (P. Parsons) tabled:

Office of Women and Gender Equality: Business Plan 2021-2023.

Notices of Motion

The Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice that they would on tomorrow ask leave to move the following motion:

THAT the Standing Orders Committee comprise the following Members:

Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde
Member for Mount Scio
Member for Windsor Lake
Member for Harbour Main
Member for Torngat Mountains

THAT the Government Services Committee comprise the following Members:

Member for St. George's - Humber
Member for Mount Pearl North
Member for Burin - Grand Bank
Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay
Member for Ferryland
Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans
Member for Labrador West

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Government House Leader (S. Crocker) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17.

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Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding enhancements to the provincial roads program budget.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) regarding the wait list for cataract surgery in Western Newfoundland.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding funding to ensure safe drinking water for the residents of West Bay.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) regarding implementation of the recommendations of the final report of the Inquiry into Ground Search and Rescue for Lost and Missing Persons in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding an air transportation subsidy to reduce the cost of air travel to isolated communities in Northern Labrador.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding upgrades to the Witless Bay Line.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill 44);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act" (Bill 48);

A bill, "An Act to Repeal the Colonial Building Act" (Bill 50);

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A bill, "An Act Respecting Access to Health and Education Services" (Bill 51);

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Act" (Bill 52);

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 45) for the granting of interim supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (B. Warr) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that a related bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 45) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

THAT it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2023 the sum of \$2,754,562,200.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial

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Year Ending March 31, 2023 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 45) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.