

Monday, May 1, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker introduced Page:

Portia Addo of Ghana who is completing their Master's degree in political science at Memorial University.

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing the volunteers in the town of McIvers and the installation of their new War Memorial.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing Labrador West Biglanders and the ten athletes who recently participated in the Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games in Grand Falls Winsor.

The Member for Baie Verte - Springdale (B. Warr) recognizing 2023 RISE Award recipient, Lucas Brooks of Indian River High in Springdale.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) recognizing eleven individuals recently inducted into the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Member for Burin - Grand Bank (P. Pike) recognizing the work of the St. Lawrence mental health volunteer group: Sunshine Friends.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (S. Crocker) recognizing participants in the High School Short Film Festival.

The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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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

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS Crown Lands' enforcement of the provisions of the Lands Act abolishing squatters' rights against the Crown has created undue hardship for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who honestly, and in good faith, have occupied and developed their lands;

AND WHEREAS historical titles in Newfoundland and Labrador trace back centuries, and are relied upon by the public but not by the Crown;

AND WHEREAS people have occupied their lands for generations based on informal title without interference from the Crown;

AND WHEREAS people have strong local community support for their claims of title and face opposition only from the Crown Lands Division;

AND WHEREAS municipalities maintain comprehensive records of land ownership which are not considered by the Crown in determining title claims;

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AND WHEREAS applicants for Crown Lands access are frustrated by inordinately long waits of months or years for their applications to be resolved, even for land which has long been occupied;

AND WHEREAS the policies and practices of the province's Crown Lands Division are impeding economic development in Newfoundland and Labrador and imposing high costs upon the public;

AND WHEREAS this issue impacts potentially thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, many of whom may not yet know it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the government to move expeditiously to bring forward legislative amendments to ensure fair reconciliation of existing claims for people seeking title to the land they have occupied in good faith for generations and which is recognized within their communities; and to take steps in the interim to address Crown Lands' actions against occupied properties in the province.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) will be the one presented on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

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

Monday, May 8, 2023;

Tuesday, May 9, 2023; and

Thursday, May 11, 2023.

The Government House Leader (J. Hogan) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business;

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

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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 Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding meeting with teachers and support staff to address staffing, maintenance and teacher housing in Labrador West.

The Minister of Education (J. Haggie) replied to the petition.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding access to mental healthcare in the province.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding the reinstatement of marine services between the island portion of the province and Labrador.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding a review of the physiotherapy appointment booking process at the Bonavista Hospital.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding a replacement for Canning Bridge.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (J. Hogan) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion, debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

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The Speaker put the question.

The House divided.

Ayes	Nays
D. Brazil	A. Furey
B. Petten	J. Hogan
H. Conway Ottenheimer	L. Dempster
P. Dinn	J. Haggie
L. Parrott	G. Byrne
T. Wakeham	B. Davis
P. Forsey	T. Osborne
L. O'Driscoll	S. Coady
C. Pardy	P. Parsons
C. Tibbs	E. Loveless
J. Dinn	K. Howell
J. Brown	S. Crocker
L. Evans	S. Stoodley
	D. Bragg
	J. Abbott
	B. Warr
	P. Pike
	S. Gambin-Walsh
	S. Reid
	L. Stoyles
	E. Joyce
	P. Lane

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

On motion, debate on the budget motion was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill 38) and, on motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

On motion, the House recessed 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair 6:31 p.m.

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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 on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 38).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 38) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 38 be referred to a Committee of the Whole on tomorrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly