

Wednesday, April 13, 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 Government House Leader (S. Crocker) as follows:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 but shall instead meet at 2:00 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on the motion "That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (budget motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

On motion, the House recessed at 12:03 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker introduced Page:

Yeshwin Ayappa of South India, who is studying economics and statistics at Memorial University.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the late Bill Kenway of Baine Harbour.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing the humanitarian work of the Bonavista Mission Team for the people of Uganda.

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The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) recognizing Jillian and Jocelyn Coates of the Clarenville Nordic Ski Club.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) recognizing the 2021 Conception Bay South Sports Award recipients.

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing CYN (Canada Youth Network) activities in St. Lawrence and Grand Bank.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (S. Stoodley) recognizing the anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Members for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (K. Howell) recognizing the importance of professional land use planning. The Members for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) and Labrador West (J. Brown) 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 subsection 41(1) of the *House of Assembly Act* and subsection 38(1) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Speaker tabled the following report of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards:

The Joyce Report, April 12, 2022.

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Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

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 Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding road conditions in the district.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding deferring the decision to allow logging in the Gander watershed.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (B. Davis) replied to the petition.

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) regarding upgrades to the road to the Town of Terra Nova.

The Member for Placentia West – Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the Bull Arm fabrication site.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding use of caliber 22 centre firearms to control the coyote population.

The Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (D. Bragg) replied to the petition.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding access to long-term care in the same facility for senior couples.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on the motion "That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government" (budget motion).

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During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) moved the following amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion):

THAT all the words after the word “That” be deleted in the motion before the House, Motion 1, and the following words be substituted: “this House faults the government for its failure to do enough to help Newfoundlanders and Labradorians struggling with the rising cost of living.”

The Deputy Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned to Monday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.