



# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

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Wednesday, May 24, 2023

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

- (a) Statements by Members
- (b) Statements by Ministers
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- (d) Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees
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- (f) Notices of Motion
- (g) Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given
- (h) Petitions

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

### Third Reading Bills

2. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act to Amend Various Acts of the Province Respecting the Alternate Witnessing of Documents by Lawyers” (Bill 23)

3. Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology –

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

**Committee of the Whole**

4. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act and An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 38).

**Second Reading Bills**

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“Balanced Budget Act” (Bill 4).

6. Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture –

“Aquaculture Act, 2022” (Bill 17).

7. Government House Leader –

“An Act to Amend the Management of Information Act and the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act” (Bill 22)  
(*adjourned*).

8. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology –

“An Act Respecting the Amalgamation of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation and Nalcor Energy” (Bill 33).

**MOTIONS**

**Government Motions**

1. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

“That this House Approve in General the Budgetary Policy of the Government” (Budget Speech) (*adjourned*).

2. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

“That this House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to Consider Certain Resolutions for Granting of Supply to His Majesty” (Bill 26).

3. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 35).

4. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 4” (Bill 36).

### **Private Members’ Motions**

1. Opposition House Leader – To move:

**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 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:

**(DRAFT) BILL** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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HONOURABLE KRISTA LYNN HOWELL  
Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

HONOURABLE JOHN HAGGIE  
Minister of Education

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

The *Provincial Anthem Act* would be amended to

- 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

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

### *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

(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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

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.*

*rit.*

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

*rit.*

**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,  
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 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.

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