

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing the 2023 graduating class of Creston Collegiate in Blaketown.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing the Botwood Volunteer Fire Department, recipient of the 2023 Labrador Change Makers Award.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) recognizing Belle Melvin, who was awarded a trip to take part in the Pilgrimage of the Trail of the Caribou as the Provincial Representative for Girl Guides of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing athlete Melvin Hanhams, who will be participating in the Special Olympics.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing the heroic efforts of the Port Rexton Fire Department.

The Speaker (D. Bennett) congratulated Victoria Compton of Lewisporte on their 106th birthday.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Health (T. Osborne) recognizing World Family Doctor Day.

The Members for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) and Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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During Oral Questions, the Minister of Education (J. Haggie) tabled:

Attendance Rates for Metro Area Junior High Schools - May 1-18, 2023;

Inspection/Officer's Report; and

School Environmental Health Inspection Report.

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 Conception Bay South (B. Petten) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS Memorial University's administration has shown contempt for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, their history, their sacrifices, the founding principles of the province's only university, and the people's House of Assembly by refusing to continue leading the convocation in singing the province's anthem at graduation ceremonies, even while admitting the decision to stop singing the anthem should never have been made in the first place;

AND WHEREAS, while fully respecting the autonomy of Memorial University in academic matters, the House of Assembly can require that this ceremonial wrong be corrected by restoring the anthem to graduation ceremonies through legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Hon. House urge the government to bring forward legislation to require the Ode to

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Newfoundland and the Ode to Labrador to be sung at graduation ceremonies of Memorial University's convocation;

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the government be encouraged to review and give due diligence to the proposed legislation appended to this resolution and bring forward legislation of similar effect.

The appended draft legislation follows:

Second Session, 50th General Assembly
1 Charles III, 2023

(DRAFT) BILL _

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVINCIAL ANTHEM ACT AND THE
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY ACT

Received and Read the First Time.....
Second Reading.....
Committee.....
Third Reading.....
Royal Assent.....

HONOURABLE KRISTA LYNN HOWELL
Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

HONOURABLE JOHN HAGGIE
Minister of Education

Ordered to be printed by the Honourable House of Assembly

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill would amend the *Provincial Anthem Act* and the *Memorial University Act*.

The *Provincial Anthem Act* would be amended to

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- designate both the Ode to Newfoundland and the Ode to Labrador as the Provincial Anthem.

The *Memorial University Act* would be amended to

- require the singing of the Provincial Anthem at all graduation ceremonies of the Memorial University convocation.

A (DRAFT) BILL

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Analysis

PART	I
PROVINCIAL ANTHEM ACT	
1. S.2	Amdt.
Words	
2. S.3 Amdt.	
Music	
3. S.4	Amdt.
Words and music	
4. Schedule Amdt.	
Schedule A and Schedule B	
PART	II
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY ACT	
5. S.3 Amdt.	
The Memorial University of Newfoundland	

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor and House of Assembly in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

PART I PROVINCIAL ANTHEM ACT

RSNL 1990 cP-28 as amended

1. Section 2 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Words

2. The words for the anthem of the province are

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(1) the words commonly used with the Ode to Newfoundland, written by Sir Cavendish Boyle, Governor of Newfoundland from 1901 to 1904; and

(2) the words commonly used with the Ode to Labrador, written by Dr. Harry Paddon in 1927.

2. Section 3 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Music

3. The music for the anthem of the province is

(1) the music that is commonly used with the Ode to Newfoundland, which was composed by Sir C. Hubert H. Parry and approved and officially recognized for the Ode to Newfoundland by Minute of the Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council of Newfoundland on May 20, 1904, that directed that the music be printed and copyrighted; and

(2) the music that is commonly used with the Ode to Labrador, which is the melody of O Tannenbaum, composed by Ernst Anschütz in 1824 and based on the 16th century Silesian folk melodies of both Es Lebe Hoch der Zimmermannsgeselle and Lauriger Horatius.

3. Section 4 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Words and music

4. The words and music as set out in Schedules A and B to this Act are designated as the provincial anthem.

4. The Schedule of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Schedule A.

Ode to Newfoundland

1.

When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand,
When silvern voices tune thy rills,
We love thee, smiling land.

Refrain

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, smiling land.

2.

When spreads thy cloak of shimmering white
At Winter's stern command,
Through shortened day and starlight night,
We love thee, frozen land.

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Refrain

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, frozen land.

3.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,
And wild waves lash thy strand;
Though spindrift swirl and tempest roar
We love thee, wind-swept land.

Refrain

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee wind-swept land.

4.

As loved our fathers, so we love,
Where once they stood we stand;
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.

Refrain

God guard thee, God guard thee,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.

Ode to Newfoundland

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Sir CAVENDISH BOYLE. Sir C. HUBERT H. PARRY.

Spiritoso.

1 When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills And Sum-mer spreads her

Spiritoso.

Allargando.

hand, When sil-vern voi-ces tune thy rills, We love thee, smi-ling

Allargando.

land, we love thee, we love thee, we love thee, smi-ling land.

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Schedule B.

Ode to Labrador

1.

Dear land of mountains, woods and snow,
 Labrador, our Labrador.
 God's noble gift to us below,
 Labrador, our Labrador.
 Thy proud resources waiting still,
 Their splendid task will soon fulfil,
 Obedient to thy Maker's will.
 Labrador, our Labrador.

2.

Thy stately forests soon shall ring,

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Labrador, our Labrador.
 Responsive to the woodsman's swing,
 Labrador, our Labrador.
 And mighty floods that long remained,
 Their raging fury unrestrained,
 Shall serve the purpose God ordained,
 Labrador, our Labrador.

3.

We love to climb thy mountains steep,
 Labrador, our Labrador.
 And paddle on thy waters deep,
 Labrador, our Labrador.
 Our snowshoes scar thy trackless plains,
 We seek no city streets nor lanes,
 We are thy sons while life remains,
 Labrador, our Labrador.

Ode to Labrador



PART II MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY ACT

RSNL1990 cM-7 as amended

5. Section 3 of the *Memorial University Act* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:

(4) At all graduation ceremonies of the convocation at which degrees, including honorary degrees, are granted, conferred, recognized or celebrated, the provincial anthem as defined in the *Provincial Anthem Act* shall be sung during the ceremony in recognition of the fact that Memorial University is Newfoundland and Labrador's only university, has a special obligation to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, and was established as a memorial to

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the Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who lost their lives on active service during the First World War and subsequent conflicts, from whose sacrifices Memorial University draws inspiration from the past as it helps to build a better future for our province, our country and our world.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) will be the one presented on Wednesday, May 24.

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 a replacement for Canning Bridge in Marystown.

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) regarding the need for improvements to Frank Roberts Junior High in Foxtrap.

The Member for Stephenville - Port au Port (T. Wakeham) regarding the French Immersion program at Stephenville Primary.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding the need for development of public transportation options throughout the province and traffic studies prior to further highway expansions.

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) regarding the need for public consultations on the process of becoming an inshore enterprise owner and a review of the *Professional Fish Harvesters Act*.

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

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

On motion, the House recessed at 2:36 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:52 p.m.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate commenced and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 34 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act" (Bill 34).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) moved an amendment to clause 13.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment.

The Chair put the question on the amendment.

The Chair declared the amendment defeated.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 34.

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During the debate, the Leader of the Third Party (J. Dinn) moved an amendment to clause 13.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment not in order.

Debate resumed and concluded on Bill 34.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Chair (B. Warr) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 and the Public Utilities Act” (Bill 34)

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 34 be read the third time on tomorrow.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.

Sandra Barnes

Clerk of the House of Assembly