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The House resumed at 6 p.m.

SPEAKER (Bennett): Order, please!

The hon. the Government House Leader.

S. CROCKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I call from the Order Paper, Order 3, Concurrence Motion, report of the Social Services Committee.

SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Justice and Public Safety.

J. HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to, again, take the time to thank all the constituents in the District of Windsor Lake who put up with me during the long, extended campaign, obviously, knocking on the doors and phoning them. I appreciate enough of them having faith in me to send me to the House of Assembly here today to speak on their behalf.

Certainly, everyone on this side of the House feels the same way as the Members opposite who say it a lot, that we are all here to represent members of our district. I take that very seriously and it is an honour and it is very humbling as well, Mr. Speaker. I just want to thank everyone in Windsor Lake, again, for the opportunity and the honour to be here and represent them.

I also want to take the time today, given that it is Public Service Week, to thank all the staff in the Department of Justice and Public Safety for all the hard work they put in.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

J. HOGAN: All the hard work they put in every day and certainly over the last year and a half with COVID. Obviously, I am fairly new. I can't keep using that excuse, but I am fairly new still to the department and to government. Having seen it all first-hand and hear everyone in the House talk about what a great job the staff does, I think – and they just gave them a nice clap – that obviously we all owe a debt of gratitude to all members of the public service.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

J. HOGAN: I will just say one more thank you today before I get into the meat of what I want to say here this evening, and it is thanks to the Members opposite who sat through Estimates when the Department of Justice was here in the House, and particularly to the critic for Justice and Public Safety, who I think did a great job and asked very pointed questions and I hope the answers that were given to her by me and the staff were satisfactory.

With that said, Mr. Speaker, I will speak a little bit tonight about *Budget 2021* and how it relates to the Department of Justice and Public Safety. Certainly, as everyone knows, this budget set direction to modernize and transform our government. We want to improve service delivery and achieve fiscal stability by ensuring we spend within our means, and certainly not beyond it.

With *Budget 2021* we're making significant steps towards healthier and active communities and providing the tools for entrepreneurs, innovators and businesses to excel. From my department's perspective, we want to make our communities as safe as possible. That's something that I'll focus on during my tenure as Minister of Justice and Public Safety.

We also want to focus on making justice accessible. In my former life, as a lawyer, I know what a high hurdle and a high threshold that can be for people who are seeking to have access to justice. It can be very difficult for a number of reasons, Mr. Speaker. I've seen it first-hand. As a lawyer, I've tried to help as many people as I can, but sometimes some of those hurdles are just impossible to overcome. That can be for any number of reasons, including personal finances, when people have to hire a lawyer; sometimes through no fault of their own they need a lawyer. The court system certainly sometimes can be slow. Justice can be slow.

All these issues do stand in the way of having access to justice. There are social issues that get in the way of people being able to fully participate in society. These are barriers that, as minister, hopefully we can help remove some of them and let everybody contribute to society and make access to justice as easy as possible.

I do want to discuss some of the ways that this government is improving the lives of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with regard to the Department of Justice and the justice system. I'll note some of the efforts that are ongoing right now. I don't want to get too much – or I probably don't need to get too much into the storied history of Her Majesty's Penitentiary, but I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that despite numerous announcements by numerous governments over the decades since 1949, this government was the first one and only one to announce a plan to rebuild and finance a new correctional facility to replace HMP.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

J. HOGAN: I very much look forward to assisting with that. The project, for the record, remains on schedule for construction to begin in 2022 with a goal to complete it by 2024-25.

Also on that note, there are funds being used for the Labrador correctional facility as well, to increase the size there, which will help matters in Labrador. That includes an additional 18 new double-bunk cells, increased programming, expanded kitchen, new fire suppression system, expanded medical unit and renovations necessary for infrastructure to allow both male and females to be housed there, Mr. Speaker.

The current cost to house an inmate in this province is about \$300 a day, and half of those in custody at correctional facilities are awaiting trial. Anything we can do to improve the facilities will certainly end up costing this government less in the long run.

This government is also capitalizing on \$200,000 in federal funding for the Drug Treatment Court in St. John's, which helps offenders break the cycle of crime by offering a therapeutic approach and establishing long-term supports in the community. Of course, I'm sure many of us know that people end up in and out of the court system. It's not really where they can be to get help and to integrate back into society. These specialty courts help them and help us help these people to deal with their issues, whether it's drug addictions, psychiatric issues, et cetera. These are improvements and it's the way that justice is going in the future, to specialize and treat people who need help, and don't necessarily need to be thrown in jail.

Also, on that note, over \$390,000 has been allocated in the budget for the expansion of the Family Violence Intervention Court and a dedicated resource has been hired to help make the expansion a reality.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

J. HOGAN: Cut it off?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

J. HOGAN: All right.

I've listened for a few weeks now, everyone having 20 minutes to speak.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

J. HOGAN: I prepared and I prepared and I prepared. One of two things happened here tonight: I did such a good job that I'm told I don't need to speak anymore, or I did such a poor job that I'm being told not to speak anymore.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

J. HOGAN: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank everyone for listening here tonight for a riveting seven minutes and I look forward to the rest of the debate.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Ferryland.

L. O'DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Great job.

On behalf of the Official Opposition, I attended the Estimates for the Department of Digital Government and Service NL and I also participated in the review of Estimates for OCIO. First of all, I want to thank the minister for her participation in the Estimates process, but I also ask her to pass along my appreciation to the officials who appeared in the Estimates Committee. Having department officials appear before the Committee really ensured that we were able to have detailed discussions and conversations about policies and the evolution of Service NL into the Digital Government service of Newfoundland.

I also wanted to thank the staff of the House who worked long hours during the Estimates. The House staff had great procedural knowledge which kept us on track and ensured meetings ran smoothly.

I'd also like to thank the Members of the House who sat in the Estimates. The MHA for St. John's Centre joined me in Estimates and asked some questions as well, and an independent Member was there as well.

I'd also like to recognize the political staff that we have in the Opposition. Our staff work very hard in researching ahead of Estimates. They prepare us for Estimates.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

L. O'DRISCOLL: Then afterwards they listen to us on audio to see if we missed anything.

I could go on a little further, but time is of the essence. So I'd like to thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: Any other speakers? No?

The motion is that the Report of the Social Services Committee be concurred in.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

All those in favour, 'aye.'

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

SPEAKER: All those against, 'nay.'

Carried.

On motion, Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee, carried.

SPEAKER: The hon. the Government House Leader.

S. CROCKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I call from the Order Paper, number 3, Concurrence Motion, Report of the Resource Committee.

SPEAKER: The motion is that the Report of the Resource Committee be concurred in.

The hon. the Government House Leader.

S. CROCKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I'll also keep my comments brief, because I know we've spent a lot of time in Estimates on these Committees. I think some 60 or 70 hours so far that we've put into this, but it's a very important part of the budget process when you think about our Estimates Committees.

As a minister, it's actually one of the things each year that really gives you great insight into a department. Being a new minister to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation, it's really a great opportunity. Former Premier Ball would always say to us, you really start to understand your department once you do your first Estimates; you really get into understanding your department. So it's a wonderful process.

Again, I thank the Committee themselves for the work that they did. The Members opposite and our Members here on this side who sat on Committee night after night after night. Very important work. To the House staff for all the work that they put into Committees.

To the departmental staff – the executive all the way down – who actually prepare us all for our Estimates and make sure that we're able to answer the questions. It's the one chance a year where those people get an opportunity to come in as well and answer the questions for us. It's very comforting to have staff behind you actually sitting here. They're behind us every day when we come in here, but to actually have them here in the House with you helping you answer the questions really helps.

Mr. Speaker, we'll have lots of time this week; I want to take some time and talk about the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation. But we'll spend a lot of time this week in Committee of the Whole, and that will give us lots of opportunity to talk about – myself – that department. For now, Mr. Speaker, I will clue up on my comments for the Resource Committee.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: Any other speakers?

The hon. the Member for Exploits.

P. FORSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I must say it was good during Estimates to be a part of the Resource Committee. I would like to thank the Chair, the Member for Baie Verte -Green Bay, he was Chair of the Resource Committee. I would like to thank the ministers for having us in to discuss issues in the department, to discuss the line-by-line items and, of course, the staff of the government who came in and presented all the Estimates numbers with us and went over to ask many questions, that sort of thing. Again, thank those people for doing the same. It is much appreciated to be able to come in here and listen to the Estimates and go from line to line and get all the values that we need and listen to that.

Mr. Speaker, I'll have more time to speak on parts of the district and parts of the budget later on. With that, thank you, and I'll let this go.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Labrador West.

J. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I will be brief as well, seeing that everyone else has been brief with it. I just want to thank all the ministers on the Resource Committee for coming and going through the Estimates process. You get to learn a lot, you get to dig into some stuff so it was a really great process. From the first time being thrown into it until now, you understand why it is the way it is. I want to thank everyone for that.

I want to thank the Chair, the hon. Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay, for chairing the Committee. I want to thank everyone, the staff, the public servants and everyone that participated in that. It was a great thing.

Like I said, we'll move on when we get to the Committees to have a further discussion on different departments and everything like that.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands.

P. LANE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I'm just going to take a few minutes here now – not long. I will be supporting Concurrence, I will be supporting the budget. I did just want to mention a couple of things because we're into Resource Committee and I know that the minister of – I keep calling it Natural Resources but anyway you know what I mean – his department falls under there.

I was a little surprised, Mr. Speaker, that we never heard any commentary or anything on the Come By Chance Refinery today. Maybe we don't know the whole story or there's nothing to announce yet. I did note the story in the media today, that they're saying that there's a potential tentative agreement, deal on the table for the Come By Chance oil refinery. Obviously, there are a number of things in this province that we've had a lot of concerns over, Terra Nova being one of them, all of our oil projects, I guess, really. Certainly, the other big blow was the oil refinery. It had such a huge impact in terms of economic development for the region, certainly the communities, for the province as a whole and certainly all the workers.

Again, this is another case of good paying jobs. We can't emphasize it enough. Sometimes when we're talking about some of these projects and stuff, we're talking about jobs. These are very highly skilled, high-paying jobs that make a tremendous contribution to our communities and to our province. We can't lose sight of that for sure.

It was good to hear that apparently they're in talks and there appears to be something in the works. Hopefully, it works out. I'm not going to go by one media story; I'm not going to start celebrating yet, by any stretch, because we know things can come off the rails pretty quickly. But it would appear that there's something positive happening at least. I certainly hope that it's going to come to fruition.

The other thing I just wanted to mention – I won't take the whole 20 minutes, just 19. Anyway, another thing I just wanted to mention because I know tourism falls under this Committee as well. There's no doubt there's an awful lot of reason to be optimistic about our tourism industry. We know that COVID-19 dealt the tourism industry – like everything I suppose, but particularly the tourism industry was really dealt a huge blow by COVID-19. Hopefully, now when the borders get opened up and so on, I'm really hoping that people will take advantage of that and we're going to have a great tourist season.

A couple of things that I have brought up in the past, as it relates to tourism, I just want to reiterate it very quickly; a couple of challenges I see at least – suggestions. One is the signage. Our tourist signage is a problem – not our tourist, our signage in general, I would suggest, is a problem.

I know you go to other places, I'm sure most people in this House have been to other jurisdictions, and I'm not trying to compare us now to Orlando or whatever. I know that's a different kettle of fish. They see millions of people and everyone is there for Disney and all that kind of stuff. But one thing about it when you go down there, there's no way, like, it's pretty much impossible to get lost because no matter where you go there's signage everywhere. It's big, it's bold, it's clear and everything is marked out properly. I'm not suggesting now that we're going to turn this into Orlando, by any stretch, I'm not. But the point is, though, that directional signage is a challenge on the highway sometimes and signage in terms of where the attractions are is an issue.

Even if you have a sign that sort of says there's an attraction at some point - I'll just look at the Barbour House as an example. That's a tremendous tourist asset, I would suggest.

B. DAVIS: Very nice.

P. LANE: Very nice, right.

But if you didn't know where the Barbour House was to and all you saw was a sign up on the Trans-Canada Highway before you get to Gambo somewhere talking about the Barbour House in New-Wes-Valley, but between there and Barbour House there's nothing. Even when we get to Newtown, I'm not even sure if there's a sign on the little road going down into Newtown that actually says Barbour House this way or whatever. There may or may not be, but I don't seem to recall one.

There are a lot of things around the province that's the same way. If you're from here and you know where things are, that's one thing. But if you don't really know where you're going, I find the signage can be very challenging. I really think there needs to be a strategy – I'm sure there will be one – to improve signage beyond just one sign or whatever.

I even notice sometimes, even here on Pitts Memorial when you're going out to – not Pitts Memorial; the Outer Ring Road, the signage is not exactly stellar even for the airport. You know where the airport is if you're from here; you've been there a number of times. But it's not exactly fantastic signage even for the International Airport. Sometimes you can just go on past it and so on. I just think it's something that we need to be looking at.

The final point in terms of the tourism – I raised this before, as well – is I really think, especially where there's scarce dollars and so on that we have, I really think we'd be better off in many regards investing the money – targeted investments. We've had a tendency over the years, in the province, and I understand the politics around it and everything, but we've had a tendency to try to share out money. It's like if we have a bit of money we have to share it up, cut it up into hundreds of pieces and so on. Everybody gets a little bit of something but nobody really gets anything substantial to really make it that stellar attraction.

I'm not trying to say now that there are not smaller attractions and so on that we should forget about it all. But, at the end of the day, I think we're better off looking at what are the key sites, the key attractions that people are going to want to see and let's put a concerted effort into making that attraction the very best it can be so that you walk away with a totally fantastic tourist experience, as opposed to spreading it out into little pieces here, there and not really making those improvements.

I know you can get yourself in trouble, you start talking districts and areas, but I don't really care – Mount Pearl is not really – our thing is sports, that sort of sports tourism, but people aren't going to Mount Pearl necessarily for –

AN HON. MEMBER: There's a museum out there.

P. LANE: Yes, there's a small museum there.

I look at Bonavista as an example. Bonavista is an amazing tourist location. They've done a lot of stuff. There's no doubt they've done a lot of stuff there, no doubt. But the question is: Are there other things that can be done to up the ante to make it even that much better? To really make it stand out even more than it does, as an example, as opposed to trying to say, oh, well, we'll throw a couple of dollars to Bonavista but then we have to throw a couple over here and a couple over there and a couple somewhere else.

Then that sort of leads me into the whole aspect of there are a lot of - I've raised this in the past as well - spots where you -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

P. LANE: I didn't get the memo. I'm not sure what the memo is, but anyway.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

P. LANE: No, we need better co-operation and inclusion.

Anyway, that's what we need.

Mr. Speaker, when we look at some of the tourist sites and so on, I know that when I've done a staycation and I've gone around different places, sometimes you'll see a place that might be advertised that there's something there and you might drive down some road and you could drive for 20 kilometres and when you get down there, what was there as an attraction was falling to pieces, it wasn't maintained.

There are lots of great things, don't get me wrong, lots of great things. But there have also been times when I have driven down there and we said what a waste of time this was, driving all the way down here for this old, dilapidated whatever that has not been kept up and is really an eyesore. I think part of it as well, in terms of the tourism, whatever you're going to have, make sure it is maintained.

If groups are going to be coming saying we want money to develop this and develop that then part of it should be: How will you maintain it after the original work is done? If you don't have a plan and the ability to maintain it then we shouldn't be spending money on it. I'm not sure that has always happened in the past. I think a lot of times there might have been small things done.

Perhaps they were part of JCPs or programs and stuff like that so people could get enough stamps for their EI and whatever. There was never that thought of: Now that it is done, can we maintain it? If we can't, then why are we throwing money at it? We're only wasting money. That would be my final point on that.

With that said, Mr. Speaker, I do apologize to all Members, I didn't get the memo but that's fine. I'll leave my comments right there.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: Any other speakers?

The motion is that the Report of the Resource Committee be concurred in. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

All those in favour, 'aye.'

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

All those against, 'nay.'

Carried

On motion, Report of Resource Estimates Committee, carried.

SPEAKER: The hon. the Government House Leader.

S. CROCKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I call from the Order Paper, Order 3, Concurrence Motion, Report of the Government Services Committee.

SPEAKER: The motion is that the Report of the Government Services Committee be concurred in.

The hon. the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

E. LOVELESS: I got the memo; I wrote the memo.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Always a pleasure, no doubt, to say a few words in this House of Assembly. I'd like to begin by giving some information to my hon. colleague that sits to the right of me, who is the Minister of Health and Community Services and he has been Minister of Health and Community Services for five years and seven months today. I think we should give him a round of applause.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

E. LOVELESS: He was telling me the last time, I believe it was a Minister of Health that was back in 1967; very interesting year because it was the last year that the Leafs won the Cup so ...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

E. LOVELESS: Anyway, we always have to throw some sport analogy in there.

But, Mr. Speaker -

SPEAKER: Order, please!

We won't have any comments against the Leafs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

E. LOVELESS: – I would be remiss – I need some protection here, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: From the Speaker.

E. LOVELESS: From the Speaker, yeah.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is indeed always a pleasure to speak on behalf of the District of Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune. I certainly thank those who supported me to allow me to have this honour to come here, sit and speak on behalf of them and on behalf of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I have to say thank you to my family as well, and certainly your campaign volunteers who you wouldn't be here – as all of us have said – if it wasn't for them.

I've heard a lot of speeches over the last couple of weeks and we've done a lot of thank yous and stuff. There was one week that it was Paramedic Week. There was a week that it was Nursing Week, Volunteer Week and Firefighters Week. So we have a lot of volunteers that we need to say thank you to.

Mr. Speaker, the memo that was given out I did get; I'm getting pressured to amend that memo. I could get into more about my district to talk about the fishery and everything, but I will take a few minutes to talk about Transportation and Infrastructure. I know it's probably the most important department in government, I think. The Member for Stephenville is waving his hands.

I realize when you're not in that department, you go to that minister asking for roadwork or infrastructure but you don't realize the scope and the responsibility in the department until you get there. I've certainly had, I would say, probably everybody in this House that have reached out to me for their district in terms of roadwork, which is their job. I welcome that. I wish I could commit to everybody, but I can't do it. The budget is not there, but we try to do the best that we can.

Yes, I say to the Member for Lake Melville, I do have to live within my means and I'm going to do that, because I have the responsibility to do it on behalf of the taxpayers of Newfoundland and Labrador. But I understand it's important to you and to your districts. So I will do my best.

The infrastructure is also a very important piece, because that work goes to municipalities. I've certainly met with PMA, I'm met with a lot of groups, Heavy Civil, and talked to them too about how we can help them to help their association members in terms of doing their job. They're good meetings. They are meetings that you take something away from them. If you take away from them to improve then I think you're doing something right.

Mr. Speaker, I'm going to end here by saying it's a privilege to be the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Public Procurement as well, which is a very important piece. I look forward to the challenges ahead. I look forward to rolling out more roadwork, more infrastructure dollars so we can get work done in this province and put smiles on people's faces.

With that, I'm going to end and I will say: Go Habs Go!

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Conception Bay South.

B. PETTEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, won't take too much time. Where we're talking about Estimates, I guess, and we're covering a lot of departments, we've already gone through this process, through Estimates Committees; this is kind of the wrap up. We've had three rounds – most of us had three sessions on the main motion, amendment and subamendment. We've had a lot of opportunities. There are a lot more opportunities to come as we get into various money bills.

I guess I can speak for a lot of my caucus who probably haven't spoke or won't speak to thank all of the staff both our own staff, government staff, ministers everyone else because I know I've had opportunity to be on both sides of this. I've been on both sides of this operation, I know how it works and the amount of work they put into it is second to none.

To the Member for Cape St. Francis's point to the House staff, they deserve a lot of credit obviously for keeping these Estimates running.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

B. PETTEN: Estimates is a time when we try to get answers. We ask lots of questions and, technically, under the rules of Estimates, you are supposed to go line by line. It is all budget related.

I know the Minister of Education and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure during my Estimates, and I think through all of our Estimates, the ministers were very open to letting us ask a lot of general questions, which it's more about seeking information, clarity and getting a better understanding of the various issues. I, too, want to thank all of them for that.

On that note, I'll wrap up my comments.

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Labrador West.

J. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, echo my colleague's things of thanking the staff in the departments and for taking the time to go through everything with us. Again, letting us ask general question; it's knowledgeseeking questions which was very informative, so I thank them.

I thank the staff of each department. I thank everyone for all that. Also, again thank the staff of the House of Assembly for all the work they do to keep us on task for the Estimates process, which is an interesting process.

Like I said a minute ago, it's different but it's a very critical thing that we get the chance once a year, and it takes a lot of work and it takes a lot of effort inside of caucuses and everything like that.

Once again, thank you, and I'll wrap things up.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for Lake Melville.

P. TRIMPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wasn't going to speak, but I think I'd like to because I have always found the Estimates process extremely informative. As this, sort of, independent party of one, it's a try to fulfill all that goes on in those sessions. It's rather tiring. I'm still feeling tired from it all because I missed one Estimates in the entire session and that's because I was on a plane. So I'm sorry and I apologize to the Minister of Finance; I did send her an apology.

I found it extremely informative. I thank the ministers and I thank their teams. Everyone was well prepared. I tended to focus on policy issues, whether it related to my district, to Labrador or to the province and allowed my colleagues to go through the line-by-line detail. I think we had some really interesting discussions back and forth, a lot of good ideas. On behalf of myself and my little team, I would just like to say thank you to all of them.

Thanks.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SPEAKER: Any other speakers?

The motion is that the Report of the Government Services Committee be concurred in.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

All those in favour, 'aye.'

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

SPEAKER: All those against, 'nay.'

Carried.

On motion, Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee, carried.

SPEAKER: The hon. the Government House Leader.

S. CROCKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I thank everybody for their comments today. It's been a long day, since 9 this morning, but an important one.

That being said, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for CBS, that this House do now adjourn.

SPEAKER: It is moved and seconded that this House do now adjourn.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

All those in favour, 'aye.'

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

SPEAKER: All those against, 'nay.'

Carried.

This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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