



House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

Second Session – 50th General Assembly

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

- (a) Statements by Members
- (b) Statements by Ministers
- (c) Oral Questions
- (d) Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees
- (e) Tabling of Documents
- (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 Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act and the Liquor Corporation Act” (Bill 62).

3. Minister of Health and Community Services –

“An Act Respecting the Practice of Pharmacy in the Province” (Bill 66).

Committee of the Whole

4. Government House Leader –

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

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

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

6. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act Respecting King’s Counsel and Order of Precedence in the Courts” (Bill 53).

7. Government House Leader –

“An Act to Amend the Correctional Services Act” (Bill 71).

Second Reading Bills

8. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“Balanced Budget Act” (Bill 4).

9. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Technology –

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

10. Minister Responsible for Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Office –

“An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015” (Bill 45).

11. Minister of Environment and Climate Change –

“An Act to Amend the Water Resources Act” (Bill 46).

12. Minister of Health and Community Services –
“An Act Respecting Health Research Ethics” (Bill 64).
13. Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture –
“An Act to Amend the Animal Health and Protection Act” (Bill 65).
14. Government House Leader –
“An Act to Amend the Lands Act No. 2” (Bill 68).
15. Government House Leader –
“An Act to Amend the Limitations Act” (Bill 74).

MOTIONS

Government Motions

1. Deputy Government House Leader – To move:

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members’ Day on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 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.

Private Members' Motions

2. Member for Conception Bay South – To move:

WHEREAS

- a) the wait lists for mental health and addictions care are too long, even for youth in crisis;
- b) many not finding help are left with few alternatives;
- c) abuse of deadly drugs is worsening, particularly in Labrador;
- d) the fatal overdose rate is accelerating;
- e) the drug-related crime rate is accelerating;
- f) up to 87 per cent of inmates suffer from mental health or substance abuse issues, but many are released back into the community without proper treatment or support;
- g) there are too few options for drug detox and rehabilitation, too few drug-free shelters, and too few options for families in crisis;
- h) police are seeing an alarming rise in the number of calls related to mental health crises and addictions, and begging for more support; and communities are afraid;

AND WHEREAS the All-Party Committee on Substance Use and Addictions was announced on September 1, 2023 to look at "prevention, early intervention, treatment and support ... with an emphasis on youth and young adults" and the "social determinants of health, such as housing, poverty and education"; yet, the committee has seldom met since then; and some people with lived experience say they have not been properly included;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Hon. House urge the government to expedite the work of the All-Party Committee on Substance Use and Addictions; and fully include people with lived experience; relevant government departments; professionals in health care, policing, justice, corrections, education and social work; community groups, Indigenous communities, faith groups and others who can provide insight to help address the wide array of challenges more effectively, so everyone in need has somewhere to turn right away.