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BEGUN and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Wednesday, the second day of February, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-seven, being in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty, our Sovereign Lady, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

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Wednesday, February 2nd 1977

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at three of the clock in the afternoon of this Wednesday, the second day of February, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at three of the clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

At three of the clock the Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

His Honour entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech From The Throne as follows:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I have the honour to welcome you to the Second Session of the 37th. General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland.

This year, 1977, marks the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty, the Queen of Canada, the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Her Majesty's ascension to the Throne. Queen Elizabeth succeeded her father, King George VI on February 6th 1952 and was crowned at Westminster Abbey, London on June 2nd 1953.

On this happy occasion this Honourable House joins with the people of our Province in celebrating the event. Let us at this time reaffirm our loyalty to Her Majesty, as a most gracious and humane person and also as our Sovereign. This Honourable House welcomes the opportunity to express its sincere affection to our Queen.

My Government is planning to hold a number of special events to commemorate this occasion. It is an occasion which brings into remembrance not only the Silver Jubilee of our Head of State but evokes as well a reaffirmation of the rights, dignity and freedom that are the essential attributes of our constitutional structure.

During the past year I continued my travels in the Province and these included a visit to the important and historic Town of Lewisporte for the celebration of its Centenary. Last September a Canadian Armed Forces helicopter took my wife and me on an eleven day visit to coastal Labrador. I gained a deep appreciation of the hopes and aspirations of

those who struggle to preserve their way of life in this vast and distant part of our Province.

The past 28 years in Newfoundland have seen successive Governments strive to provide services for our people comparable to the other provinces of Canada. Enormous progress has been made, but a great deal more needs to be done. However, we have now reached a time when world wide economic difficulties dictate a severe slowing down of Government expenditures in the area of public services, for the immediate future.

The vicious inflationary spiral that has affected all the Western World was not of Newfoundland's making. At the same time, the higher cost of goods, services and especially money have most certainly restricted our ability to reach our Province's social objectives.

During the past year budgetary restraints have been the order of the day and we have had to undertake a program of austerity. The need for restraint is a continuing one and my Government is prepared to take the difficult decisions that are required in order to maintain a responsible financial policy.

These decisions require that each of us be prepared to make personal sacrifices for the common good. Let each of us, in this Province, respond to a call to work harder and with greater commitment, for the individual and collective good. Let the fisherman, the teacher, the miner, the store-keeper, the public servant and the elected representatives of the people respond to a call for higher productivity and greater commitment. Let this call go forth today from this Honourable House and let it be heard throughout the land. It is a call for faith in the future of this Province and for a confidence based on commitment. My Government has a firm faith that this Province has the resources to provide a high level of income for its people. In order to realize our aspirations we will have to rely more on what we can do for ourselves, rather than depending upon Government to do everything for us. The call to self-reliance must be heard and upheld in our Province.

The main problem in Newfoundland today is the high rate of unemployment and My Government will be bringing to this Honourable House a number of measures designed to alleviate and to help solve this pressing problem for both the short

and long term. The challenge that we face is one of initiating a major thrust against unemployment without jeopardizing our financial position and without a severe curtailment in the level of public services. We must meet this challenge with a willingness to sacrifice and to go forward with more realistic expectations than we have had in the past.

My Government has taken great care to establish what are the opportunities for economic growth and for the creation of new jobs. There is no simple answer. Rather the answer must be found through a balanced approach to our economy. There must be more activity in primary resource industries, but there must also be more processing of our resources to obtain a better balance between primary and secondary processing. At the same time there must be a balance between goods producing industries and the service sector.

There must also be a balance between the private and public sector in this Province. The role of Government is to facilitate the growth of industry and to provide the conditions and incentives whereby employment and income growth can be generated. My Government has resisted the pressure to do those things that are best done in the private sector. The role of Government must also be to provide leadership in economic affairs rather than to compete with private industry. It is with a sense of determination and confidence that this leadership role will be performed.

My Government has prepared a program of resource development which I will outline to you today. The opportunities for growth over the next five years and beyond are to be found in the fishery, the mining industry, hydro electric development, offshore oil and gas, in tourism, in the forest industry, in agriculture and in marine industry. There are also many opportunities for growth which arise in the service industries which support our basic resource sectors. Recognizing that Government has a leadership role to play, without detracting from the role of free enterprise, it is important that new programs be designed to bring these opportunities into reality.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government is firmly convinced that with the declaration of the 200 mile limit the fishery represents the greater opportunity for growth and development. In reaping the full

benefit of this enormous resource it is essential that there be a comprehensive approach: one which builds on the advantages of the inshore, the mid-water and the offshore fishery. Full advantage must be taken of the low capital cost requirements of the inshore fishery, and the opportunity to expand the labour intensive inshore industry is one which My Government is pledged to fulfill. By the same token, there must be an orderly expansion of the offshore fleet to ensure continuous year round operations in our processing plants. With a balanced expansion of the inshore and offshore fishery our fishermen will be in a position to take an increasing share of the catch within the 200 mile limit.

My Government will be proposing measures to this Honourable House of Assembly to ensure that our fishermen will soon have complete access to the resource. These measures will include a program for the revitalization of our longliner fleet, which has been suffering from attrition in recent years. My Government takes the position that our fishermen should have first claim on the resource that foreign will be phased out as soon as our own fishermen can replace foreign fishing effort. Indeed, the management principle adopted by the Federal Government is that Canadian fishermen should have first claim on the resource up to the limit of the total allowable catch established by Canada, as the coastal state, for conservation purposes. Only if there is a surplus to Canada's needs should any of our resource be allocated to foreign vessels.

My Government has concluded that a major requirement for the full realization of the benefits from our fishery is the opening up of the European market for fishery products. Another major requirement is that there must be more processing of our fish to the final product stage. With these two objectives in mind, namely markets and full processing, My Government has been working to attract new investment capital into our fishing industry.

The magnitude of the fishery resource which will be available to us in the next five to ten years will present a great challenge. My Government recognizes that a great deal of private capital and public investment will be required. Also, if our fishing industry is to be placed on a sound foundation it is important that new facilities be located in proper geographic relation to the resource. My Government will be working with representatives of union and industry to

ensure that measures are taken which will allow the Province to reap the full benefits of the 200 mile limit, by putting appropriate facilities in place and by expanding our inshore and offshore fleets so as to harvest the full resource.

My Government will be introducing a program of assistance for new products along with a program to encourage processors to undertake more advanced processing. This program will assist private companies to undertake a multi-year investment plan for upgrading facilities so that a higher grade of produce will be produced.

My Government will continue its efforts to improve the quality of Newfoundland fish products by bringing about changes in the methods of moving fish from fishing vessels to processing centers. Amendments to The Fish Inspection Act will be considered with a view to promoting the transportation of fish in containers and insulated trucks, with a program for provision of ice making facilities playing a major role in the quality improvement strategy.

In the year ahead continued emphasis will be placed on experimental and exploratory fishery projects relating to innovative vessel designs, new and improved gear types, aquaculture, and the further development of new harvesting techniques. Projects of this nature have contributed greatly to the recent and rapid expansion of the inshore herring industry on the Northeast Coast.

One of the most critical areas for responding to the opportunities presented by the 200 mile limit is in the acquisition of new skills and technology. My Government is committed to amalgamating the major functions of the College of Trades and Technology and the Fisheries College, and to increasing the range of programs offered. The Newfoundland Polytechnical Institute Act, which will be introduced in this Session, will facilitate this amalgamation and will enable the establishment of a new post-secondary seat of learning. It is clear that our Fisheries College will need expanded facilities if it is to respond adequately to the training requirements of an expanding and dynamic fishing industry. These training programs for the fishing industry represent a major component of a policy directed toward the catching, processing and marketing of all of the fishery resources within the 200 mile zone by our own fishing industry.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The most pressing problem confronting the forest industry at present is the spruce budworm infestation. An experimental spraying program will be undertaken this year in selected areas of the Province, supervised by a group of forestry and environmental experts. The primary purpose is to determine the extent and nature of the corrective action which is required to control the infestation.

My Government continues to support and encourage the development of industries based upon our forests. Implementation of the forest management policy which was introduced in the 36th General Assembly has been continuing. The construction of forest access roads is of major importance in opening up timber stands to industrial users. During the past year salvage roads were built for the first time to reach over-mature and infested timber stands on company limits. In the coming year, the construction of forest access roads will be intensified.

I must report, however, that there is growing concern that a shortage of an economic wood supply will occur in the foreseeable future unless new methods of harvesting are developed and substantial measures are initiated in forest protection. This is somewhat paradoxical in a Province where the total forest resource is greater than industrial demand for wood fibre. It has become abundantly clear, however, that many areas of the Province cannot be harvested economically with present day technology. To address this supply problem, My Government has taken positive action. Greater emphasis has been given to forest improvement, and programs for thinning and reforestation will be expanded. In the past year a large sum has been spent on this intensive management practice and it is planned that this expenditure will be more than doubled in the coming year. This program is highly labour intensive, and is a wise investment which will be returned to the Province through increased forest productivity for generations to come. As well, significant progress has been made in overcoming technological impediments to harvesting high quality timber from steep slopes.

My Government will continue to explore ways and means of assisting our forest industry to develop a viable year round operation, particularly in secondary processing.

In the past year My Government has introduced a program to assist the sawmill industry, which has been suffering from the general economic downturn in the North American housing markets. My Government has a strong commitment to the sawmill business and feels that the structural changes which have been taking place in recent years are necessary and desirable. It is therefore intended that a new program in support of the sawmill industry will be presented in the near future.

In agriculture My Government intends to place proper emphasis on soil surveying and land use planning so that the specific areas of the Province best suited for commercial agricultural development can be identified.

My Government recognizes that the marketing of agricultural products has been a problem for our farmers. Therefore, more emphasis will be placed on improving the marketing system for vegetables and other farm products.

It is the intention of My Government to introduce an intensified program of animal husbandry so that the Province will become more self-sufficient in sheep and swine production. Furthermore, measures will be undertaken to ensure that a much greater degree of processing takes place with regard to the final consumer products made from local sheep, swine and poultry.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

During the past year My Government continued its progress towards developing and implementing the best possible mineral management regime for the Province. The Minerals Act and The Quarry Materials Act were passed by the Legislature. These two Acts, together with the accompanying regulations which are presently being finalized, will be proclaimed in the Spring of 1977. This proclamation will be the culmination of the major overhaul of mineral land tenure which began four years ago and was tested through a successful interim policy trial period.

My Government has created a business climate and tax

system that make it attractive for private industry to invest in the rich mineral resources of this Province. To encourage such activity, it is My Government's intention to introduce a Mineral Acreage Tax Bill designed to increase exploration expenditures on lands held for long periods of time or in perpetuity. My Government has also embarked upon an intensified exploration program so that potential investors will be better informed about specific mineral prospects.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government stands firm in its commitment to do everything possible to ensure that the benefits of our rich energy potential accrue first and foremost to the people of this Province and will spare no effort to make that commitment a reality. In view of the need for greater freedom of action in the development of our hydro electric resources, My Government has initiated studies on the transmission of Labrador power through the Island and on the floor of the Cabot Strait to the Maritimes. While additional detailed investigation is required, the preliminary conclusion is that such a development is technically feasible. My Government is encouraged by the interest expressed by the Maritime Provinces in the prospect of importing power from Newfoundland via that route.

In addition My Government will be working to promote the development of Labrador hydro resources for use in Labrador. It is our hope that a major processing and shipping centre can be developed in Labrador and that our hydro power will be used by energy intensive industries who find such a center attractive. An expanded mineral exploration program in Labrador will enhance the prospects of new development while the availability of hydro resources with stable prices should encourage further processing to take place in the Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government will table new regulations in this Honourable House with respect to offshore oil and gas exploration and development. It is proposed that a White

Paper will be published to explain regulations which are now in draft form and which are intended to be given an early release. These regulations will provide the oil companies with a greater measure of certainty as to the taxation system which will apply to the oil and gas industry. Provision has also been made to require more use of Newfoundland manpower and materials. The potential of the offshore oil and gas industry is enormous and these regulations represent a comprehensive plan to ensure that Newfoundland derives maximum benefit with the least amount of social disruption.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government has done a great deal to support and strengthen the initiative of the private sector through financial assistance and management training, as well as through other programs. Since its inception in 1972, the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation has directly contributed to the development of 1800 jobs in the Province. During the course of 1977 it is hoped that the Corporation will expand its activities in the area of local market development and will provide greater services to the Newfoundland business community through the establishment of additional field offices.

My Government has placed high priority on marine-related industry and has founded the Newfoundland Ocean Research and Development Corporation (NORDCO) to perform studies and engineering activities relating to cold oceans and the problems of working in ice-covered waters. My Government agreed that, in order for major offshore development to occur, it was necessary to develop basic scientific information to overcome hazards resulting from Arctic ice, and to determine the effects of such hazards upon possible production operations.

My Government will be introducing new programs to promote industrial development. Three of these programs relate to marketing, product development and industrial productivity. The new approach to marketing will be to provide a service to small and medium sized industry which is presently unable to deal directly with markets outside the Province but has a potential to expand.

This program represents an example of My Government's commitment to small scale industry which has the capacity to make a positive contribution without creating a disruptive influence. The second is a new product development which will assist small industry to branch out into new and diversified product lines and to employ more people. The third program is designed to help small firms to conduct an efficient processing operation and to provide technical advice which would otherwise be too costly or else unavailable. Particular emphasis is being given to small resource based industries. My Government is giving serious consideration to the role of a Newfoundland Productivity Council to help improve this program.

It is the intention of My Government to reinforce its policy whereby Government purchasing and contracting are used to provide greater stimulus to the Provincial economy. New programs will be introduced to ensure that contractors working on behalf of Government make every effort to use local manpower and materials. In addition, measures will be taken to ensure that local contractors are given a fair opportunity to undertake Government projects.

My Government has been examining a number of mechanisms for enhancing the process of economic development on the Coast of Labrador. The Department of Rural Development will assume a larger role on the Coast and will be responsible for initiating and executing projects along the whole Coast. This role will be complementary to the normal functions of the other Departments of Government. My Government is very sensitive to the isolation problems in Labrador and has decided to establish regional offices for most Departments in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. These offices will be able to respond more quickly and effectively to the needs of the people living in Eastern Labrador.

Great strides have been made in implementing an improved transportation system within the Province. My Government recognizes, however, that there are a number of isolated communities which require airstrips in order to provide better services for people in these areas. On the Coast of Labrador this problem of isolation is particularly acute and My Government has just completed a new airstrip at Cartwright. This airstrip will play an important role in the development of offshore oil and gas off the Coast of Labrador and it will enable the community of Cartwright

to participate more fully in the associated economic developments. This policy of building airstrips both to reduce isolation and to encourage economic development will be continued.

My Government has made major progress in strengthening the economy of rural Newfoundland through programs in the Department of Rural Development. These programs include loans and grants to small firms as well as support for Regional Development Associations. These Associations have been fulfilling an important role by identifying local resource development opportunities and working to ensure that these opportunities are realized. The Associations have worked successfully with local people, and in some cases the Association has taken on the complete implementation of projects. The Department has also had a great deal of success in promoting the handicraft industry where Departmental efforts have been directed toward market promotion and development.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government has developed a comprehensive tourist development strategy which will be used for the development of our tourist resources, particularly in the rural sections of our Province.

My Government is exploring with the Government of Canada the feasibility of establishing a recreation and conservation corridor for the Avalon Peninsula. This corridor is based upon the heritage route which focuses and links historical, natural and cultural resources. The development will include scenic drives, trails and waterways, the restoration and conservation of historical buildings and the development of a major marine interpretation centre.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

These programs for development of our fishery, forestry, agriculture, minerals, energy and tourist industries are designed to provide a solid foundation for our economy. They will not create immediate full employment nor will they produce a sudden transformation in the Newfoundland economy.

It would be naive and unrealistic to expect that any set of government programs will be a panacea for our present difficulties. Reality demands that the approach to development be balanced and orderly and that full scope be given for private initiative to assert its proper role.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

One of the major problems facing My Government at the present time is high unemployment and the lack of available jobs for many Newfoundlanders. In keeping with its desire to alleviate this problem, My Government intends to embark upon a Provincial program of job creation. The objective of the program is to combine the existing unemployed manpower with identified development opportunities so as to maximize the potential of both. The program will cost approximately \$2 million. It will focus on labour intensive, high priority projects which are modest in cost, but which will strengthen our resource base and resource oriented facilities. Projects have been identified in fisheries, forestry, agriculture, tourism, and in community development activities. The program will extend from February to the end of May. It will be operated selectively in areas of the Province where there is a lack of job opportunities and will help alleviate the seasonal unemployment normally experienced during the winter months.

The role of the Government of Canada respecting this Country's labour force is a major one, and my Government will be making every effort to ensure that this Province obtains the maximum benefit from national manpower programs such as training, job creation, mobility and job placement. To achieve this end, My Government is pursuing with the Federal Government the development of a comprehensive manpower agreement which will include a clear statement of policy respecting manpower programs. It will delineate the roles and responsibilities of both levels of Government in providing the best possible manpower programs and services to members of our labour force.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

During this Session you will be asked to consider several pieces of legislation which are designed to protect the consumer of this Province. This new legislation will include The Trade Practices Act, The Consumer Reporting Agencies Act as well as amendments to The Real Estate Trading Act, and The Landlord Tenant (Residential) Act.

Since My Government assumed office it has been concerned about the health and safety of our people in their places of work. Acting on the recommendations of the October Conference on Occupational Health and Safety, My Government has established an interim Advisory Council including representatives of labour, management and the community at large, to recommend and to advise Government with respect to the nature of proposed new legislation and programs dealing with occupational health and safety in the Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The main thrust of My Government's activity in health care now, and in the future, must be to obtain the best possible value for every health dollar spent, and to strive for optimum use of existing institutional facilities. To that end, My Government hopes, within the coming months to expand its ambulatory care programs to provide, where feasible, lower cost services as alternatives to the more expensive institutional care, while at the same time safeguarding the high quality of care which is available at present.

In the social services sector, My Government recognizes the value of and the continuing need for preventive, supportive and rehabilitative social services which are aimed at strengthening the family unit and helping the handicapped individual. To this end the Employment Opportunities Program for social assistance recipients will be strengthened. The Homemaker's Services, which was introduced last year, will be continued. My Government is encouraged by the remarkable results which these programs have achieved in promoting financial independence, in preventing family breakdown and in improving the lives of our less fortunate citizens.

The care of physically and mentally handicapped children will be given very special attention. An intensive effort is now underway to find more foster homes for children with special needs. This effort has already shown very encouraging results.

My Government realizes that physical fitness plays an important role in the health and general well-being of our citizens. During the past several years greater emphasis has been placed on the establishment of recreational facilities in our Province and the provision of services related to leisure time activities. The efforts of My Government will be directed to ensure that these facilities are fully and effectively used by citizens of all ages so that the general level of fitness in the Province will be improved. To promote sports activity more attention will be given to coaching our athletes and young people.

All Newfoundlanders look forward with eagerness to the Canada Summer Games which will be held in our Province next summer. It will provide us with an opportunity to welcome our fellow Canadian Citizens and to enjoy with them the achievements of young Canadian athletes. It will be a time as well for celebration and focal point for a new thrust in the development of amateur sport and fitness throughout the Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government has approved in principle several policies recommended by the Royal Commission on Municipal Government, including the establishment of a new municipal fiscal support structure, the creation of a municipal government structure based on a new consolidated legal framework and the development and strengthening of municipal administrative support programs. During the coming months you will be asked to consider legislation in the form of a new Municipal Grants Act and this will mark the initial step in bringing these plans to fruition.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government is concerned over the present law as it relates to matrimonial property. It is obvious major changes in the common law dealing with the sharing of personal and real property acquired by married couples prior to and during marriage is a matter calling for careful and major reform. It is My Government's opinion that matrimonial law should be changed to confer upon the Court, as a minimum, the power to recognize the contribution of work and management made by both husband and wife to matrimonial property.

Before embarking upon this major change in the common law and in full recognition of the implications derived therefrom and the keen interest of our people in this vital field of law reform, My Government has authorized My Minister of Justice and Attorney General to invite briefs from all groups throughout the Province who have an interest in this subject, preparatory to the drafting of appropriate legislation. It is hoped such briefs and submissions will be received in time to enable the necessary legislation to be drafted for presentation to this Session, but if such is not the case, Government wishes to make known its determination to bring before this House, at the earliest possible time, carefully prepared legislation in this important area of matrimonial property law.

My Government has been directing its attention to the structure and jurisdiction of Family Courts in our Province. It is becoming increasingly clear to My Ministers that all matters dealing with family law should come within the jurisdiction of one Family Court, rather than the present position where jurisdiction in family matters is divided among Family, District and Supreme Courts. The Government of Canada has some jurisdiction and obligation in this field, and has indicated a willingness to negotiate with interested Provinces a cost-sharing formula for the establishment of a United Family Court as a pilot project in a particular area of a Province. Consequently, My Government has authorized My Minister of Justice and Attorney General to enter into negotiations with the Attorney General of Canada with a view to concluding a satisfactory agreement

for the establishment of a United Family Court as a pilot project in our Province. The object of such a Court would be to conserve, not disserve family life, to be constructive, not destructive of marriage; to be helpful, not harmful to the individual parties and their children; to be preventive rather than punitive in the Court's attitude towards marriage and families. A United Family Court will be therapeutically oriented, non-punitive, where possible and attempt to focus on the overall family problem.

My Government is satisfied that streamlining of the Election Act is necessary. It is My Government's intention to introduce legislation to modernize election and voting procedures, to reform the present method of financing elections and to impose controls on contributions to political parties.

The Public Accounts for the period ending March 31, 1976 and the estimates for the coming fiscal year will be placed before you, for your usual close scrutiny.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I ask today for a renewed commitment from all our people to the work ethic of our forefathers in the knowledge that our land and sea resources are sufficient to give us and our children a full and prosperous life. This prosperity will come through action and leadership. My Government will take action and will provide leadership but the call to action and leadership and perhaps to sacrifice, must be accepted by one and by all. Let this House accept this challenge and let it show a model to the people of our Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

You will be asked to grant supply unto Her Majesty.

I invoke God's blessing upon your labours as you give careful consideration to the matters laid before you for the welfare of our beloved Province.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Assembly Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice asked leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Collection Agencies Act, 1973".

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and by leave of the House, the said Bill was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Members met in the General Assembly, and that for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy.

It was unanimously agreed that the Speech should be taken as read.

It was moved by Mr. George Cross and seconded by Dr. Hugh Twomey that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour in reply to the gracious speech with which he had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft such Address In Reply.

It was ordered accordingly and the following Members were appointed to the said Committee:

Mr. George Cross

Dr. Hugh Twomey

Mr. Martin O'Brien

Mr. Strachan gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House is gravely concerned with the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, and, realizing that this has the most serious implications for the future of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and study all matters pertaining to the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, to consider the reports and recommendations that have been submitted to Government in recent years, and to receive briefs and other representations from Municipal Councils, Native Associations, and from individuals, agencies and groups representing the people of Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the said Committee report to the House of Assembly its findings and recommendations with respect to Labrador, including measures which can be taken to improve and ameliorate the role played by the people of Labrador within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout the Province, and that it be directed to sit in sufficient places in Labrador so as to enable any of the residents of Labrador to appear before it if they so wish without incurring expense or inconvenience.

Mr. Neary gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS joint ventures with foreign nations could become a way of economic life to the point of forcing Newfoundland fishermen off the very high seas to which the 200 mile management zone finally gives Canada title; and

WHEREAS the reason advanced for allocating part of our quota to foreign fleets is that the ships and equipment of foreign nations are so much better than ours;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfoundland House of Assembly make strong representation to the Government of Canada to disallow joint ventures and instead to let the presently depleted fish stocks build up, and simultaneously to issue final notice to the Newfoundland fishing fleet owners that they must upgrade their ships and equipment to the point where they can compete on the high seas with foreign fishing fleets and unless they do so, the fishing industry be nationalized under either federal jurisdiction or under Crown Corporations to be established by the appropriate provincial government.

Mr. Patterson gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated the 1977 Federal Fisheries Management Plan of the Government of Canada has had a very severe impact on those Newfoundland fish plants which depend on landings of groundfish by side trawlers;

AND WHEREAS side trawlers in the Newfoundland fleet have traditionally fished the redfish stocks of the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

AND WHEREAS restrictions have been placed on the operation of Newfoundland-based side trawlers within the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment of Canada to undertake a review of the Fisheries Management Plan of the Federal Government to give greater flexibility and provide greater opportunities for side trawler fishing options and to reconsider a request by the Newfoundland fishing industry that special assistance be given to side trawler operators.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS there has been considerable discussion of the desirability and the feasibility of "Joint Ventures", being arrangements entered into by fishery enterprises based in this Province on the one hand and foreign fishing interests on the other;

AND WHEREAS there is a considerable measure of disagreement about the desirability and the feasibility of such joint ventures;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that the full facts about joint ventures be made public, and that the implications thereof be fully examined;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest that no joint venture proposal be allowed to proceed until it has been given the most thorough examination and the fullest consideration of its effects both in the short term and the long term;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in order to give effect to these purposes a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the proposals with respect to joint ventures, to examine their implications and effects with respect to the fishery of Newfoundland and Labrador and to report thereon;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee have power to sit in and out of Session, to send for papers and other documents, and generally to exercise the powers which may be conferred upon Commissioners under the Public Enquiries Act, Chapter 314 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the great urgency of this question the Committee be directed to submit an initial report within thirty days of its appointment, and a further and final report within ninety days of its appointment.

Mr. Marshall gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS this Province is without legislation compelling private enterprise to provide pensions for employees;

AND WHEREAS many persons after toiling for many and faithful years have found themselves at the end of these productive years retired or discharged from places of employment without the benefit of adequate or any pension;

AND WHEREAS the hardship wrought to persons so coming to the end of their productive years and being retired without the right to pension ought not be tolerated by society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government to take immediate steps to introduce legislation compelling employers to provide adequate, compulsory pension plans for employees such plans to apply to the broadest possible categories of enterprises and employees and to have the maximum range of portability feasible.

Mr. Rideout gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Industrial Health & Safety is and ought to be the concern of every worker in this Province;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that many thousands of workers in this Province work in environments that are potentially hazardous to health;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED (a) That this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately constitute an Occupational Health & Safety Authority within the the Department of Manpower & Industrial Relations;

(b) That this Occupational Health & Safety Authority assume total responsibility for the health and safety of workers;

(c) That existing legislation and all agencies related to worker health and safety be consolidated under this Occupational Health & Safety Authority;

(d) That the Government, in structuring this new Occupational Health & Safety Authority, at the same time set by statute (1) strict new standards of operation to apply in all workplaces in this Province, (11) Threshold Limit Values that reflect medically acceptable tolerance levels, (111) and ensure that all such regulations will be constantly reviewed in light of new information and technology.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Pearl gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has stimulated a proposed experimental fishing venture project between Newfoundland companies and West German fishing interests, directed towards the Eastern and Northern waters cod-stocks;

AND WHEREAS it is essential to the well-being of all Newfoundlanders, that the Government of Canada, in the discharge of its constitutional responsibility, properly manage the 200 Mile Economic Fishing Zone off our shores, in a manner to yield the greatest return to all Newfoundlanders;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House request the Government of Canada, in consultation with the Government of the Province of Newfoundland and groups representing industry and fishermen, to formulate at the earliest date a plan for the proper management of the fish stocks off the shores of Newfoundland - including experimental projects - in such a manner as to provide the maximum benefit to all Newfoundlanders, and to adequately and properly protect both the inshore and offshore fisheries of the Province of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the collection of school assessments has a default rate ranging from a minimum of 3% to a maximum of 73%;

AND WHEREAS such a default rate indicates that many of our people are unwilling to pay school assessments, thereby causing additional administrative costs to school boards and numerous notices and court cases;

AND WHEREAS the rates and methods of school taxation vary from a minimum poll tax of \$20 to a maximum poll tax of \$75 or from a minimum property tax of 2.8 mils to a maximum of 5.5 mils;

AND WHEREAS school assessments and school taxes are not based on the principle of the ability of an individual to pay;

AND WHEREAS the present methods of financing primary, elementary and secondary education result in duplication of administrative services and costs;

AND WHEREAS school tax authorities encroach on municipal tax sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House directs the Government to abolish school assessments and school taxes immediately;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House supports the principle that the equivalent amount of revenue, to the school boards should be provided for out of the general revenue of the Province.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Scio gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada has indicated the Government of Canada intends to patriate the Constitution of Canada which may provide, among other things, a method of amendment of same;

AND WHEREAS a method of amendment proposed by the Federal Government envisages Constitutional changes affecting rights and powers of Provinces being achieved by consent of the Federal Government and the Governments of Ontario, Quebec, at least two of the Western Provinces, comprising no less than fifty percent of the population in the West, and any two of the Atlantic Provinces;

AND WHEREAS the said method of amendment proposed by the Federal Government could have lasting detrimental effect upon the interests of the Province of Newfoundland;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urges the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador to withhold consent to any proposed formula of Constitutional amendment unless such formula provides that Constitutional amendments relating to provincial rights require the full unanimous consent of all Provinces.

The Honourable the Member for Lewisporte gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS there is growing scepticism of the legislative process and the role of elected Members of the House of Assembly in that process;

AND WHEREAS the Legislatures of Alberta and Ontario now permit live coverage of debates on television and radio;

AND WHEREAS the House of Commons has approved a resolution to permit television and radio coverage of parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Quebec National Assembly has announced its intentions to permit live coverage of its debates on radio and television;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of West Germany and Sweden permit television and radio coverage of their parliaments;

AND WHEREAS resolutions to permit live coverage are now before the Senate and Congress of the United States;

AND WHEREAS all debates in the United Nations are open to live coverage on television and radio;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House approves the principle of live coverage of the House of Assembly debates on television and radio;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the technical details and work out proper arrangements with television and radio stations.

The Honourable the Member for Kilbride gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is paying for a program to encourage energy conservation in the Province of Prince Edward Island at an approximate cost of 12 million dollars, to the benefit both of industry and homeowners;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has stated that other Provinces are not eligible for similar energy conservation subsidies;

AND WHEREAS requests by the Government of Newfoundland to the Government of Canada for such subsidies have been refused;

AND WHEREAS such a subsidy for Newfoundland calculated on the basis of population would be approximately \$48 million and the residents of this Province need an energy conservation subsidy because of high energy costs and low personal incomes;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House regrets the action of the Government of Canada in excluding the Province of Newfoundland from the energy conservation offered to the Province of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House supports the Government of Newfoundland in its efforts to gain a subsidy from the Government of Canada for energy conservation and a program similar to those programs offered to the Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the cost of fishing gear of all types used by fishermen in the inshore fishery is rising constantly;

AND WHEREAS to obtain or replace gear places a very heavy financial burden on the fishermen;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador take steps to set up a Gear Bank in order that fishermen may purchase gear at wholesale ratehr than at retail prices.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legislative Disabilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".

The Honourable the President of the Council gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment of Wages Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society Of Industrial Accountants of Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".

On motion it was ordered that when the House rises it stand adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, February 7th at two of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, February 7th 1977

The House met at two of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier moved that a Resolution be submitted to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of her accession to the Throne.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Gilbert and family on the occasion of the death of Commander Raleigh Gilbert.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo presented a Petition from residents of Musgrave Harbour re educational facilities.

The Honourable the Member for Lapoile presented a Petition from residents of The Great Northern Peninsula and Bonne Bay re expropriation of land in the Gross Morne National Park.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands presented a Petition from residents of Summerside re water and sewerage facilities.

The Honourable the Member for Stephenville presented a Petition from residents of that community re Mobile Home Insurance Premiums.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following items:

Summary of Special Warrants.  
The Third Annual Report of The Newfoundland  
Liquor Licensing Board - April 1/75 to  
March 31.76.  
Newfoundland & Labrador Computer Services  
Limited Annual Report 1976.

The Honourable the Minister of Education tabled the following Regulations:

The School Boards (Allocation of Moneys)  
(Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations, 1976.

The Schools Act (Transportation of Pupils) (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

The Schools Act (Transportation of Pupils) (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

The Teacher (Certification) Regulations, 1976.

The Teacher (Certification) (Amendment No. 1) Regulations, 1976.

Regulations increasing Operational Grants to School Boards.

The Local School Tax (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

School Board Election Regulations, 1976,

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works & Services tabled the following:

Annual Report 1976 of the Newfoundland Public Service Commission.

The Department of Public Works & Services (College of Trades & Technology Parking) Regulations 1976.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment of Wages Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legislative Disabilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".

A Bill "An Act To Establish the Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society of Industrial Accountants Of Newfoundland".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The debate on the Address In Reply was commenced.

The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Conception Bay South, moved the following amendment: That all words after "that" be deleted and replaced with the following;

"This House condemns the failure of the Ministry to prepare and to present to the House measures adequate to deal with the problems confronting Newfoundland and Labrador today, and demands that the Ministry forthwith take all measures possible within their constitutional authority to alleviate these problems.

The Amendment was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 8th at three of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, February 8th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement respecting his intention to appoint a Commissioner under the Industrial Accidents Inquiries Act to investigate three recent industrial accidents causing death at Labrador City.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a Statement re a Job Creation Program.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port presented a Petition from residents of Kippins re water and sewerage facilities.

The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition presented a Petition from residents of Goose Cove re roads.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following documents:

1. Orders and Regulations, Department of Finance, January 31/76 to February 8/77.
2. Public Accounts for the Year Ended March 31/76 Province of Newfoundland.
3. Report of The Auditor General To The House Of Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 1976.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Number of trailer courts are continually increasing throughout the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS many tenants occupying these trailer courts are greatly dissatisfied;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a debate be held involving every phase of mobile homes, especially in the field of insurance and the collection of commissions by trailer park owners when a person decides to move from the trailer court and thus places his trailer on the market.

The Honourable the Member for Exploits gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recently concluded an agreement with the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island providing for a 25%-75% division of revenues from oil and gas discoveries off the coasts of these respective Provinces;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has used tactics of pressure in an attempt to force the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to accede to this same formula for division of offshore oil and gas revenues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House reaffirms its commitment to the principle that 100% of the revenues from offshore oil and gas should be paid to the Government and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador in order to retain that which is ours;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House views with disdain the Government of Canada's attempt to obtain a percentage of the revenues from oil and gas discoveries off the coast of this Province which in the opinion of this House is the rightful heritage of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House reaffirms its support of the efforts by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to retain full administrative control over the development of offshore oil and gas in the waters off our coasts.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the Annual Report 1976 of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation.

The debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply was continued.

The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition moved that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the Motion: The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, Mr. Hodder, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Canning, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Simmons, Mr. White, Honourable J. R. Smallwood, Mr. Lush, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Captain Winsor, Mr. Rowe, Mr. MacNeil, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Neary.

Against: The Honourable the Premier, The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, The Honourable the Minister of Health, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Rural & Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy, The Honourable the Minister of Justice, The Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable Dr. T. C. Farrell, The Honourable the Minister of Manpower & Industrial Relations, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Dr. Collins, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Dr. Winsor, Mr. Marshall,

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion lost.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9th at three of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, February 9th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from fishermen in Chance Cove, Trinity Bay, re compensation benefits for fishermen.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice tabled the following Regulations:

1. Index to The Legal Aid Regulations, 1976.
2. Paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 of The Private Investigators Security Guards (No. 2) Regulations, 1974.
3. The Summary Jurisdiction (Traffic Ticket) (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.
4. The Securities (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.
5. The Motor Carrier Regulations, 1976.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was debated:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House is gravely concerned with the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, and, realizing that this has the most serious implications for the future of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and study all matters pertaining to the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, to consider the reports and recommendations that have been submitted to Government in recent years, and to receive briefs and other representations from Municipal Councils, Native Associations and from individuals, agencies and groups representing the people of Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee report to the House of Assembly its findings and recommendations with respect to Labrador, including measures which can be taken to improve and ameliorate the role played by the people of Labrador within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout the Province, and that it will be directed to sit in sufficient places in Labrador so as to enable any of the residents of Labrador to appear before it if they so wish without incurring expense or inconvenience.

The debate on the Resolution was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, February 10th at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, February 10th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement expressing condolences to the family of the late Magistrate James J. D. Smith.

The Honourable the Minister of Rural & Industrial Development made a Statement re the saw mill industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made two Statements; one concerning construction of facilities for the fishery and one concerning the operation of side trawlers and tabled correspondence relating to same.

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte-White Bay presented a Petition from Pacquet re water and sewerage facilities.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment tabled the following Regulations:

1. The Mortgage Brokers Regulations (No. 1) 1976.
2. The Conditional Sales Regulations, 1976.
3. The Bills of Sale Regulations, 1976.
4. Subsection (5) of Section 5 of The Automobile Dealers Regulations, 1975.
5. Subsection (4) of Section 5 of The Collection Agencies Regulations, 1974.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services made a Statement re Job Creation Projects approved by Cabinet.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawke's Bay, And To Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Evidence (Mechanical Recording) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities (Pension) Act, 1974.

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Education Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland"

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".

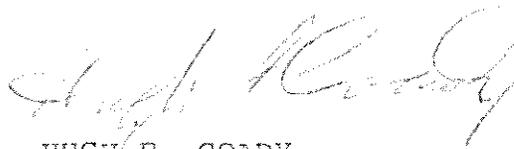
The debate on the Amendment To The Address In Reply proposed by the Honourable the Leader Of The Opposition was continued.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

In debate on the Motion, the Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy tabled a paper relating to The Involvement of the Mines Inspection Section at the Operations of Advocate Mines Limited, Baie Verte.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, February 11th at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, February 11th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re the Fisheries Loan Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Manpower & Industrial Relations announced the appointment of Judge R. Bartlett as an Industrial Enquiry Commission to investigate employment problems in the Labrador City-Wabush area.

The Honourable the Minister of Health tabled the following:

1. The Annual Report of The Newfoundland Medical Care Commission (Section 37 of Act refers).
2. Amendments dated December 7, 1976 to The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance (Beneficiaries and Enquiries) Regulations. (Section 46 of Act refers).
3. Amendments dated January 7, 1977 to The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance (Insured Services) Regulations. (Section 46 of the Act refers).
4. Amendments dated July 30, 1976 to The Mental Health Regulations. (Section 24 of the Act refers.)

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following:

1. Special Warrant (1976-77) relating to Rural Development Authority Loans - Capital).
2. Statement of all temporary and guaranteed loans made under section 51, Para. 3 and Section 45 (2) of The Financial Administration Act.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures Of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawke's Bay And To Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Evidence (Mechanical Recording) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities (Pension) Act, 1974".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Education Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Fogo, moved the following Sub-amendment: That the following words be added to the Amendment - "And the House regrets that which hath been done hath been done poorly and that which hath not been done hath brought sorrow to every corner of this land."

The sub-amendment was debated.

During the course of the debate, The Honourable the Member for LaPoile tabled correspondence relating to denturists.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, February 14th at three of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, February 14th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement re the appointment of Judge Vincent P. McCarthy to carry out an inquiry into the three industrial fatalities at Labrador City and also the appointment of Judge McCarthy to inquire into all matters affecting safety and health at the operations of Iron Ore Company of Canada at Labrador City.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands presented a Petition from residents of Johns Beach re water supply.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment tabled the Trust and Loan Companies (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to The Address In Reply, moved by the Honourable the Member for Lapoile, was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 15th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, February 15, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled a list of projects under the Government's Job Creation Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy made a Statement re Federal Government assistance relating to energy costs.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the raising of a Bond Issue.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of Cow Head and St. Paul's re the catching of rabbits in the Gros Morne National Park.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands presented a Petition from residents of Corner Brook re the application of the Landlord and Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act to mobile home owners.

The Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans presented a Petition from Come-by-Chance residents re water and sewerage facilities and the freeze on Crown Land.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to The Address In Reply, moved by the Honourable the Member for LaPoile, was continued.

During the course of the debate, the Honourable the Member for LaPoile tabled documents relating to conveyancing and trade practices reviewable by the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.

The debate on the Sub-amendment was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 16th at three of the clock.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, February 16th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture made a Statement re projects to be carried out by his Department under the Provincial Job Creation Program.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented Petitions from various communities in his District re roads.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, February 17th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, February 17th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism rose to a Point of Personal Privilege regarding an item in the St. John's Daily News of February 17, 1977.

The Honourable the Member for Exploits presented a Petition from residents of Leading Tickles re road.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from residents of Little Hearts Ease re artesian wells.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy tabled the Audited Financial Statements and a report of the work of the Newfoundland and Labrador Rural Electricity Authority for the year ending March 31, 1976.

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works and Services tabled two lists providing information pursuant to Section 4 of the Public Tender Act No. 68 of 1974.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was continued.

Mr. John Carter rose to a Point of Order regarding the length of time an honourable member moving a Sub-amendment could speak.

Mr. Speaker ruled that such Honourable Member had unlimited time.

The debate on the aforesaid Sub-amendment was continued.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by honourable members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, February 18th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, February 18th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment, seconded by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, moved that the House express its congratulations to Mr. Geoffrey Carnell on his appointment as Judge of the Citizenship Court, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo presented a Petition from residents of Island Harbour and Deep Bay re road.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was continued.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Sub-amendment was defeated.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy moved the following Motion:

"That the House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, February 21st 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice expressed the sympathy of the House to the relatives of the three members of the Canadian Armed Forces who died in a helicopter crash on February 17th 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement announcing the appointment of Mr. Justice James R. Gushue to the position of Commissioner to inquire into the Chafe Nursing Home fire, replacing Mr. Justice H. B. Morgan.

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College".

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation of Consumer Reporting Agencies".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Evidence (Mechanical Recording) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Collection Agencies Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment Of Wages Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society Of Industrial Accountants Of Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities (Pension) Act, 1974".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of The Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed with amendment the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".

The said amendment having been read a first and second time on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities (Pension) Act, 1974".

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society Of Industrial Accountants Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment Of Wages Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Collection Agencies Act, 1973".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply proposed by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 22nd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, February 22, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re the success of their 1976 program for the fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a Statement re a Livestock Insurance Program.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of various communities in the Straits of Belle Isle re roads.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of 13 communities in that district re roads.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing tabled the Annual Report of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation For The Year Ended March 31, 1975.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Consumer Reporting Agencies".

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Collection Agencies Act, 1973".

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment Of Wages Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society Of Industrial Accountants Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Evidence (Mechanical Recording) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Landlord And Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities (Pension) Act, 1974".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Education Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial Universith Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of The Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act", with some amendment.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Education Act".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Education Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May It Please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province have at its present session passed certain Bills to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Collection Agencies Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Direct Sellers Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Consumer Protection Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Petty Trespass Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Attachment Of Wages Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statutes Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Change The Corporate Name Of The Society Of Industrial Accountants Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Education Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Evidence (Mechanical Recording) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Landlord and Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Public Utilities Act, 1974".

His Honour then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Thank Her Loyal Subjects, I Accept Their Benevolence and I Assent To These Bills".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Assembly Chamber.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 23rd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, February 23rd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate rose to a Point of Personal Privilege regarding statements made by the Honourable the Member for St. John's East on the CBC program Here and Now televised on Tuesday, February 22, 1977.

The Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, moved congratulations to Prime Minister Trudeau on his speech to the United States Congress, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, moved congratulations to Miss Edith Manuel on the occasion of her being selected as St. John's Citizen of The Year, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a Statement re the completion of a draft Bill entitled, "The Mineral Holdings Impost Bill", and tabled the draft copy.

The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition presented a Petition from residents of the St. Barbe Coast re road.

The Honourable the Member for Naskaupi presented a Petition from residents of Mud Lake re proposed national park.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture tabled the following:

1. The Financial Statement and report of the Farm Development Loan Board for the financial year April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975.
2. The Balance Sheet of The Farm Development Loan Board as at 31 March 1976.

3. The Livestock Insurance Regulations, 1976.
4. Blueberry Regulations.
5. The Livestock (Health) Amendment Regulations 1976.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was debated:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House is gravely concerned with the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, and, realizing that this has the most serious implications for the future of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and study all matters pertaining to the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, to consider the reports and recommendations that have been submitted to Government in recent years, and to receive briefs and other representations from Municipal Councils, Native Associations and from individuals, agencies and groups representing the people of Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee report to the House of Assembly its findings and recommendations with respect to Labrador, including measures which can be taken to improve and ameliorate the role played by the people of Labrador within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout the Province and that it be directed to sit in sufficient places in Labrador so as to enable any of the residents of Labrador to appear before it if they so wish without incurring expense or inconvenience.

The debate on the Resolution was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, February 24th at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, February 24th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East rose on a point of Personal Privilege concerning an item in the St. John's Evening Telegram of today's date.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice announced the appointments of George Macaulay, Esq., Q.C. to the position of Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, and Keith Mercer, Esq. as Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice and Assistant Deputy Attorney General.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River presented a Petition from residents of St. Lewis (Fox Harbour) re road.

The Honourable the Member for Terra Nova presented a Petition from various communities in his district re road.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from Butter Cove re Artesian Wells.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply, moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, was continued.

At five-thirty of the clock , pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, February 25th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, February 25th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Carbonear presented a Petition from residents of Freshwater re artesian well.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company To Become A Federal Corporation".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadian Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Government (Elections) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment To The Address In Reply, moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That the House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker after consultation with the Government that the public

interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, February 28th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir rose to a Point of Personal Privilege re a Statement made in the House by the Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir rose to a Question of Privilege of the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Point of Privilege was not in order.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of Isle aux Morts re the utilization of the fish plant.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company Limited To Become A Federal Corporation".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadain Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government (Elections) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Minister of Finance made an Announcement re the raising of a bond issue by way of debentures from the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Speaker gave his Ruling on the Question of Privilege which he had reserved previously in the Sitting.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1st at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 1st 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement re the raising of a bond issue with the Province of Alberta which was announced on yesterday by the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism tabled the Tourist Establishments Regulations, 1976.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment To The Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2nd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 2nd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment made a Statement re the Newfoundland Automobile Insurance Board and the appointment of a committee to study all aspects of insurance.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment tabled the First Annual Report of The Newfoundland Automobile Insurance Board.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was debated:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House is gravely concerned with the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, and, realizing that this has the most serious implications for the future of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and study all matters pertaining to the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, to consider the reports and recommendations that have been submitted to Government in recent years, and to receive briefs and other representations from Municipal Councils, Native Associations, and from individuals, agencies and groups representing the people of Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee report to the House of Assembly its findings and recommendations with respect to Labrador, including measures which can be taken to improve and ameliorate the role played by the people of Labrador within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout the Province, and that it be directed to sit in sufficient places in Labrador so as to enable any of the residents of Labrador to appear before it if they so wish without incurring expense or inconvenience.

The debate on the Resolution was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, March 3rd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, March 3rd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing made a Statement re recent increases in the price of petroleum products.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made two Statements; one concerning a Visitors Committee for the Canada Summer Games and one re Hunting Licenses.

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".

The debate on the Amendment to The Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition was continued.

The Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans, seconded by the Honourable the Member for St. George's, moved the following Sub-Amendment: That the following words be added to the Amendment, "And this House further regrets the action of the Ministry in agreeing to borrow without prior approval of the House the sum of \$50 million in excess of the amount needed to defray the expenditures approved by the Legislature in respect of the financial year which ends on 31 March 1977".

The Sub-amendment was debated.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried and it was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 4th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, March 4th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

On a Point of Order, Mr. Speaker ruled that the Sub-amendment proposed by the Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans be stated in the following form:

"And this House further regrets the action of the Ministry in agreeing to borrow the sum of \$50 million without providing prior opportunity for debate in the House."

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's Centre, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Conception Bay South, moved that Mr. Speaker convey the congratulations of the House to the St. John's Regatta Committee on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the annual St. John's Regatta, which motion was unanimously carried.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans was continued.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile tabled documents relating to the administration of funds for the Health Science Complex in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That the House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker,

after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, March 7th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Industrial and Rural Development, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others".

The debate on the Sub-amendment moved by the Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans was continued.

Mr. Speaker put the question.

The Sub-amendment was lost on division.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the Financial Statements, dated March 31, 1976 of the Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that he had received a Certificate signed by Arthur S. Mifflin, Chief Justice of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and John W. Mahoney, Judge of the Trial Division of The Supreme Court of Newfoundland, which certified that the Bye-Election in the electoral district of Ferryland on June 30, 1976 was void and in accordance with relevant legislation he had addressed his Warrant to the Clerk of the Executive Council to the following effects: "That all necessary proceedings for altering the return of the Bye-Election in the electoral district of Ferryland be undertaken and that there be undertaken as well the necessary measures for the issuing of a Writ for a new election in the said district".

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 8th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

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Tuesday, March 8th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re the proposed acquisition of land at Sandringham for use as a golf course.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands presented a Petition from Cox's Cove re an ice plant for the arena.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled Summary of Special Warrants. (Issued March 4, 1977).

During the Oral Question Period the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled copies of correspondence between himself and Mr. J. K. Bell, Secretary Treasure, Marine Workers Federation, Halifax.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others".

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, was continued.

The Honourable the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde tabled a letter addressed to the Premier and signed by himself.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 9th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 9th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the status of the strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Member for Lewisporte presented a Petition from Comfort Cove-Newstead re road.

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte-White Bay presented a Petition from residents of Fleur-de-Lys/Coachman's Cove re road.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".

The Honourable the Member for Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Manpower & Industrial Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills"

A Bill "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province".

A Bill "An Act To Style The Department Of Manpower And Industrial Relations Act As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Wind Up The Permanent Marine Disaster Fund".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution moved by the Honourable the Member for Eagle River was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr, Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, March 10th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, March 10th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re a Domestic Travel Survey.

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works and Services made a Statement re the Report of the Auditor General as it relates to his department.

The Honourable the Member for Conception Bay South presented a Petition from residents of St. Phillips re a well.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend the Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act".

A Bill "An Act To Style The Department of Manpower And Industrial Relations Act As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Wind Up The Permanent Marine Disasters Fund".

A Bill "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The debate on the Amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition was continued.

The Honourable the Member for Stephenville, seconded by the Honourable the Member for St. George's moved that the Amendment be altered by adding the following:

"And specifically demands that the Government forthwith set up a Royal Commission to enquire into and report upon all the circumstances surrounding the donation of \$52,500 made to the Progressive Conservative Party by the firm of Scrivener Projects (Newfoundland) Limited, such Commission to have all the powers that may be conferred upon Commissioners under the Public Enquiries Act, Chapter 314 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970".

The debate on the Sub-Amendment was commenced and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 11th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, March 11th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re the seal fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a Statement re the spruce budworm problem.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for Stephenville was continued.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile tabled copies of documents relating to the administration of funds for the Health Science Complex in St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That the House adjourn until Tuesday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 15th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's Centre, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Twillingate, made mention of the death of Mr. Leonard Walsh, former Public Servant and most recent Hansard Historian in the House of Assembly, and expressed the sympathy of the House to his family.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made three Statements as follows:

1. The upcoming conference on the fishery.
2. The Fish Plant fire at Burnt Islands.
3. A meeting held at St. Anthony dealing with the seal hunt.

The Honourable the Member for Burin-Placentia presented a Petition from residents of Baine Harbour and Boat Harbour West re road.

The Honourable the Member for Bonavista North presented a Petition from residents of Dover re educational facilities.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Lewisporte, moved the following Motion:

"That this House unanimously condemn the actions and insulting statements of one Brian Davies and others who are engaged in attempting to destroy the Newfoundland sealing industry AND FURTHER move that the Honourable House reaffirm its support of the sealing industry and extend our best wishes to our fellow Newfoundlanders who are presently engaged in the seal hunt".

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend the Legislative Disabilities Act", was debated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legislative Disabilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadian Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".

A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company Limited To Become A Federal Corporation".

A Bill "An Act To Style The Department Of Manpower And Industrial Relations Act As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Consumer Reporting Agencies".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act".

On motion and by leave of the House it was ordered that the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Legislative Disabilities Act", with some amendment.

The said amendments having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 16th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 16, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate presented a Petition from residents of Hillgrade re the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Legislative Disabilities Act", was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Style The Department of Manpower And Industrial Relations Act As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Unconscionable Transactions Act".

The said amendments were read a first and second time.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered other matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Registration and Regulation Of Consumer Reporting Agencies".
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company Limited To Become A Federal Corporation".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadian Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".

On motion the report of the committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Consumer Reporting Agencies".
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company Limited To Become A Federal Corporation".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadian Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Style The Department Of Manpower And Industrial Relations Act As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures Of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawke's Bay, And To Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute of Newfoundland", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, March 17th at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, March 17, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement re a visit by officials of the European Economic Commission.

The Honourable the Member for Lewisporte presented a Petition from residents of Norris Arm re paving of road, warning lights on railway crossing and slow lanes on the Trans Canada Highway at the Norris Arm turn-off.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of English Harbour East re road.

The Honourable the Member for Carbonear presented a Petition from residents of Freshwater re wharf.

Pursuant to order and on motion the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute of Newfoundland", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31 certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That the House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, March 21, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries tabled a copy of a telex which he sent to the Honourable Romeo LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Government of Canada, dealing with the concern of the inshore fishermen over conservation measures which have been put into effect and with particular reference to northern cod.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 22nd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 22nd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of Harbour-Mille and Little Bay East re road.

The Honourable the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde presented a Petition from residents of New Harbour re water system.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port presented a Petition from residents of Port au Port and Bay St. George re the preservation of the herring fishery.

The Honourable the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations tabled a report containing the following:

Labour Relations Act.  
Public Service (Collective Bargaining) Act.  
Newfoundland Teacher (Collective Bargaining) Act.  
Report of Newfoundland Labour Relations Board for the year 1976.  
Report of the Minimum Wage Board for the year 1976.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition rose to a question of Privilege of the House.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision as to whether a prima facie case had been presented.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute of Newfoundland", was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of The Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Mr. Speaker ruled in relation to a Point of Privilege of the House moved previously in the sitting by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition that a prima facie case had been presented.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir, moved the following Motion:

"That the matter of the allegation that A.B. Walsh Electrical Limited purchased and caused to be delivered to the Premier a television set worth in excess of \$1,000 be referred to the Committee on Privileges so that the Committee may investigate the allegation and report with respect thereto, with the Committee having the power to send for documents and persons and to examine them under oath".

The Motion was debated.

The Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Justice, moved the following Amendment:

"That all the words in the Motion after the first word 'that' be deleted and that the following words be substituted therefore".

That this House asks the Government of this Province at the earliest possible time to appoint a Commissioner under the provisions of the Public Enquiries Act to enquire into the matter of the allegation that A.B. Walsh Electrical Limited purchased and caused to be delivered to the Honourable the Premier a television set alleged to be worth

in excess of \$1,000 and to enquire whether the Honourable the Premier paid for such television set and that such Commissioner be a Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland (either the Court of Appeal or the Trial Division) or a District Court Judge and that such Commissioner deliver his report and findings to this Honourable House at the earliest possible date.

The Amendment was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the Amendment. The Amendment was carried.

Mr. Speaker put the Motion as amended. The Motion as amended was carried.

The debate on second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act", was continued.

During the debate the Honourable the Member for Port au Port tabled correspondence between Mr. A. Baker of Newfoundland Maritime Fish Products and Mr. G. C. Slade, Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23rd at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 23rd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde presented a Petition from residents of Green's Harbour re road from New Harbour to Spaniard's Bay.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of St. Jacques and Coombs Cove re telephone service.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, March 24th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, March 24th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of St. John's and metropolitan area re the strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir presented a Petition from residents of St. John's and metropolitan area re the strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Premier made a Statement re the seal hunt fishery and tabled a telegram which he sent to Senator Edward Kennedy, United States Senate, relating to same.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 25th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

Friday, March 25, 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications made a Statement re Motor Registration.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice announced the appointment of a Commission of Enquiry re certain statements made in the House of Assembly and tabled a copy of the Commission.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Wind Up The Permanent Marine Disasters Fund".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, tabled Summary of Special Warrants issued March 23, 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That this House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.  
On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, March 28th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, made a Statement re the Strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of Fox Roost - Margaree re postal services.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry Materials Act, 1976".

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendment:

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

The said amendments having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Wind Up The Permanent Marine Disasters Fund".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Establishment And Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Wind Up The Permanent Marine Disasters Fund".

On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government (Elections) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".

On motion and by leave to the House it was ordered that the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government (Elections) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 29th, at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 29th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a Statement re offshore oil exploration.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River presented two Petitions; one from residents various communities in Newfoundland re the strike at Waterford Hospital and one from residents of Paradise River re television reception.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry Materials Act, 1976".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Message was read to the House by Mr. Speaker as follows:

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the 31st March, 1978, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Act of 1867, as amended, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

March 25, 1977

Sgd. Gordon A. Winter  
Lieutenant-Governor

AND WHEREAS it is essential that the final facts about joint ventures be made public and that the implications thereof be fully examined;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in order to give effect to these purposes a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the proposals with respect to joint ventures, to examine their implications and effects with respect to the fishery of Newfoundland and Labrador and to report thereon;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee have power to sit in and out of Session, to send for papers and other documents, and generally to exercise the powers which may be conferred upon Commissioners under the Public Enquiries Act, Chapter 314 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the great urgency of this question the Committee be directed to submit an initial report within thirty days of its appointment and a further and final report within ninety days of its appointment.

The aforesaid Resolution was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 30th at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 30, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of Terrenceville re upgrading and paving of roads.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Eagle River was debated.

BE IT RESOLVED that this House is gravely concerned with the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador and realizing that this has the most serious implications for the future of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and study all matters pertaining to the state and sentiment of public opinion in Labrador, to consider the reports and recommendations that have been submitted to Government in recent years, and to receive briefs and other representations from Municipal Councils, Native Associations and from individuals, agencies and groups representing the people of Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee report to the House of Assembly its findings and recommendations with respect to Labrador, including measures which can be taken to improve and ameliorate the role played by the people of Labrador within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout the Province, and that it be directed to sit in sufficient places in Labrador so as to enable any of the residents of Labrador to appear before it if they so wish without incurring expense or inconvenience.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the Motion:

The Honourable the Leader of The Opposition, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Simmons, Mr. White, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Jack Winsor, Mr. Neary.

Against: The Honourable the Premier, The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, The Honourable the Minister of Health, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Wells, Mr. Neil Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. John Carter, Dr. Ramon Winsor, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion lost.

By leave of the House Motion No. 4 on the Order Paper standing in the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition was withdrawn and Motion No. 2 standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was amended to read as follows:

WHEREAS joint ventures with foreign nations could become a way of economic life to the point of forcing Newfoundland fishermen off the very high seas to which the 200 mile management zone finally gives Canada title; and

AND WHEREAS the reason advanced for allocating part of our quota to foreign fleets is that the ships and equipment of foreign nations are so much better than ours;

AND WHEREAS there has been considerable discussion of the desirability and feasibility of "Joint Ventures" being arrangements entered into by fishery enterprises based in this Province on the one hand and foreign fishing interests on the other;

AND WHEREAS there is a considerable measure of disagreement about the desirability and the feasibility of such joint ventures;

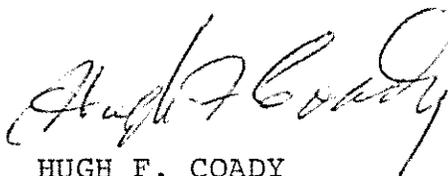
On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply to consider certain Resolutions for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 31st at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, March 31, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re the extension of the caribou hunting season for residents of Labrador.

The Honourable the Member for Stephenville presented a Petition from residents of Stephenville re increase in rent to tenants of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir presented a Petition from residents of St. Alban's re unemployment.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

The said Resolution having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said Resolution was agreed to.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending the Thirty-First Day of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service," was introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

On motion it was ordered that the said Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, April 1st at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hugh F. Coady".

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, April 1st 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement re the Government's Job Creation Program.

Pursuant to order and on motion the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others", was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following motion:

"That this House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, April 4th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Lewisporte presented a Petition from residents of Stoneville re road.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River presented a Petition from residents of Cartwright re road.

The Honourable the Minister of Industrial and Rural Development gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Rural Development Act, 1973".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the House into a Committee to consider of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to move the House into a Committee of Ways and Means to consider the raising of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others", was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole the consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College", with some amendment.

The said Amendments were read a first and second time.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify Confirm and Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others".

On motion the report of the Committee was recieved and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 5th at three of the clock.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hugh F. Coady".

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, April 5th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health made a Statement re a meeting with the Burin Peninsula Hospital Committee concerning the proposed hospital for that area.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re the allocation of caribou and moose hunting licenses.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port presented a Petition from residents of Mainland and Three Rock Cove re road.

The Honourable the Member for Exploits presented a Petition from residents of Wooddale re road.

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte-White Bay presented a Petition from residents of Westport re electrical bills.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry Materials Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures Of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawke's Bay, And To Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment.

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry Materials Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures Of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawkes Bay, And to Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry Materials Act, 1976"

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures of Mortgage Relating to A Mill At Hawke's Bay, And to Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieuteant-Governor took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her faithful Commons in Newfoundland to present to Your Honour a Bill for the appropriation of Interim Supply granted in the present Session".

Whereupon the Clerk read the Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service for The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and Assent to this Bill".

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province have at its present session passed certain Bills to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legislative Disabilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland Statistics Agency".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt Two Indentures Of Mortgage Relating To A Mill At Hawke's Bay, And To Make Provision Respecting Matters Connected Therewith".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Establishment and Operation Of The Polytechnical Institute Of Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Consumer Reporting Agencies".

- A Bill "An Act To Establish The Bay St. George Community College".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Land Development Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Enable The Bennett Brewing Company Limited To Become A Federal Corporation".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Canadian Javelin Limited (Acquisition Of Crown Lands) Act, 1970".
- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt A Certain Agreement Entered Into Between The Government And Burgeo Fish Industries Limited And Others".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government (Elections) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Real Estate Trading Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance (Agreement) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Style The Department Of Manpower and Industrial Relations As The Department Of Labour And Manpower".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975".
- A Bill "An Act To Wind Up the Permanent Marine Disaster Fund".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Quarry materials Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Timber Scalers".

His Honour then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Assent to these Bills".

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That this House adjourn until Monday, April 18th at three of the clock provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, April 18, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the strike at Waterford Hospital.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from residents of Hillview, Hatchet Cove and St. Jones Within re road.

The Honourable the Member for Bay of Islands presented a Petition from residents of Meadows re road.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from residents of Garden Cove re the closing of liquor establishments on Sunday.

The debate on the Sub-amendment to the Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for Stephenville was continued and concluded.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the Motion: Mr. Nolan, Mr. Lush, Mr. Callan, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Jack Winsor, Mr. Neary.

Against: The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy, The Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dawe.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion lost.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the Amendment to the Address In Reply proposed by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

The Motion was lost.

The debate on the Address In Reply was continued, and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, April 19th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement re Exon House.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing made a Statement re the quarry permit dispute at Norris Arm.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo presented a Petition from residents of Musgrave Harbour re water and sewerage facilities.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976".

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transportation And Communications Act, 1973".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment Holding Companies Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on The Address In Reply was continued.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate moved that The Address In Reply be amended by adding the following words:

"And urges your Honour's Ministers to introduce legislation designed to purify elections of Members to the House by putting severe limitations on the amount of money that any political party or candidate, or any person or organization in their behalf, may spend; by requiring that detailed reports of all expenditures be made to the Public Authority by all who spend or receive such money; that no person, corporation or organization of any kind be permitted to contribute any money or money's worth to a party, candidate, agent, canvasser or any other person or organization in their behalf at any time; that all lawful and proper expenses of parties, candidates or their authorized agents or representatives be paid out of the public funds of the Province."

The Amendment was debated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The debate on the Amendment was continued and at eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 20th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, April 20, 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re Big Game Licencing for 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services tabled the following Regulations:

Day Care And Homemaker Services Regulations, 1976.  
The Day Care And Homemaker Services (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.  
The Child Welfare Regulations, 1976.

Purusant to order and on motion the following Resolution was debated:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in order to give effect to these purposes a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the proposals with respect to joint ventures to examine their implications and effects with respect to the fishery of Newfoundland and Labrador and to report thereon;

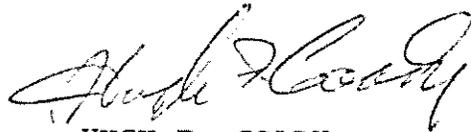
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee have power to sit in and out of Session, to send for papers and other documents and generally to exercise the powers which may be conferred upon Commissioners under the Public Enquiries Act, Chapter 314 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the great urgency of this question the Committee be directed to submit an initial report within thirty days of its appointment, and a further and final report within ninety days of its appointment.

The debate on the Resolution was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, April 21st at three of the clock.



HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, April 21st 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the strike at Waterford Hospital, the escape and subsequent death of a patient of the hospital and the institution of a Magisterial Inquiry.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo presented a Petition from Carmenville re school construction.

The Honourable the Member for St. George's presented a Petition from residents of Robinson's re school construction.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transportation And Communications Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment Holding Companies Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Amendment to The Address In Reply moved by the Honourable the Member for Twillingate was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided. There appeared in favour of the Motion: Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Callan, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Captain Winsor, Mr. Rowe, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Neary.

Against: The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, The Honourable the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, the Honourable the Minister of Education, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion lost.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

On motion the debate was adjourned.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 3], certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 3], Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was debated and Mr. Speaker left the Chair until eight of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

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

It was moved and seconded that the House adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, April 22nd, at 10 a.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, April 22nd 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re the price of lobster in Newfoundland and tabled a copy of a telex which he sent to several companies associated with the fishery.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Address In Reply was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved the following Motion:

"That this House adjourn until Tuesday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, April 26th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of Parsons Pond re power transmission lines.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir presented a Petition from residents of Conne River and Burnt Woods re road.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on The Address In Reply was continued.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The debate on the Address In Reply was continued.

On motion it was ordered that the House do not adjourn at eleven of the clock.

The Honourable the Member for Eagle River moved the following Amendment to The Address In Reply:

To delete all the words after "that" and replace them with the following:

"This House regrets the failure of the Ministry to develop the natural and physical resources of this Province for the benefit of the people of the Province".

At three minutes past the hour of eleven the Speaker's attention was drawn to the fact that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Speaker instructed the Clerk of the House to count the House whereupon no quorum being present the House was adjourned until three of the clock tomorrow, Wednesday, April 27th.

At the time of adjournment the following Members of the House were present:

Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Canning, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Rowe, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Lush, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Hodder.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, April 27th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

By Leave of the House the Honourable the Member for Terra Nova, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved that a telegram be sent to the St. John's Blue Caps Hockey Team congratulating them on the occasion of their recent hockey tournament in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

The Honourable the Member for Naskaupi presented a Petition from residents of various communities in Labrador re future use of the former Paddon Memorial Hospital at Happy Valley.

The Honourable the Member for Baie Verte-White Bay presented a Petition from residents of that area re television service.

The Honourable the Member for Port de Grave presented a Petition from residents of Hallstown re road.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate presented a Petition from residents of Tizzard's Harbour re the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Sabbath Day.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port presented a Petition from residents of Lourdes, Winter Houses and Black Duck re road.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications tabled the following Regulations:

The Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing) Regulations, 1976.

The Motorized Snow Vehicles And All-Terrain Vehicles Regulations, 1976.

The Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles (No. 1) Regulations, 1976.

The Highway Traffic (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1976.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice tabled the following Reports:

Amendment to The Annual Report of 1975 To The Honourable Gordon A. Winter, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland As Required By The Criminal Code Of Canada, Section 178.22 (Protection Of Privacy Act).

The Annual Report to The Honourable Gordon A. Winter, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland As Required By The Criminal Code Of Canada, Section 178.22 (Protection Of Privacy Act).

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works and Services tabled The C. A. Pippy Park Commission Annual Report, 1975-76.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, April 28th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, April 28th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means and in doing so delivered the Budget Speech.

On motion it was ordered that the debate on the aforesaid Motion be adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland. The Message was read to the House by Mr. Speaker as follows:

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the 31st. March, 1978, in the aggregate of One Billion Twenty Million, Three Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,020,319,500) and, in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Act of 1867, as amended, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

(Sgd.)

R. S. FURLONG  
Administrator

28th April 1977

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance it was ordered that the Message, together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the imposition of a tax on the income of individuals.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the imposition of a tax on retail sales.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the imposition of a tax on tobacco.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the imposition of a tax on insurance premiums.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 2nd at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, May 2nd 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Bellevue presented a Petition from residents of St. Jones Within, Hatchet Cove and Hillview re road.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay D'Espoir presented a Petition from residents of Joseph's Cove re road.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following reports:

Preliminary Report of The Advisory Board to Labrador Linerboard Ltd.  
April 25, 1977;

Information Memorandum, Labrador Linerboard Ltd. Stephenville, Nfld. Canada.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed without amendment the following items of expenditure;

I Consolidated Fund Services  
II Legislative  
IV Finance

and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 3rd at three of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 3rd 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Burin-Placentia presented a Petition from residents of Marystown re a proposed increase in rent by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975."

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Labrador Linerboard Limited, a Crown Company, has operated the Linerboard Mill at Stephenville since 1973 pursuant to The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972;

AND WHEREAS Labrador Linerboard Limited has suffered serious financial losses in each year of operation, which loss in 1976/77 amounted to Forty Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$40,900,000.00);

AND WHEREAS a review of the marketing and financial outlook of the Company made by the Province and an Advisory Board of experienced businessmen has concluded that further substantial financial losses would be incurred in future years of operation;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to phase out the operations of the Linerboard Mill at Stephenville;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House debate the closing of the Linerboard Mill so that Government may have the opinions and assistance of Honourable Members in its efforts to assist all persons involved in the operations of the Linerboard Mill.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the Termination and Completion Bonus Arrangement Contingency Plan for the Labrador Linerboard Mill.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

III - Executive Council, all items without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Upon the announcement by Mr. Speaker that it was six of the clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy moved that when the House rises on tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4th, it adjourn until Thursday, May 5th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

X - Health, all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Motion proposed by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy relating to the time of sitting of the House on Thursday was in order.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile moved the following Amendment:

To remove all the words after that and substitute therefore the following - "The House meet on Thursday next from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m."

The Amendment was debated.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 4th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a Statement re government's plan for the spruce budworm program.

Upon motion of the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy Mr. Speaker put the following Motion:

That the House adopt the following amendments to the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly, said amendments to be in force provisionally for the remainder of this Session of the House:

1. Standing Order 2 is repealed and the following substituted:

"2 - (1) The time for the sittings of the House are as follows:

Monday	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
	8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuesday (As above)

Wednesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday (As Monday)

Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(2) If a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes following the opening of a sitting of the House, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day.

(3) When the House rises on Friday it stands adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday".

2. The following added after Standing Order 116:

"117 - (1) The Seventy-five hours allocated to Committee of Supply under Standing Order 116 shall be allocated to the estimates of the departments in the following manner:

HEAD NO.	SUBJECT MATTER	HOURS ALLOCATED
I	Consolidated Fund Services	1
II	Legislative	1
III	Executive Council	2
IV	Finance	2
V	Labour and Manpower	4
VI	Education	5
VII	Justice	3
VIII	Social Services	4
IX	Rehabilitation & Recreation	4
X	Health	4
XI	Mines and Energy	6
XII	Forestry & Agriculture	4
XIII	Tourism	3
XIV	Fisheries	6
XV	Industrial Development	4
XVI	Rural Development	4
XVII	Transportation & Communications	5
XVIII	Public Works & Services	4
XIX	Municipal Affairs & Housing	5
XX	Consumer Affairs & Environment	2

(2) With the exception of the Estimates of the Department of Mines and Energy and the Department of Fisheries, at the conclusion of the time allocated under Standing Order 117 (1) for each department, or at an earlier time if no member indicates he wishes to speak, the Chairman of the Committee of Supply shall put all questions necessary to carry the estimates for that department and such questions are not debatable.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 117(1), if the Estimates of all departments with the exception of those of the Department of Mines and Energy and the Department of Fisheries have been carried by the Committee of Supply prior to the expiration of seventy-five hours, the time then remaining shall be allocated equally to those departments and the provisions of Standing Order 117(2) shall then apply.

118. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 49 no member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time during Committee of Supply".

The House divided. There appeared in favour of the Motion:

The Honourable the Premier, the Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, The Honourable the Minister of Health, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs & Environment, The Honourable the Minister of Rural & Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, The Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Dr. Collins, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. John Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Dr. Winsor, Mr. Marshall, The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Canning, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Simmons, The Honourable Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Lush Mr. Moores, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Jack Winsor, Mr. Neary.

Against: Nil.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment made a Statement re government's plan for the spruce budworm program.

The following Members presented Petitions from various districts throughout Newfoundland re the escalating cost of electricity: The Honourable the Member for Burin-Placentia, The Honourable the Member for St. Mary's-the-Capes, The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir, The Honourable the Member for Placentia, The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage, The Honourable the Member for LaPoile.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro (Loan And Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, May 5th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, May 5th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Loan and Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975", was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

At one of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at three of the clock.

Pursuant to order and by leave the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro (Loan and Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975" was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Bill:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro (Loan and Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975" without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Loan and Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975" was read a third time and passed and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Administrator had arrived.

His Honour the Administrator took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May It Please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province have at its present session passed a certain Bill to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro (Loan and Guarantee Limitation) Act, 1975".

His Honour then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I assent to this Bill".

His Honour the Administrator then left the Assembly Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

IX - Rehabilitation and Recreation, all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 6th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, May 6th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That this House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time."

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, May 9th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Trinity-Bay de Verde presented a Petition from residents of New Harbour re water services.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minsiter of Finance was commenced and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 10th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 10th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition presented a Petition from the Loyal Orange Association of St. Anthony re the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance presented a Petition from residents of Bell Island re ferry services.

The Honourable the Minister of Labour and Manpower tabled the Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, 1976.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance was debated.

The Honourable the Member for Stephenville moved the following Amendment to the Resolution:

To strike out all the words after "Resolved that" and replace them with the following:

"This House affirms its faith in the future of Labrador Linerboard Ltd. and records its belief that there is no justification for closing the Mill now and that it ought not be closed by the Government".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment was commenced.

At one of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at three of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Amendment was continued.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile, seconded by the Honourable the Member for Port de Grave, moved the following Sub-amendment:

To add the following words to the Amendment: "And furthermore the House appoint a special committee to work hand in glove with the employees group, the management, the Advisory Board and the people of Stephenville with a view to co-ordinating the work of all groups and scrutinize all reports, documents, etc. to help the Linerboard problems above partisan politics thus using the best brains available on both sides of the House to handle this urgent matter".

The debate on the Sub-amendment was commenced and concluded.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Hodder, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mr. Canning, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Simmons, Mr. White, The Honourable Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Rideout, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Neary, Mr. Dawe.

Against: The Honourable the Minsiter of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable the Minsiter of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Justice, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Dr. Winsor, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Speaker declared the motion lost.

The debate on the Amendment to the Resolution was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 11th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir presented a pin to Members of the House of Assembly as a memento of the 1977 Canada Summer Games to be held in St. John's.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile moved that a telegram of congratulations be sent to Messers Furlong and Lake and supporting staff of television station CJON on their award for the excellence of their documentary programs, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Member for Carbonear presented a Petition from residents of Victoria re water and sewerage facilities.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a Petition from residents of Green Bay re hydro electricity rates.

The Honourable the Member for Lewisporte presented a Petition from residents of Horwood re road.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to "Move the House Into A Committee of The Whole To Consider Certain Resolutions In Relation To The Granting Of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain Income Tax Savings Plans".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Legitimacy Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for LaPoile was continued, and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, May 12th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, May 12th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of finance concerning the Labrador Linerboard Mill was continued.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port, seconded by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, moved the following Sub-amendment: To add to the Amendment the following words -

"And further the House hereby requests the President and Chief Executive Officer of Labrador Linerboard Limited, Mr. John Sweeney, to appear before the Bar of the House to give his views, opinions and advice with respect to the Mill and its future and to answer questions put to him by Members with respect thereto".

The Sub-amendment was debated.

At one of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at three of the clock.

The debate on the Sub-amendment was continued.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

The debate on the Sub-amendment was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 13th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, May 13th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made two Statements; one concerning the existing situation with reference to the snowshoe hares (rabbits) obtained in the Long Harbour area, and one concerning the opening of the Provincial Parks Season for 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications tabled a study relating to The Atlantic Provinces Transportation Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy tabled the Annual Report, 1976, of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain Income Tax Savings Plans".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legitmacy Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Sub-amendment to the Motion standing in the name of the Honourable the Minister of Finance respecting the Labrador Linerboard Mill was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 16th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, May 16th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Port de Grave presented a Petition from residents of Shearstown re road.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Headings:

V - Labour and Manpower

VIII - Social Services

all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow Tuesday, May 17th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 17th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Conception Bay South presented a Petition from various communities on the Avalon Peninsula re paving and upgrading of the Witless Bay Line.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Crown Lands Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The District Court Act, 1976".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971".

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, and had passed items of expenditure under the following Headings:

VI - Education

XVI - Rural Development

all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, May 18th at three of the clock.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 18th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Terra Nova rose on a Point of Privilege concerning a statement made by the Honourable the Member for Nickle Belt in the House of Commons of Canada respecting the Terra Nova National Park.

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement re the raising of the flag at Parliament Hill in Ottawa opening the 1977 Canada Summer Games.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition noted the death of Mr. James Hodder at Lewisporte. It was moved by the Honourable the Premier and seconded by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition that a message of condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. Hodder.

The Honourable the Member for St. John's East presented a Petition from residents of the Battery re cleaning up of the area.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for LaPoile concerning joint ventures was commenced and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, May 19th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, May 19th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Industrial and Rural Development moved a Resolution that the House convey its congratulations to the residents of eight senior citizens homes who presented a display of handicrafts under the auspices of the War Amputees of Canada (Newfoundland Branch) organized by Miss Nancy Knight.

Carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Industrial and Rural Development moved a Resolution that the House express its support and praise to Mr. Ray Guy for his having been awarded the Stephen Leacock Award for humour and that the House also pay commendation to Mr. Allan Pittman for his writing the book "Down" by Jim Long Stage and to Mrs. Pamela Hall who illustrated that work.

Carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Mr. John Rodriguez, N.D.P. Member of Parliament for Nickle Belt, Ontario, made statements which were insulting and erroneous before the Indian and Northern Affairs Standing Committee in respect to the construction of a golf course in the Terra Nova National Park;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Rodriguez sought to put a motion before the Indian and Northern Affairs Standing Committee to reduce the amount allocated for the construction of the Terra Nova National Park Golf Course from \$1,400,000 to the nominal amount of \$1.00;

AND WHEREAS outside the House of Commons, Mr. Rodriguez suggested to representatives of the press that the Terra Nova National Park Golf Course was being constructed on land owned by Provincial Cabinet Ministers;

AND WHEREAS these statements are contemptuous and insulting towards this province and the allegations to land ownership are false and without foundation;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House record its strong disapproval of the attempt by Mr. Rodriguez to breach an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of this Province. This House requests Mr. Rodriguez to withdraw these offending statements and that he make an unqualified apology to the people of this Province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Speaker send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Ian Watson, Chairman of the Indian and Northern Affairs standing Committee of the House of Commons.

The Honourable the Member for Upper Island Cove presented a Petition from that area re water system.

The Honourable the Member for Fortune-Hermitage presented a Petition from residents of Little Bay East re breakwater.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile presented a petition from residents of Channel, Port aux Basques re a training facility for the fishery.

The Honourable the Member for Stephenville presented a petition from residents of Stephenville re the Labrador Linerboard Mill and the Economic Future of Stephenville.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend 'The Crown Lands Act'".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend 'The District Court Act, 1976'".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend 'The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act'".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend 'The Hospitals Act, 1971'".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

VII - Justice

all items with some amendment, had made further progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

At five of the clock Mr. Speaker announced the questions which would be debated on the adjournment Motion at five-thirty.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

At five-thirty of the clock pursuant to Standing Order 31 certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn:

The Motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 20th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, May 20th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 24th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier noted the death of the late Major Peter Cashin and moved, seconded by other Honourable Members, that a message of condolence be sent to his wife and family.

The Honourable the Member for Lapoile, seconded by other Honourable Members, moved that a message of congratulations be sent to the St. Patrick's Glee Club on their being awarded the Sir Leslie Bell award for choral work.

The Honourable the Minister of Education made two statements; one concerning the re-instatement of grade ten scholarships and one relating to the granting of sabbatical leave in 1977-78.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing tabled a report of the operations of Corner Brook Housing Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1976 and the Financial Statements, 31 December 1975 of the Corner Brook Housing Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following headings:

XIX - Municipal Affairs and Housing, all items without amendment;

XII - Forestry and Agriculture, all items with some amendment;

XIII - Tourism, all items without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism tabled a Summary Report on the Cruise of the Norma and Gladys.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 25th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 25th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile noted that the management and workers at the Iron ore mining operations at Wabush had received an award for one million continuous hours without industrial accident.

The Honourable the Member for Fogo moved that congratulations be forwarded to doctors G. Thomas and W.A. Padden upon receipt of the Royal Bank of Canada Award.

Carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a Statement re offshore oil and gas and tabled A White Paper and Draft Regulations respecting the administration and disposition of petroleum belonging to Her Majesty in the right of the Province of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands (Reservation) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishment Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".

Pursuant to order and on motion the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Lapoile was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution, standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Placentia, was debated:

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated the 1977 Federal Fisheries Management Plan of the Government of Canada has had a very severe impact on those Newfoundland fish plants which depend on landings of groundfish by side trawlers;

AND WHEREAS side trawlers in the Newfoundland fleet have traditionally fished the redfish stocks of the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

AND WHEREAS restrictions have been placed on the operation of Newfoundland-based side trawlers within the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment of Canada to undertake a review of the Fisheries Management Plan of the Federal Government to give greater flexibility and provide greater opportunities for side trawler fishing options and to reconsider a request by the Newfoundland fishing industry that special assistance be given to side trawler operators.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East was debated:

WHEREAS this Province is without legislation compelling private enterprise to provide pensions for employees;

AND WHEREAS many persons after toiling for many and faithful years have found themselves at the end of these productive years retired or discharged from places of employment without the benefit of adequate or any pension;

AND WHEREAS the hardship wrought to persons so coming to the end of their productive years and being retired without the right to pension ought not be tolerated by society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government to take immediate steps to introduce legislation compelling employers to provide adequate compulsory pension plans for employees, such plans to apply to the broadest possible categories of enterprises and employees and to have the maximum range of portability feasible.

It was moved that the debate on the aforesaid Resolution be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Honourable the Premier, The Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, The Honourable the Minister of Health, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, The Honourable the Minister of Justice, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable Dr. T. C. Farrell, The Honourable the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Dr. Collins, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Cross, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Mr. Marshall.

Against: Mr. Canning, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Callan, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Neary.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Baie-Verte-White Bay was debated:

WHEREAS Industrial Health and Safety is and ought to be the concern of every worker in this Province:

AND WHEREAS it is recongized that many thousands of workers in this Province work in environments that are potentially hazardous to health;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED (a) That this House urges the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately constitute an Occupational Health & Safety Authority within the Department of Manpower and Industrial Relations;

(b) That this Occupational Health and Safety Authority assume total responsibility for the health and safety of workers;

(c) That existing legislation and all agencies related to worker health and safety be consolidated under this Occupational Health and Safety Authority;

(d) That the Government in structuring this new Occupational Health & Safety Authority, at the same time set by statute

- (1) strict new standards of operation to apply in all work-places in this Province.
- (2) Threshold Limit Values that reflect medically acceptable tolerance levels, and
- (3) ensure that all such regulations will be constantly reviewed in light of new information and technology.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, May 26th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, May 26th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands (Reservation) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

XVII - Transportation & Communications, all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was recieved and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Cojmittee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 27th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, May 27th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a Statement re the Zoning of Agricultural Land in the St. John's Urban Region.

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works and Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province".

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

XVIII - Public Works & Services, all items without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 30th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 30th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Justice, moved that the Humane Society of Ontario be congratulated on their recent approval of the seal hunt.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate noted the death of Mr. Isaac Newell and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to his family, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management And Taxation) Act, 1974 And To Make Other Statutory Amendments In Respect Thereto".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Headings:

XX - Consumer Affairs & Environment

XIV - Fisheries

All items without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made further progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines & Energy made a Statement re the Mining and Energy Sectors in Newfoundland.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 31st at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 31st 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management and Taxation) Act, 1974 and to make other amendments in respect thereto", was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered the said bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed items of expenditure under the following Heading:

XI - Mines and Energy, all items without amendment, had made further progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance announced that he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator which Message was read to the House by Mr. Speaker as follows:

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Administrator of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the 31st March 1977, by way of Supplementary Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Act of 1867, as amended, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. R. S. Furlong  
Administrator

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Resolution for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto being Bill No. 56, with some amendment and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said amendment was agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Seven And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service".

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 1st at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 1st 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re the Inshore Fishing Industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re the Establishment of National Parks in Labrador.

The Honourable the Member for Mount Scio presented a Petition from residents Gloucester Place in St. John's re road.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for St. John's East was debated and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Thursday, June 2nd at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, June 2nd 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University (Pensions) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the granting of Supply to Her Majesty.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move the House Into A Committee Of The Whole To Consider Certain Resolutions In Relation To The Advancing or Guaranteeing Of Certain Loans.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province" was read a second time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

At five-thirty of the clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province", was debated.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Honourable the Premier, The Honourable the Minister of Health, The Honourable the Minister of Social Services, The Honourable the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, The Honourable the Minister of Justice, The Honourable the Minister of Finance, The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, The Honourable Dr. T.C. Farrell, The Honourable the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, The Honourable the Minister of Education, Dr. Collins, Mr. Young, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Wells, Mr. Goudie, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Cross, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Dr. Winsor, Mr. Marshall.

Against: The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Simmons, Mr. White, Mr. Lush, Mr. Flight, Mr. Rideout, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Neary.

Mr. Speaker declared the Motion carried.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which Message was read to the House by Mr. Speaker as follows:

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit estimates of sums required for the public service of the Province for the year ending 31st day of March, 1978 by way of further supply and in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Act of 1867, as amended, I recommend these estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Gordon A. Winter  
Lieutenant-Governor

June 1st 1977

On motion of the Honourable the minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Resolution for the granting of Supply to Her Majesty:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto being Bill No. 84, with some amendment and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said amendment was agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service".

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 3rd at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, June 3rd 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved that the Captain, crew and passengers of the M.S. William Carson be commended for their conduct concerning the successful abandonment of the vessel on the previous night.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Housing Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move the House Into a Committee Of the Whole To Consider A Resolution In Relation To The Raising Of Loans On The Credit Of The Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move the House into A Committee of the Whole To Consider Certain Resolutions Relating to The Guarantee Of The Repayment Of Bonds Or Debentures Issued By And The Guarantee Of The Repayment Of loans Made To Certain Local Authorities.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University (Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Health tabled a letter from Irving J. Selikoff, M.D., Professor regarding health hazards at Baie Verte.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Resolution:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 6th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, June 6th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs and Environment, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".

A Bill "An Act To Facilitate Metric Conversion".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Historic Objects, Sites and Records Act, 1973".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Social Services, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.  
Mr. Young took the chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto being Bill No. 76 with some amendment and Bills Nos. 79, 78 and 77 without amendment and recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act, 1972".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed bieng entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Minister of Justice withdrew the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act, 1972" (No.46).

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (No.43).

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act" (No. 42).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 7th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 7th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re changes in the Fishery Loan Board Regulations.

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 1)".

The Honourable the Minister of Health gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act For the Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland".

The Honourable the Minister of Mines And Energy gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy".

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act To Establish The St. John's Urban Region".

The Honourable the Member for LaPoile moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the general level of physical fitness of the youngsters in our school system would appear to have reached a new low; and

WHEREAS the present school system fails to timetable any real formal physical training into the daily program in our school system; and

WHEREAS a good deal of provincial money is spent qualifying academically physical education teachers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a special Committee of the Legislature be established to inquire into the whole matter of physical training for all youngsters from kindergarten through to grade XI in our school system and the advisability of setting up a formal program aimed at regular exposure of all students to physical training as opposed to the present set up which throws the emphasis on participation by the few interim sports that are of dubious value in developing the actual physical fitness over that of the minority.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Housing Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Facilitate Metric Conversion".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Historic Objects, Sites And Records Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.'

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province", with some amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province", was read a third time and passed and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transportation And Communications Act, 1973".

- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment Holding Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain Income Tax Savings Plans".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legitimacy Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The District Court Act, 1976".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands (Reservation) Act".

By leave of the House the Honourable the Minister of Finance made a Statement re the Mediator's Report On The Waterford Hospital Dispute.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transportation And Communications Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment Holding Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain Income Tax Savings Plans".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legitimacy Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The District Court Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands  
(Reservation) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills  
were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning  
Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transport-  
ation and Communications Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment  
Holding Companies Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit  
Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain  
Income Tax Savings Plans".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legitimacy Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The District Court  
Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands  
(Reservation) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed  
being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His  
Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills  
were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Crown Lands Act".

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors  
In The Statute Law".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Crown Lands Act".

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In the Statute Law".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Crown Lands Act".

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave of the House the Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that, on this day of celebration in Great Britain marking the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Throne, this House do convey to Her most Gracious Majesty as Queen of Canada the warm and heartfelt congratulations of the Government and people of Newfoundland and Labrador

on the completion of twenty-five years of devoted and inspired service to Canada and to all of the peoples of the British Commonwealth and express to Her our constant and unswerving loyalty and allegiance to the Crown".

Unanimously carried.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker advised His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the contents of a Resolution passed by the House relating to the 25th Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne and requested His Honour to send a copy of the Resolution to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"It is my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her Faithful Commons in Newfoundland, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supply and Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Seven And For Other Purposes Relating to The Public Service".

A Bill "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of M arch One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service".

His Honour then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benovolence and I assent to these Bills".

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills, to which, In the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Crown Lands Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Labrador Lands (Reservation) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The District Court Act, 1976".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Legitimacy Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Statute Law To Permit Designation Of Beneficiaries In Certain Income Tax Savings Plans".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Private Investment Holding Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Transportation And Communications Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The UrbanAnd Rural Planning Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Provide Uniform Minimum Standards Of Conditions Of Employment In The Province".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said:  
"In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent To These Bills".

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social services Act, 1973".
- a Bill "An Act To Amend The Members of the House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 8th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 8th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Twillingate rose to a Point of Personal Privilege and forwarded to the Honourable the Speaker a letter which read as follows:

Honourable Gerald R. Ottenheimer, M.H.A.  
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Sir,

I hereby resign as a Member of the Legislature, and in so doing I wish you to know my appreciation of the courtesy that you have shown me from the moment of my renewed membership in the House.

With respect,

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. Joseph R. Smallwood

June 8, 1977

Various Honourable Members paid tribute to the Honourable the Member for Twillingate.

The Honourable the Member for Terra Nova presented a Petition from residents of Westport re electrical bills.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Meat Inspection Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act Respecting Dispensing Opticians".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Optometric Association And Governing The Practice Of Optometry In The Province".

The Honourable the Minister of Education, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Increase Of Pensions Act".

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Manpower, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System".

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Communications, gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was debated:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urges the Government to take immediate steps to introduce legislation compelling employers to provide adequate compulsory pension plans for employees, such plans to apply to the broadest possible categories of enterprises and employees and to have the maximum range of portability feasible.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The Motion was carried.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow Thursday, June 9th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, June 9th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re the free use of provincial parks by senior citizens.

The Honourable the Minister of Industrial and Rural Development made a Statement re Rural Development Loans.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism made a Statement re accommodations during the Canada Summer Games and an exemption from the Tourist Establishment Regulations.

The Honourable the Member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir tabled the Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the period ending February 5th 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Education gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 2)."

A Bill "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act To Establish The St. John's Urban Region".
- A Bill "An Act To Make Provisions For Animal And Meat Inspection In Slaughter Houses".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Dispensing Opticians".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Optometric Association And Governing The Practice Of Optometry In The Province".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Increase of Certain Pensions".
- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies".

A Bill "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System".

A Bill "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto being Bill No. 74, with some amendment and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957", was introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971".

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".

had made further progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

The said amendments were read a first and second time and passed.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

At five-thirty of the clock, pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain question asked by Honourable Members were debated, following which, pursuant to Standing Order 31 Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act"

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University (Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 2)".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management And Taxation) Act, And To Make Other Amendments In Respect Thereto".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Rural Development Act, 1973", was debated.

At eleven of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, June 10th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, June 10th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy rose on a Point of Privilege concerning an item appearing in the St. John's Daily News of June 10th 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice announced the appointment of Justice John W. Mahoney to conduct an inquiry into matters pertaining to the Department of Public Works and Services.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture made a Statement re Policy on Processing of Applications for Agricultural Land Leases.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Industrial Development Corporation for the year ending March 31st 1976.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973".

The Honourable the Minister of Labour and Manpower gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops Closing Act".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coastal Vessels Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department OF Rural Development Act, 1973" was debated.

The Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans moved the following amendment to the aforementioned Bill:

"That the word 'now' be deleted and the words 'six months hence' be substituted".

The debate on the amendment was commenced and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice moved the following Motion:

"That this House adjourn until Monday next provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker after consultation with the Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and the House shall meet at the time stated in the notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time".

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Monday, June 13th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Naskaupi moved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that this House unanimously request the Premier or his designated representative (Minister of Transportation & Communications) to make immediate representation to the Federal Government, specifically the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister of Transport, that a state of emergency exists in this Province because of non-payment by CN for goods lost following the sinking of the motor vessel "William Carson" on Friday, June 3, 1977 .

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The War Services (Pensions) Act, 1975".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973".

A Bill "An Act Providing For The Closing Of Certain Shops On Holidays".

A Bill "An Act Restructuring The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coastal Vessels Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

- A Bill "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendment:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court".
- A Bill "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers Pensions) Act (No. 2)".

The said amendments were read a first and second time.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment.

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University  
(Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers'  
Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management  
and Taxation) Act, And To Make Other Amendments  
In Respect Thereto".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills  
were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers'  
Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified  
Family Court".

A Bill "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of  
Newfoundland".

A Bill "An Act Further To Amend The Education  
(Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 2)".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act".

A Bill "an Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University  
(Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management  
and Taxation) Act, And To Make Other Amendments  
In Respect Thereto".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976", was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Bill:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto being Bill No 80, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act", with some amendment and recommended that said Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendments having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a first, second and third time and passed.

It was further ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendments:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".

The said amendments were read a first and second time and on motion it was ordered the following Bills be read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976".

A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coastal Vessels Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province", with some amendment.

The said amendment was read a first and second time and passed.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coastal Vessels Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coastal Vessels Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".

A Bill "an Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act", with some amendment.

The said amendment was read a first and second time and passed.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".

A Bill "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Make Provision For Animal And Meat Inspection In Slaughter Houses".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Housing Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".

A Bill "An Act To Facilitate Metric Conversion".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment.

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Make Provision For Animal And Meat Inspection In Slaughter Houses".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department of Health Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Historic Objects, Sites And Records Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Housing Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".
- A Bill "An Act To facilitate Metric Conversion".

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the said Bills were read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Increase Of Certain Pensions".
- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act Providing For The Closing Of Certain Shops On Holidays".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act".

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Increase of Certain Pensions".
- A Bill "an Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act Providing For The Closing Of Certain Shops On Holidays".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The War Service (Pensions) Act, 1975".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act".

Pursuant to order and on motion the said Bills were read a third time and passed and on motion it was ordered that they be printed, being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 14th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy made a Statement concerning submissions respecting oil and gas regulations.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973".

The adjourned debate on the amendment to the Address In Reply was continued.

Mr. Speaker put the question.

The Amendment was defeated.

The debate on the Address In Reply was continued.

Mr. Speaker put the motion. The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had passed a certain Resolution and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act , 1957" was introduced and read a first time.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition raised a Point of Order concerning the question of whether or not when a Financial Resolution is reported from Committee, the recommended Bill be immediately read a first, second and third time without debate.

Mr. Speaker reserved his ruling.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at eight of the clock.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's", was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975", was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy", was debated.

Mr. Speaker gave his ruling on the Point of Order raised earlier in the sitting by the Honourable the Leader of The Opposition and ruled that in the case of Money Bills introduced

by way of Resolution, when the Committee reports the Resolution and recommends the introduction of a Bill, the Bill should be read a first, second and third time forthwith without debate.

The debate on the seconding reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy", was continued and on motion the debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Naskaupi was debated:

RESOLVED "That this House unanimously request the Premier or his designated representative (Minister of Transportation & Communications) to make immediate representation to the Federal Government, specifically the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister of Transport, that a state of emergency exists because of non-payment by CN for goods lost following the sinking of the motor vessel "William Carson" on Friday, June 3, 1977".

Mr. Speaker put the motion. The Resolution was unanimously carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" was read a second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 15th at three of the clock.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 15th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Member for Terra Nova rose on a Point of Personal Privilege concerning an article in the St. John's Daily News of June 15th 1977.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries made a Statement re amendments to the Fish Inspection Act.

The Honourable the Member for Port au Port presented two Petitions; one from Blue Beach - Long Point re break-water and one from Blue Beach re extension of services of Newfoundland Light and Power.

The Honourable the Member for Windsor-Buchans presented a Petition from residents of Carleton Place, Town of Windsor, re water drainage.

The Honourable the Member for St. George's presented a Petition from residents of Barachois Brook re the distribution of salt on highways.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the debate on the Bill, "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy", was continued and concluded.

Mr. Speaker put the question. The motion was carried and the said Bill was read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy".

The said amendments were read a first and second time.

On motion and by leave of the House the following Bills were read a third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It being six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow Thursday, June 16th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, June 16th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice made a Statement concerning two programs sponsored by the Newfoundland Constabulary in relation to Crime Prevention involving auxiliary constables and identification of property.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973", was read a second time.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Young took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973", with some amendment.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time it was ordered by leave that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973", was read a third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were read a second time:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System".
- A Bill "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Bills:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills with some amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975".

The said amendments having been read a first and second time it was ordered by leave that the said Bills be read a third time presently.

The Chairman of the Committee further reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".

A Bill "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".

On motion and by leave it was ordered the said Bills be read a third time and passed:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975".

A Bill "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".

A Bill "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act".

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".

On motion it was ordered the said Bills be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto being Bill No. 70, with some amendment and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

The said amendment having been read a first and second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By the Province", was introduced and read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

At five Forty-five of the clock certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, Mr. Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was defeated.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, June 17th at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Friday, June 17th 1977

The House met at ten of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier made a Statement congratulating Dr. Hubert Kitchen and Mr. Charles Power on their election to the House of Assembly on Thursday, June 16th 1977.

The debate on the motion that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means was commenced and concluded.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
Dr. Collins took the Chair of Committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had considered the matters to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed certain Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Housing Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Act, 1975".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management And Taxation) Act, 1974 And To Make Other Statutory Amendments In Respect Thereto".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972".

- A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Memorial University (Pensions) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Historic Objects, Sites And Records Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Facilitate Metric Conversion".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act".

- A Bill "An Act Concerning An Agreement Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court".
- A Bill "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 2)".
- A Bill "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Elections To The Council Of The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehold Interests Within The City Of St. John's".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting An Increase Of Certain Pensions".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Establish A Municipal grant System".

- A Bill "An Act To Make Provision For Animal And Meat Inspection In Slaughter Houses".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Companies Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For The Closing Of Certain Shops On Holidays".
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coasting Vessel Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The War Service (Pensions) Act, 1975".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973".
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I Assent To These Bills".

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Honourable the House Leader moved the following Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that when this House adjourns today it will stand adjourned until Thursday, November 24th 1977 at 3 p.m. provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, or in the case of his absence from the Province, the Chairman of Committees after consultation with Her Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than the date to which the House is adjourned the Speaker or Chairman of Committees as the case may be, may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated by such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

HUGH F. COADY  
Clerk of The House of Assembly

Thursday, November 24th 1977

The House met at three of the clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker welcomed two new members to the House of Assembly; the Honourable the Member for St. John's West, Dr. Hubert Kitchen and the Honourable the Member for Ferryland, Mr. Charles Power.

The Honourable the Speaker read a letter received by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor from the Private secretary to Her Majesty which letter read as follows:

Government House  
Ottawa

15th October 1977

My Dear Governor,

I am commanded by The Queen to thank you, the members of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador for your kind message of loyalty and congratulations on her Silver Jubilee.

Her Majesty greatly appreciated this message and asked me to tell you how much she and The Duke of Edinburgh are enjoying their visit to Ottawa.

Sgd.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fewer

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Administrator.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Administrator took the Chair and delivered a Speech From the Throne as follows:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This Second Session of the Thirty-Seventh General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties I wish to convey to you my thanks for the careful and sympathetic attention you have given to the important matters brought before you by my Ministers.

One hundred and twelve pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. Major legislative initiatives were taken in the areas of the administration of justice, pensions, local government, social services, health, consumer protection, education and labour.

In education, The Polytechnical Institute Act provides a framework for an institution combining the various activities of the College of Fisheries and the College of Trades and Technology. The Bay St. George Community College Act provides the basis for the establishment of a community college in the Bay St. George area.

In labour, The Labour Standards Act consolidates and revises the law relating to the minimum standards of the conditions of employment in the province concerning vacation with pay, hours of work, wage protection, maternity leave and the employment of children. The Labour Relations Act, 1977 was also passed and provides for a major revision of labour law in the province. The Regulation of Mines Act was amended to broaden the power to make regulations with respect to the working environment in mines. The Radiation, Health and Safety Act was enacted to provide for comprehensive control of the hazards of radiation emitting devices.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

A great number of important pieces of legislation have been enacted in the consumer protection field in the past Session. The Attachment of Wages Act was amended to increase the exemptions. Major amendments were made to The Landlord and Tenant (Residential Tenancies) Act.

Among these amendments is a provision to include mobile homes and mobile home parks under the provisions of the Act.

The Consumer Reporting Agencies Act has been enacted to expand the provisions of The Credit Reporting Agencies Act to include personal information and to provide for disclosure of their files to consumers. Amendments were made to The Real Estate Trading Act to control real estate practices in the province more strictly and to regulate the sale of out of province property in the province. The Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act was substantially amended to shift the burden of proof in cases arising under that Act to the lender of money, and to give directions to the court as to the factors it must take into account in deciding whether or not the cost of a loan is excessive, or if a lending transaction is harsh and unconscionable.

Homeowners in St. John's who held their property under old leases have received protection under the Leaseholds in St. John's Act and can now buy out their leases at the rate of forty times their annual rent. The Electrical Power Act places Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro under the scrutiny of the Public Utilities Board for the first time and allows for public hearings into rate increases proposed by Hydro.

The province has also taken the first steps towards metric conversion. The Metric Conversion Act, 1977 amended the highway traffic legislation to bring about full metric conversion on the province's highways.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

There were a number of changes to various pension Acts, including The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act, The Memorial University (Pensions) Act, and The Public Service (Pensions) Act. Among these amendments are provisions establishing equality of status among male and female public service employees. As well The Increase of Pensions Act, 1977 provides for a six per cent increase in public service pensions for those in receipt of pensions.

In the social services field, The Social Assistance Act, 1977 was enacted providing for a consolidation and revision of the law relating to social assistance in the province. An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972 was passed, providing for the modernization of the term 'neglected child' in that Act.

In the area of local government, amendments were made to various local government enactments. The Municipal Grants Act was passed allowing for an objective method of assisting municipalities in their operating and capital expenditures and establishing a Capital Projects Board.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The administration of justice received considerable attention in this Session. The Law Society Act, 1977 was passed and provides for lay benchers and a Law Foundation funded by interest earned on trust accounts. The Unified Family Court Act permits the establishment, on a pilot project basis, of a unified Family Court to deal with the full range of matters relating to the family. Amendments were made to The Liquor Control Act, 1973, to provide for a definition of 'public place' and to meet the problem of under-aged drinking.

The Statutes and Subordinate Legislation Act was enacted and provides for a continuing consolidation and revision of the statutes and a registry of all regulations in the province. It also provides for the establishment of The Office of the Legislative Counsel to carry on the work of revision, drafting legislation and acting as Law Clerk to the House of Assembly.

Amendments were passed to The Historic Objects, Sites and Records Act, 1973 to provide for further protection of our heritage. Amendments were also made in the resource area to The Fish Inspection Act, The Fishing Industry Advisory Board Act, 1975, The Forest Lands (Management and Taxation) Act, 1974, The Quarry Materials Act, 1976, The Mineral Act, 1976 and The Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted. I assure you that the appropriation that you have granted will be expended by my Ministers with care and efficiency.

It is my pleasure that the Second Session of this Thirty-Seventh General Assembly now be prorogued.

  
ELIZABETH M. DUFF  
Clerk of the House of Assembly