

**JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**of the**  
**SECOND SESSION**  
**of the**  
**FORTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**of**  
**NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**1994**

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of February, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four, being the Forty-third 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.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 28th day of February, 1994, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Dicks took the Chair.

Monday, February 28, 1994

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Frederick W. Russell, had arrived.

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

The 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.

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be read a second time on tomorrow.

The 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 and copies distributed to Members.

It was moved by the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) and seconded by the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Lloyd Matthews) that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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 the Address In Reply.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) spoke to the motion.

The motion was adopted by the House and it was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Mr. William Andersen, Member for Torngat Mountains  
Mr. Lloyd Matthews, Member for St. John's North  
Mr. Paul Shelley, Member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the federal budget will have a major negative impact on personal incomes and provincial government revenues;

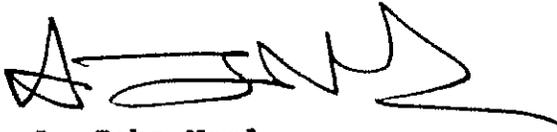
**AND WHEREAS** the loss of income from unemployment insurance and fisheries compensation will reduce business activity and employment everywhere in the province and further weaken the already frail provincial economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government has unfairly singled out Newfoundland to bear a disproportionate share of federal spending cuts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House condemn the changes to unemployment insurance and reduced funding for fisheries compensation that unfairly penalize the people and economy of Newfoundland and Labrador."

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 1st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave of the House, the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) moved, seconded by the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) that the House of Assembly send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Dwayne Norris, Member of the Canadian Olympic Hockey Team on the occasion of the team winning the Silver Medal at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 32 of the **Auditor General Act**, tabled the auditor's report and financial information respecting the audit of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled a copy of the Public Accounts of the Province and a copy of the Accounts of Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Speaker, in accordance with section 13 of the **Auditor General Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen), on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

"To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,  
The Honourable Frederick W. Russell, CM, LLD

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland and Labrador in Legislative Session assembled, beg to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to This House.

(signed) William Andersen  
Lloyd Matthews  
Paul Shelley

Assembly Chamber  
March 1st., 1994"

On motion this Report was received and on motion and by leave of the House the Debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until after routine proceedings.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) tabled the Annual Report and financial statements of Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Town of Rose Blanche imploring the Government to entertain proposals from community leaders with respect to the revitalization of the fishing industry in that town.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate on the Address in Reply was commenced by the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) who moved, seconded by the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford), the following amendment:

That all the words after 'that' be deleted in the motion before the House, and the following words substituted therefor:

"This House deplores the Government's failure to deal adequately with the real problems of unemployment facing our people, and its failure to provide competent management of our Province."

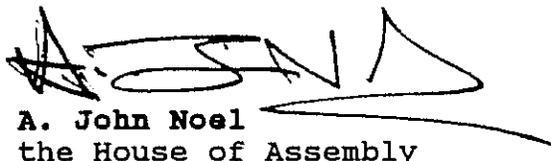
The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the amendment to the Address In Reply. The Members for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews), Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) and Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) spoke in the debate and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 2nd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) made a statement to announce that the management of the financial affairs of the Community of Sheshatshit had been placed in trusteeship.

By leave of the House, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), seconded by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved that letters of condolence be sent by the House to the families of the late Gordon Lidstone and Enos Darby.

It was agreed that the House Leaders and the Member for St. John's East would discuss the proper procedure with respect to the House sending letters of condolence and congratulations to persons and groups.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. Lloyd Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Strategic Economic Plan of Newfoundland and Labrador firmly establishes the private sector as being the primary engine of economic growth within the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** 66% of all new jobs are generated in the area of small family businesses;

**AND WHEREAS** small family businesses account for 55% of the gross national product;

**AND WHEREAS** various studies and reports have pointed to small and medium size businesses as one of the potential growth areas of the economy of this Province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly reaffirms its recognition of small business as a major part of the private sector economy of this Province and reaffirms its commitment to

support organizations that promote the interest of small business,

develop programs to assist small businesses in this Province,

promote the fostering of an economic environment wherein small business development is encouraged,

continue to streamline the regulatory structures and processes of government so as to simplify and enhance the possibility of success of small business enterprises,

encourage the development of entrepreneurship in the Province at the small business level generally."

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the damage to automobile windshields allegedly due to the use of coarse sand mixed with salt by the Department of Works, Services and Transportation on the highways of the Burin Peninsula.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Edward Byrne):

**"WHEREAS** the federal budget will have a major negative impact on personal incomes and provincial government revenues;

**AND WHEREAS** the loss of income from unemployment insurance and fisheries compensation will reduce business activity and employment everywhere in the province and further weaken the already frail provincial economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government has unfairly singled out Newfoundland to bear a disproportionate share of federal spending cuts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House condemn the changes to unemployment insurance and reduced funding for fisheries compensation that unfairly penalize the people and economy of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Justice, the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology, the Hon. the Minister of Education, the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture, the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation, the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations, Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Crane, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy, the Hon. the Minister of Health, the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands, Mr. Noel, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 3rd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, presented a Report of that Committee respecting Bill No. 58 (introduced during the First Session), "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" and recommended that the Bill be passed with certain minor amendments.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The House agreed that the adjournment motion not begin at 4:30 in order to accommodate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) as the first speaker after the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) in the Second Reading Debate on Bill No. 2.

The Speaker put the motion that the adjournment motion be postponed until after the Leader of the Opposition had completed his speech.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan), moved the following amendment:

"That Bill No. 2, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland And Labrador", be amended by striking out all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following:

"Bill No. 2, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland And Labrador", be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time 6 months from now."

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated during which several Points of Order were raised. The House recessed for 35 minutes.

The Speaker returned to the Chair.

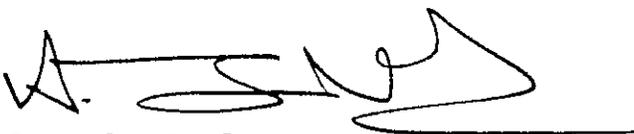
The Speaker ruled that there was an agreement before the House as accepted by the House earlier in the day.

The debate continued on the amendment to Second Reading of Bill No. 2, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland And Labrador", and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, March 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 4th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) made a statement to announce the appointment of Mr. Philip J. Wall as the new President of Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards Act" (Bill No. 6).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fisheries Loan Act" (Bill No. 3).

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Continue The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the agrifood sector has the potential to play a greater role in the economic future of the province;

**AND WHEREAS** all the elements necessary for a much expanded agrifood industry are present;

**AND WHEREAS** opportunities for the food processing "value added" sector are largely untapped;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorses the continuation of efforts of the present administration and the development of an Agrifoods Public Policy."

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 12 noon.

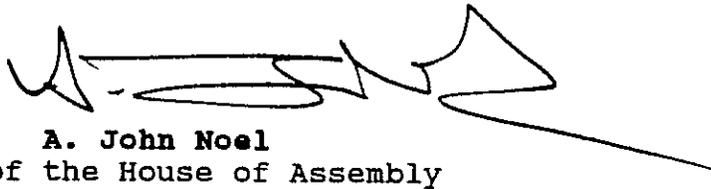
The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 12 noon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Bill No. 1, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation", and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, March 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 7th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) rose on a Point of Privilege in order to establish a **prima facie** case of privilege by arguing her privileges had been violated by the Minister of Justice with respect to a matter concerning the law firm of Chalker, Green and Rowe and the proposed Hydro Privatization. The Member also tabled copies of documents relating to certain accounts payable by the Hydro Corporation.

The Leader of Opposition (Mr. Simms) rose on a Point of Privilege in order to establish a **prima facie** case of privilege by arguing his privileges had been violated by the Premier respecting certain Hydro matters.

The Speaker took the Points of Privilege under advisement.

The Member for Humber East moved that letters of congratulations be sent to members of CODCO, namely Mary Walsh, Greg Malone and Cathy Jones and the parents of the late Tommy Sexton, as well as the producers of the **Boys of St. Vincent** on winning Gemini Awards.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following:

1. Annual Report of Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1993;
2. Pooled Pension Fund for the year ended December 31, 1992;
3. Teachers Pension Plan Cash Flow and Report as at August, 1993; and
4. Public Service Pension Plan Cash Flow and Report as at December 31, 1992.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of students of F. G. Bursley Memorial Collegiate respecting the denominational education system.

The Member for Humber East presented a Petition on behalf of residents of her district respecting the privatization of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electrical Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his district respecting the Income Supplementation Program.

The Leader of the Opposition presented a petition on behalf of students of F.G. Bursley Memorial Collegiate respecting the denominational education system.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a petition on behalf of residents of her district respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5:00 in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) declared the motion carried.

A point of order was raised that the motion was debatable.

The House recessed for 9 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled that the motion was not debatable because of the precedents established by the House.

There was some debate after which the Speaker's ruling was appealed.

The House recessed for 17 minutes.

The motion was put that the Speaker's ruling be sustained.

The Speaker declared that the motion carried.

The Leader of the Opposition moved that the House adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

The House recessed for 50 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that the motion was debatable and that an intermediate proceeding had taken place.

Debate commenced and concluded on the motion that the House adjourn at 7 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 10:01 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 8th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) made a statement respecting the financial arrangements between Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Mr. James Chalker, Q.C., the Chairperson of Hydro.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce the date of the Budget Speech that being March 17, 1994.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan), in her capacity as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement to commemorate International Women's Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled the following:

- (a) A copy of Minute of Council 93-866 which relates to certain pre-commitments authorized under the **Financial Administration Act** for the Department of Works, Services and Transportation; and
- (b) under section 28(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, a copy of a Special Warrant in accordance with Minute of Council 94-001 for \$30.5 million to be expended under the Department of Social Services Head of Expenditure.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), in his capacity as acting Minister of Tourism and Culture, gave an answer respecting a reported kill of Mealy Mountain caribou.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber East presented a Petition on behalf of residents of her District respecting the privatization of Hydro Corporation.

A Point of Order was raised respecting this Petition.

The House recessed for 5 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled that Petitions must be in proper form unless the House rules otherwise.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents from his District respecting the Income Supplementation Fund.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Member for Ferryland presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Income Supplementation Fund.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the proposed changes to the all terrain vehicle regulations.

The Member for Ferryland presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Calvert respecting the Income Supplementation Fund.

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A Point of Order was raised by the Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) respecting the signatures on the Petition presented by the Member for Humber East.

The House recessed at 5:40 o'clock.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:30 o'clock.

The Speaker ruled that the Petition was in order.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

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The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) presented a Petition on behalf of residents respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the District of Terra Nova respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Buchans respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Burgeo respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West presented a Petition on behalf of residents of LaPoile respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East presented a Petition on behalf of residents of St. George's respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Mount Pearl presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Lewisporte respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

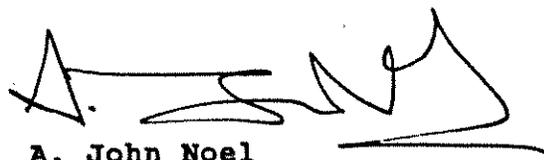
The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the sale of the Hydro Corporation.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for St. John's North (Mr. L. Matthews) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 9:57 o'clock in the evening.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 9th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement respecting the restructuring of health care institution boards in the Eastern Region of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) tabled the following:

- (a) Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992;
- (b) Farm Development Loan Board of Newfoundland Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992;
- (c) Livestock Owners Compensation Board Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled, in accordance with section 45(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the list of temporary loans raised under sections 44 and 45 of the Act between May 20, 1993 and February 27, 1994.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 1 entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation", standing in the name of the Honourable the Premier and any amendments to that motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 1 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Second Reading of Bill No. 1 shall not be further postponed.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his district respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his district respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for St. John's North (Mr. L. Matthews):

"WHEREAS the Strategic Economic Plan of Newfoundland and Labrador firmly establishes the private sector as being the primary engine of economic growth within the Province;

AND WHEREAS 66% of all new jobs are generated in the area of small family businesses;

AND WHEREAS small family businesses account for 55% of the gross national product;

AND WHEREAS various studies and reports have pointed to small and medium size businesses as one of the potential growth areas of the economy of this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly reaffirms its recognition of small business as a major part of the private sector economy of this Province and reaffirms its commitment to support organizations that promote the interest of small business,

develop programs to assist small businesses in this Province,

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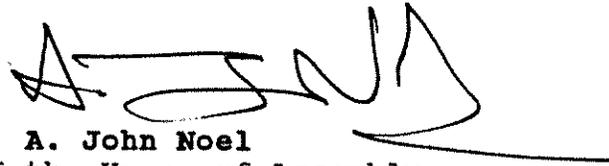
The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

By leave of the House, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) tabled the Annual Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 10th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 10th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled the following:

- (a) The Annual Report of the Pippy Park Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1993;
- (b) Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of November and December, 1993 and January, 1994.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) gave notice of the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS outside St. John's school bus transportation is provided by the provincial government through the Department of Education to students who live a long distance from their school, at no direct cost to students or their parents;

AND WHEREAS in the City of St. John's where the St. John's Transportation Commission provides a bus service, school buses paid for by the Department of Education may not operate and students, or their parents, must directly pay the total cost of school bus transportation;

AND WHEREAS this situation creates economic hardship to many families and results in lost school time, lack of safety and other problems for students whose parents cannot afford to pay bus fares;

AND WHEREAS this situation is unfair and results in an inequality of treatment and discrimination against St. John's students and their families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House of Assembly go on record as supporting equality of treatment of all school students and their families regarding school bus transportation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government be directed to provide school bus transportation to students within the City of St. John's on the same basis as is provided throughout the rest of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that debate begin on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Wells), the Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons) the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

Against: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris, Mr. Noel.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 11th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 11:55 o'clock in the evening.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 11th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to announce that applications respecting the Canada/Newfoundland Municipal Infrastructure Program would be sent to municipalities today.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor), seconded by the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts), moved that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Mark Noseworthy and his curing team in Red Deer, Alberta.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) rose in order to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege by arguing his privilege had been violated by certain statements made by the Member for St. George's.

The Speaker reserved his ruling.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Goose Bay respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards Act" (Bill No. 6)

A Bill "An Act To Continue The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fisheries Loan Act"  
(Bill No. 3)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation  
Act" (Bill No. 4).

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

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act  
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Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

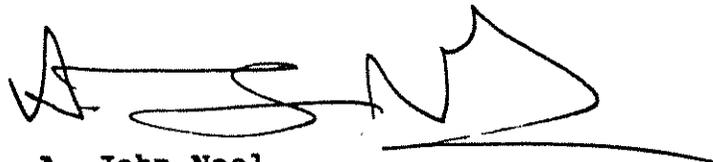
On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the  
Committee had considered the matters to it 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 rose  
it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 14th at 2  
o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 14th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker made note of March 14th as Commonwealth Day by referring to the Commonwealth Day Message of Her Majesty the Queen which was tabled for Members to read.

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 On Ways And Means To Consider The Raising Of Supply To Be Granted To Her Majesty".

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 On Supply To Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Supply To Her Majesty".

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 On Supply To Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Interim Supply To Her Majesty" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this House, acknowledging the public concern that government is moving with undue haste to privatize Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and responding to the demand of the people for information and public consultation, calls on the Government to hold public hearings on the privatization of Hydro and to set aside further consideration of Bill No. 1 until public hearings have concluded."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts), pursuant to Standing Order 21, moved that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

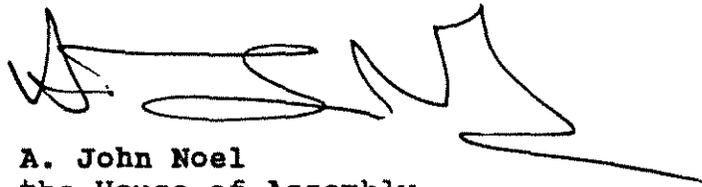
On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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 agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 15th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight), that the House of Assembly send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Dr. Ross Martin of Grand Falls - Windsor.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) made a statement and tabled a report of the Judicial Inquiry into the death of John Stephen Rich.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) made a statement respecting the Williams Royal Commission Report and in particular the implementation of the full day kindergarten program.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), in accordance with section 5 of the **Social Assistance Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Social Assistance Division for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Speaker gave his Ruling with respect to the Points of Privilege raised by the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) and the Leader of the Opposition on Monday, March 7th.

The Speaker ruled that *prima facie* cases of privilege had not been established.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

The Committee recessed from 5:52 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

On motion the Committee rose.

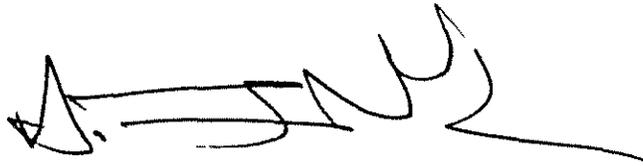
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 10 o'clock in the evening.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 16th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the economy of rural Newfoundland and Labrador has been devastated by the collapse of the northern cod stock;

**AND WHEREAS** the seal population has reached more than 5 million and created a clear imbalance in the ecosystem;

**AND WHEREAS** the market is now available for the utilization of the whole animal;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorse a full-fledged seal fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District opposing the restructuring of the education system in the Province.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder):

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that this House, acknowledging the public concern that government is moving with undue haste to privatize Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and responding to the demand of the people for information and public consultation, calls on the Government to hold public hearings on the privatization of Hydro and to set aside further consideration of Bill No. 1 until public hearings have concluded."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

Against: the Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Crane, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, March 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 17th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means and that the Speaker leave the Chair. In making the motion the Honourable the Minister of Finance delivered the Budget Speech.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance that debate on the Budget Speech be adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

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 the Speaker as follows:

"March 16, 1994

The Honourable the Minister of Finance:

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1995, in the amount of \$2,897,265,900 and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell  
Lieutenant-Governor"

The budgetary documents were distributed.

It was moved by the Honourable the Minister of Finance that the Message together with the Estimates, be referred to a Committee of Supply.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.  
On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

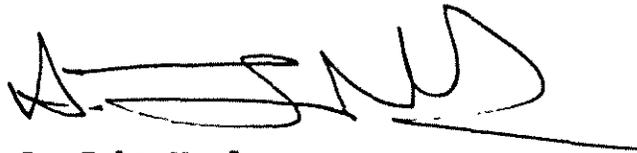
On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow move "That The House Resolve Itself Into A Committee Of The Whole To Consider Certain Resolutions Relating To The Imposition Of A Tax On Gasoline" (Bill No. 9).

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 Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, March 18th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 18th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts), in accordance with section 16 of the **Statutes and Subordinate Legislation Act**, tabled the editions of The Newfoundland Gazette published between March 3, 1993 until March 8, 1994.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board for 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) presented the Report of the Provincial Libraries Board Review Committee.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation" (Bill No. 1).

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) moved an amendment to clause 2(1)(a) of Bill No. 1.

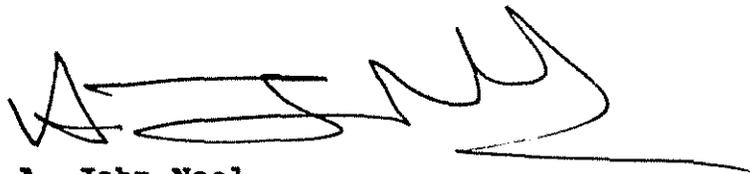
On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 21st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement respecting negotiations with Hydro Quebec on the development of Lower Churchill.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to recognize March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Member of St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) and the Member for Waterford-Kenmount (Mr. Hodder), that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. Alec Afonso.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition along with letters of support, on behalf of the family of the late Leette Moores, seeking an inquiry into the death of the late Ms. Moores while she was a patient at the Grace General Hospital in 1993.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

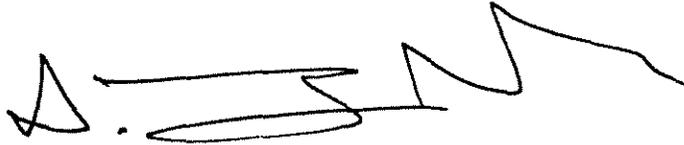
Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Budget Speech.

At 5:50 o'clock in the afternoon the House recessed until 7 o'clock in the evening.

Debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 9:08 o'clock in the evening.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 22nd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement to announce that March is Nutrition Month in Canada.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting the Income Supplementation Proposal.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

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

"March 1, 1994

**The Honourable the Minister of Finance**

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1995, by way of Interim Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. Frederick W. Russell  
Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply to consider certain Resolutions and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan):

**"WHEREAS** the agrifood sector has the potential to play a greater role in the economic future of the province;

**AND WHEREAS** all the elements necessary for a much expanded agrifood industry are present;

**AND WHEREAS** opportunities for the food processing "value added" sector are largely untapped;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorses the continuation of efforts of the present administration and the development of an Agrifoods Public Policy."

In the absence of the Member for St. George's, the Resolution was introduced by the Member for Terra Nova (Ms. Young).

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, March 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 24th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), in his capacity as acting Minister of Tourism and Culture, made a statement to announce that 1994 marks the 40th Anniversary of Provincial Parks in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move "That The House Resolve Itself Into A Committee Of The Whole On Supply To Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty" (Bill No. 12).

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 Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer to a question respecting the Income Supplementation Program Work Plan.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

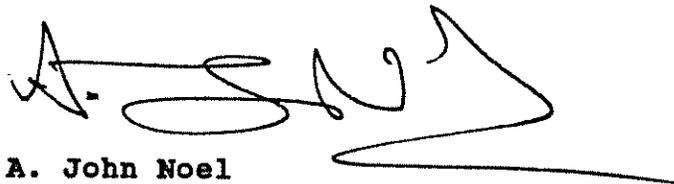
The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, March 25th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, March 25th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), as Chairperson of the Select Committee on the Practice of Public Accountancy, presented an Interim Report on behalf of the Committee.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was adopted.

The Government House Leader, moved seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, that a letter of condolence be sent from the Members of the House to the family of the Member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) on the passing of his father, Japhet Tulk.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Administrator.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"March 23, 1994

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 day of March, 1994, by way of Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd.            **J. R. Gushue**  
Administrator"

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 12 for the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 12).

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters referred to it and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1994, the sum of \$3,500,000."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 12), was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 12 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 Committee of Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

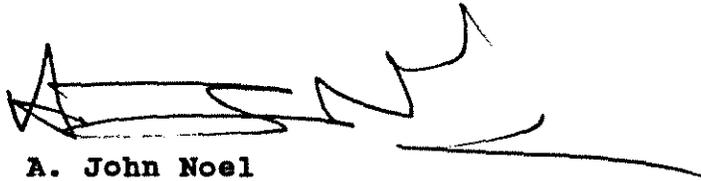
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, March 28th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move:

(a) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

**Finance**  
**Works, Services and Transportation**  
**Employment and Labour Relations**  
**Municipal & Provincial Affairs**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corp.**  
**Public Service Commission;**

(b) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

**Social Services**  
**Education**  
**Health**  
**Environment & Lands**  
**Justice; and**

(c) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

**Fisheries**  
**Forestry & Agriculture**  
**Mines & Energy**  
**Tourism and Culture**  
**Industry, Trade and Technology.**

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS Post-secondary education must be accessible to all residents of Newfoundland & Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and its economic future to have a skilled and educated population;

AND WHEREAS changing economic conditions in Newfoundland and Labrador require at least post-secondary training before the average young person can gain full employment and contribute to our economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that student grants be reinstated at appropriate levels of funding to ensure accessibility to all;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that needs assessment criteria for student grants be updated, and as well take into account the changing demography of the student population by recognizing the special needs of students with dependents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED students be involved in decision-making that affects their financial status, by ensuring that they are consulted on a regular basis when student aid is being revised."

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) moved, in accordance with the Interim Report of the Select Committee on the Practice of Public Accountancy tabled by the Chairperson on Friday past, that the Resolution as adopted by the House on December 3rd, 1993 be amended by striking out the words "31st March, 1994" and by substituting the words "June 30th, 1994".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) made a declaration under section 33 of the **House of Assembly Act** declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate of the above noted motion.

The Speaker put the question on motion that the Resolution as adopted by the House on December 3rd, 1993 be amended by striking out the words "31st March, 1994" and by substituting the words "June 30, 1994"

The motion was carried.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

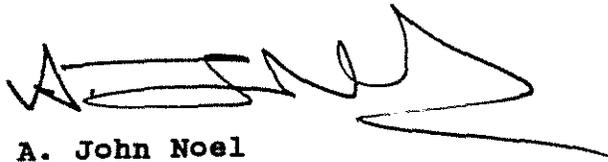
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, March 29th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled a copy of Minute of Council 94-134 respecting the authorization to pre-commit funds against the 1994-95 appropriations for the purpose of tourism advertising contracts under the Department of Tourism and Culture.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of students of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Donald C. Jamieson Academy of Burin requesting Government to implement changes to the education system as soon as possible.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order the following Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader was moved:

(a) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

**Finance**  
**Works, Services and Transportation**  
**Employment and Labour Relations**  
**Municipal & Provincial Affairs**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corp.**  
**Public Service Commission;**

(b) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

**Social Services**  
**Education**  
**Health**  
**Environment & Lands**  
**Justice; and**

(c) that the following Heads of Expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

**Fisheries**  
**Forestry & Agriculture**  
**Mines & Energy**  
**Tourism and Culture**  
**Industry, Trade and Technology.**

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 7 for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Crane (Acting Deputy Chairman of Committees) took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a 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 March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 7).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Acting Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Oldford) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to same.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1995, the sum of \$999,691,800."

Pursuant to order and on motion a 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 March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 7) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

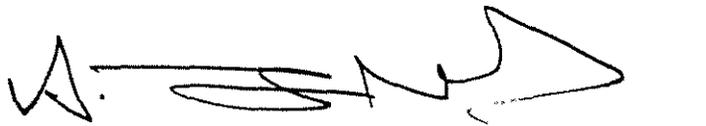
On motion it was also ordered that Bill No. 7 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was also agreed that Private Members' Day would take place tomorrow, March 30th, 1994 after which the House would adjourn for the Easter break.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 30th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled an answer respecting the air ambulance service.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne):

"WHEREAS Post-secondary education must be accessible to all residents of Newfoundland & Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and its economic future to have a skilled and educated population;

AND WHEREAS changing economic conditions in Newfoundland and Labrador require at least post-secondary training before the average young person can gain full employment and contribute to our economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that student grants be reinstated at appropriate levels of funding to ensure accessibility to all;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that needs assessment criteria for student grants be updated, and as well take into account the changing demography of the student population by recognizing the special needs of students with dependents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED students be involved in decision-making that affects their financial status, by ensuring that they are consulted on a regular basis when student aid is being revised."

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) moved, seconded by the Minister for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the words "that student grants be reinstated at appropriate levels" in the fourth stanza be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "that remission grants be made available at appropriate levels", and that the words "for student grants" in the fifth stanza be deleted and adding immediately after the word "updated" the words "on a regular basis" so that it will now read:

**"And Be It Further Resolved that needs assessment criteria be updated on a regular basis".**

The Speaker (Mr. Crane) ruled the amendments in order.

The amendments were debated.

The Speaker put the question on the amendments to the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the amendments: The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Dr. Hulan.

Against: The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the amendments carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the Resolution as amended: The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Dr. Hulan.

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The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The 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 and Labrador, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Interim 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 Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For the Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 12)

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 March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 7).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name, I thank her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I assent to these Bills".

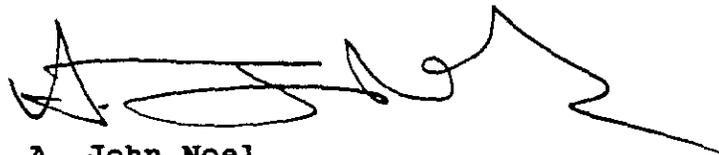
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until April 18th, 1994 or earlier at the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, April 18th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Member for Harbour Grace (Mr. Crane) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) that the House send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Paul Moriarity, the former Mayor of Harbour Grace. The motion was adopted.

By leave, the Member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Shelley) moved, seconded by the Members for St. John's South (Mr. Murphy) and St. John's East that the House send a letter of congratulations to the hockey team, the LaScie Jets, on winning the Herder Memorial Trophy. The motion was adopted.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled, in accordance with section 3(2) of the **Mineral Act**, the Report of Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994.

The Member for Terra Nova (Ms. Young) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of her District and the District of Bonavista South opposing proposed changes in the domestic wood cutting regulations.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Province respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

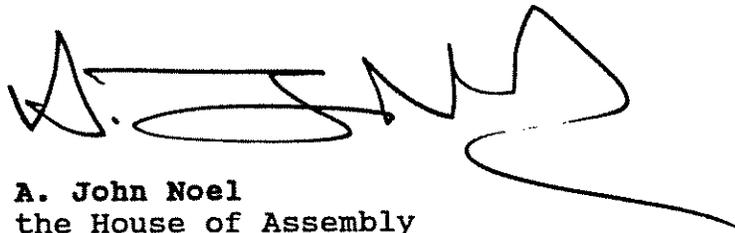
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Province respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Baie Verte-White Bay presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget Debate and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, April 19th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

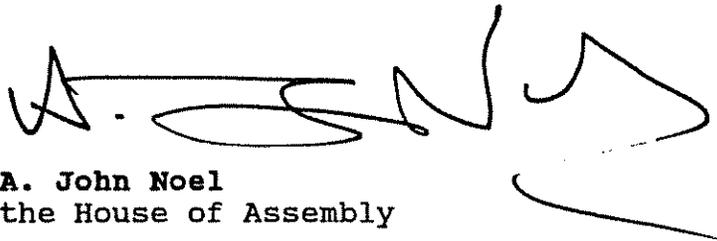
The Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget debate and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 20th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, April 20th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) in his capacity as the President of the Treasury Board, made a statement whereby he gave his initial response to the unanimous report of a Conciliation Board reviewing collective bargaining between Government and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association.

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 relating to the advancing or guaranteeing of certain loans made under **The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957** (Bill No. 13).

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 relating to the Guaranteeing of certain loans under **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957** (Bill No. 14).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque):

**"WHEREAS** the economy of rural Newfoundland and Labrador has been devastated by the collapse of the Northern cod stock;

**AND WHEREAS** the seal population has reached more than 5 million and created a clear imbalance in the ecosystem;

**AND WHEREAS** the market is now available for the utilization of the whole animal;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorse a full-fledged seal fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador."

The House agreed to the following amendment to the Resolution moved by the Member for Eagle River:

"That the Resolution Clause be struck out and the following substituted:

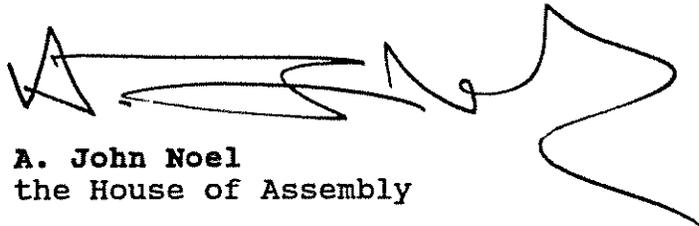
"**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorse a full-fledged adult seal fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador based on the full utilization of the seal"."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, April 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, April 21st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** social and lifestyle factors are having and will have a tremendous impact on food production and purchasing practices of consumers;

**AND WHEREAS** an increased flow of food and nutrition information and a greater emphasis on dietary advice and more awareness of environmental issues are making significant dietary behaviour changes among Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

**AND WHEREAS** food selection and lifestyle of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are having a detrimental impact on their nutritional and physical well-being;

**AND WHEREAS** the eating habits of our young people are nutritionally poor for the nation as a whole;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been established that a high incidence of health problems of individuals attended by family practitioners in this Province are diet, nutrition and lifestyle related;

**AND WHEREAS** furthering preventative health care through proper dietary eating habits and nutrition while practising a healthier lifestyle will significantly reduce many diet-related chronic health problems and obesity at minimal cost to the treasury;

**AND WHEREAS** governments need to set guidelines and encourage the food industry to make nutrition a primary consideration in the development and marketing of foods;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorses the continuation of efforts of the present administration and the development of a public policy on food and nutrition."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer explaining the Federal Fisheries Compensation Program.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

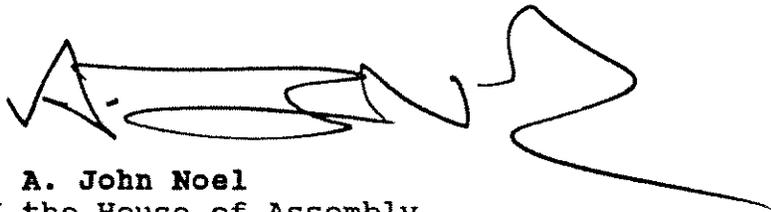
The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to Second Reading of "An Act To Regulate the Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by the Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow Friday, April 22nd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, April 22nd, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) made a statement respecting the release of the Environmental Impact Statement on military training in Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) in his capacity as Acting Minister of Tourism and Culture made a statement respecting "Destination Labrador", Labrador's marketing agency.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) in his capacity as Chairman of the Government Services Committee tabled the Report of that Committee respecting an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Bill No. 59 of the 1st Session of the 42nd General Assembly.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of the residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

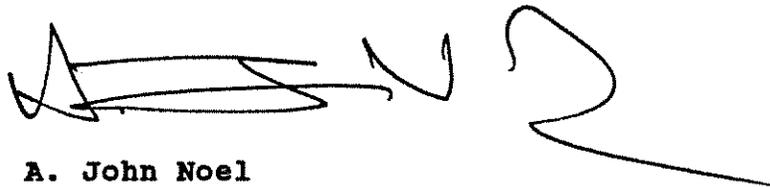
The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Amendment to Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, April 25 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, April 25th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker gave his opinion respecting two Points of Order, the first one raised on Thursday, April 21st, 1994 and the second one on Friday, April 22nd, 1994. The Speaker ruled that in both cases, there was no Point of Order.

By leave, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) moved, seconded by the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts), that a letter be sent from the House expressing speedy recovery to Private Tommy Anderson currently serving with the Canada UN Peace Force in the former Yugoslavia.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement respecting the Canada-Newfoundland letter of co-operation on energy efficiency and alternative energy.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for February 1994.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an answer respecting the **Electrical Power Control Act**.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District opposing the closure of the school at Harry's Harbour.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2), and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, April 26th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) rose on a Point of Privilege respecting the scheduling of meetings of the Government Services Committee. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Speaker presented the Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests for 1993-94.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act". (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act". (Bill No. 15)

The Member for Grand Bank gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has allocated funding for the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (TAGS) for fishers and fish plant workers in this Province based on a formula designed to "adjust" 16,000 people out of the fishery by May 16, 1998, whether or not they are able to find alternative employment;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is providing no more funding under The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy over the next five years than they will recoup from Newfoundlanders and Labradorians over the same time period in Unemployment Insurance Benefit reductions over and above what this Province would have lost had the U.I. reductions been shared among provinces fairly on a per capita basis;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this Honourable House condemn the Government of Canada for not allocating sufficient funding under The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy to provide adequately for persons and communities that have depended on the groundfish industry for their economic survival."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) gave an oral answer and also tabled information respecting community custody homes.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented a petition on behalf of residents of the community of Black Tickle seeking support for the plant in that community to process shrimp and turbot.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

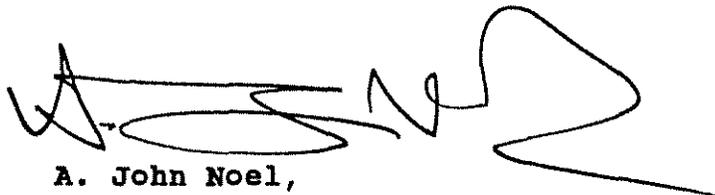
The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion Debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Grand Bank would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 27th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel,  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, April 27th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement recognizing April 28th as a Day of Mourning to remember persons killed or injured in the workplace.

The Honourable Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Flight) made a statement respecting domestic wood supplies in the Eastern Region of the Province.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews):

**"WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has allocated funding for The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (TAGS) for fishers and fish plant workers in this Province based on a formula designed to "adjust" 16,000 people out of the fishery by May 16, 1998, whether or not they are able to find alternative employment;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is providing no more funding under The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy over the next five years than they will recoup from Newfoundlanders and Labradorians over the same time period in Unemployment Insurance Benefit reductions over and above what this Province would have lost had the U.I. reductions been shared among provinces fairly on a per-capita basis;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this Honourable House condemn the Government of Canada for not allocating sufficient funding under The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy to provide adequately for persons and communities that have depended on the groundfish industry for their economic survival."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

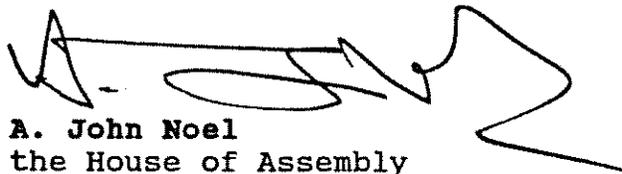
There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Careen.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Whelan, Mr. L. Matthews.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, April 28th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Member for Terra Nova (Mrs. Young) moved, seconded by the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge), that a letter of congratulations be sent by the House to Susan Capps, Nancy Creighton and Dorothy Riach, the recipients of the first YM/YWCA Women of Distinction Awards. The motion was adopted. It was also agreed that a congratulatory message be sent to the YM/YWCA for instituting this Award.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan), in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement respecting the project - "Take your Daughter to Work Day".

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) made a statement respecting recent developments with respect to the educational reform proposals.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of students from Pasadena Academy respecting the proposed construction of a new highway through the Town of Pasadena.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Lawn, St. Lawrence and Little St. Lawrence respecting the proposed educational reforms.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16).

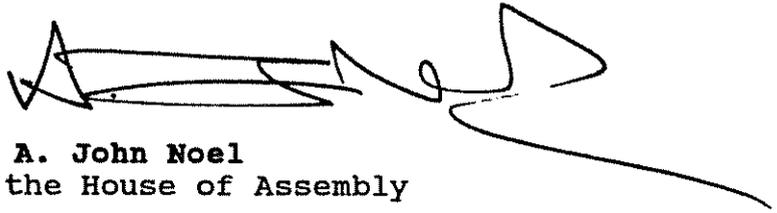
On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by the Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, April 29th at 9 o'clock in the morning.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, April 29th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker ruled there was no Point of Privilege with respect to the matter of scheduling of Estimates' Committees as raised by the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) on April 26th.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to Second Reading.

The amendment was defeated.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Finance, gave an answer respecting the privatization of the Farm Products Corporation.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 2nd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) and the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Dr. Clifton Joy, former Member of the House of Assembly. The motion was adopted.

By leave, the Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for St. John's East, that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. Ed Sheaves, former Mayor of Port aux Basques. The motion was adopted.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement and tabled a discussion paper respecting the proposed regional hospital board restructuring in Northern Newfoundland and Labrador.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer respecting the licensing of tour boat operators.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) gave an answer respecting unemployment insurance and its effect on social services.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, May 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 3rd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) made a statement respecting a judicial inquiry into the death of Captain Frederick Drosch. The Minister also tabled a copy of the Report of that Judicial Inquiry.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal for 1993.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District supporting the construction of a chronic care/nursing home facility in the Clarenville region.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Port Saunders, Hawkes Bay, Port au Choix respecting the proposed reform of the denominational education system.

The Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Trinity North, Bellevue, Placentia and Terra Nova supporting the construction of a chronic care/nursing home facility in the Clarenville region.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Lawn, Little St. Lawrence and St. Lawrence respecting the proposed reform of the denominational education system.

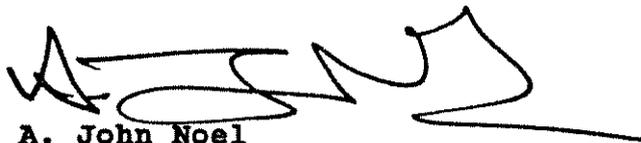
The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2), and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 4th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement respecting the impending labour difficulties between the Government and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert), as Chairperson of the Social Services Estimates Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Social Services**  
**Education**  
**Health**  
**Environment and Lands**  
**Justice.**

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance gave an answer and tabled certain information respecting the policy on relocation procedures as administered by the Public Service Commission.

The Member for Terra Nova (Ms. Young) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of her District supporting the construction of a chronic care/nursing home facility in the Clarenville region.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for St. George's (Dr. Hulan):

**"WHEREAS** social and lifestyle factors are having and will have a tremendous impact on food production and purchasing practices of consumers;

**AND WHEREAS** an increased flow of food and nutrition information and a greater emphasis on dietary advice and more awareness of environmental issues are making significant dietary behaviour changes among Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

**AND WHEREAS** food selection and lifestyle of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are having a detrimental impact on their nutritional and physical well-being;

**AND WHEREAS** the eating habits of our young people are nutritionally poor for the nation as a whole;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been established that a high incidence of health problems of individuals attended by family practitioners in this Province are diet, nutrition and lifestyle related;

**AND WHEREAS** furthering preventative health care through proper dietary eating habits and nutrition while practising a healthier lifestyle will significantly reduce many diet-related chronic health problems and obesity at minimal cost to the treasury;

**AND WHEREAS** governments need to set guidelines and encourage the food industry to make nutrition a primary consideration in the development and marketing of foods;

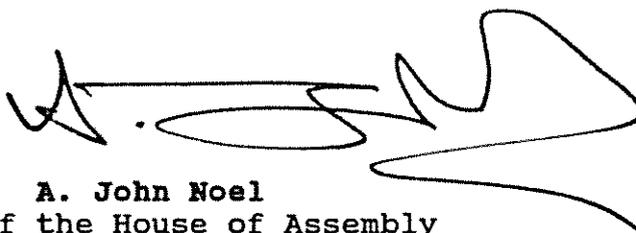
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly endorses the continuation of efforts of the present administration and the development of a public policy on food and nutrition."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 5th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement to announce the downgrading of the Province's credit rating by Standard and Poors of New York.

The Speaker tabled an opinion of the Commissioner of Members' Interests, pursuant to section 44 of the **House of Assembly Act**, respecting a matter in connection with the spouse of the Member for Humber East as reported by the Commissioner in his Annual Report.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the 1993 Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Grants Act" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18).

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" (Bill No. 19).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that 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 House.

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8) without amendment.

On motion the report of the committee was received and adopted.

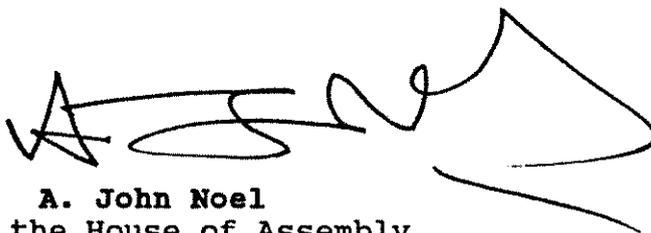
On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be read a third time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act", and that it be submitted to His Honour for His Assent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by the Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Monday, May 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 9th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Penney) as Chairperson of the Resource Estimates Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Fisheries  
Forestry and Agriculture  
Mines and Energy  
Tourism and Culture and  
Industry, Trade and Technology.**

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And the Government Of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20).

The Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Government announced in the Budget Speech its fiscal plan to further reduce the compensation of public sector employees by an additional \$50 million;

**AND WHEREAS** the President of the Treasury Board and the Government have deliberately poisoned the collective bargaining process through the use of ultimatums;

**AND WHEREAS** honour and trust have disappeared from the collective bargaining process for public employees in this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Province has deliberately and maliciously displayed a confrontational, dictatorial and mean-minded attitude towards collective bargaining in recent months;

**AND WHEREAS** the current threats to disruptions in public services are causing severe anxiety for many citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** the threat of public sector strikes is having a profound and negative effect on the Newfoundland economy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House deplore the confrontational approaches of the Government in its negotiations with public sector unions and that this House direct the President of Treasury Board to immediately begin meaningful and constructive negotiations with all public sector unions."

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the proposed reform of the denominational education system,

The Member for St. John's East Extern (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2), and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice that he would on tomorrow move, pursuant to pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 2 entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" standing in the names of the Honourable the Premier and any amendments to that motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 2 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Bill No. 2 shall not be further postponed.

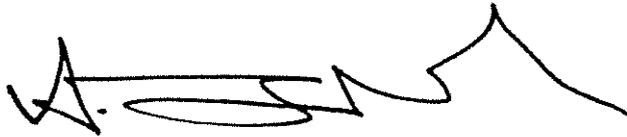
The Opposition House Leader (Mr. W. Matthews) moved, and it was agreed to by all Members that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Waterford - Kenmount be amended to read in the fourth recital as follows:

**"AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Province has displayed a confrontational, dictatorial and mean-minded attitude towards collective bargaining in recent months;"

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Waterford - Kenmount would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 10th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 10th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement to announce Government's policy in response to the credit rating recently assigned by Standard and Poors of New York.

The Honourable the Premier made a statement respecting the recent introduction in the House of Commons by the Federal Government of a Bill which will address the serious problem of foreign overfishing on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

During Oral Questions, the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) used unparliamentary words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Grand Bank to withdraw the words.

The Member for Grand Bank refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker again asked the Member for Grand Bank to withdraw the words.

The Member for Grand Bank again refused to withdraw the words.

The House recessed for 20 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker asked the Member for Grand Bank a third time to withdraw the words.

The Member for Grand Bank refused, whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Grand Bank, "Mr. William Matthews".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the Member for Grand Bank be suspended from the House for the remainder of the sitting day.

A Point of Order was raised whether the motion was debatable.

The House recessed for 12 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled that the motion of the Government House Leader was not debatable.

The Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Speaker put the question on the motion and the Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Government House Leader moved motion No. 9, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that debate on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) and any amendments to that motion for Second Reading shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Second Reading of Bill No. 2 shall not be further postponed.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Points of Order were raised respecting the number of times a Member may speak in the closure debate.

The House recessed for 12 minutes.

The Speaker ruled that Members who had spoken on previous days in the Second Reading Debate would not be entitled to speak because they had already spoken to Second Reading. However, if the motion for Second Reading was amended, then those who had spoken on previous days and had not spoken to the amendment would again be permitted to speak, provided their speeches did not exceed twenty minutes. This Ruling was based on an earlier ruling of Speaker Lush given on April 8, 1991.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor), that Bill No. 2, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" be amended by striking out all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following:

"Bill No. 2, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador", be not now read a second time because it is not in the best interests of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The House recessed for 48 minutes.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Speaker ruled the reasoned amendment for Second Reading of Bill No. 2 was in order.

Debate commenced on an amendment to Second Reading of the Bill, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to Second Reading of the Bill No. 2.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

The Speaker put the question on the motion that Bill No. 2 be read a second time.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Wells), The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Murphy, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Tulk, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

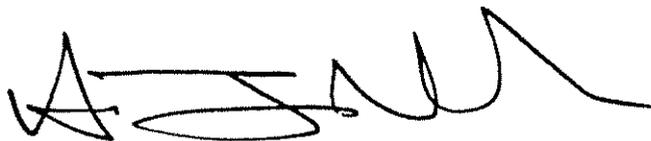
Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2)" was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned at 11:07 o'clock in the evening.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 11th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce that the Crown would appeal a recent Provincial Court decision respecting the **Shops Closing Act**.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement respecting the sale of the fluorspar mining assets at St. Lawrence to the Greater Lamaline Area Development Association.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), as Chairman of the Government Services Estimates Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Finance**  
**Public Service Commission**  
**Works, Services & Transportation**  
**Employment and Labour Relations**  
**Municipal and Provincial Affairs**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.**

On motion the Report was received and on motion debate on the Report was deferred until tomorrow.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan) tabled an answer respecting PCB storage on the Baie Verte Peninsula.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations tabled an answer respecting payments made to Members of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of her District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder):

**"WHEREAS** the Government announced in the Budget Speech its fiscal plan to further reduce the compensation of public sector employees by an additional \$50 million;

**AND WHEREAS** the President of the Treasury Board and the Government have deliberately poisoned the collective bargaining process through the use of ultimatums;

**AND WHEREAS** honour and trust have disappeared from the collective bargaining process for public employees in this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Province has deliberately and maliciously displayed a confrontational, dictatorial and mean-minded attitude towards collective bargaining in recent months;

**AND WHEREAS** the current threats to disruptions in public services are causing severe anxiety for many citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** the threat of public sector strikes is having a profound and negative effect on the Newfoundland economy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House deplore the confrontational approaches of the Government in its negotiations with public sector unions and that this House direct the President of Treasury Board to immediately begin meaningful and constructive negotiations with all public sector unions."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

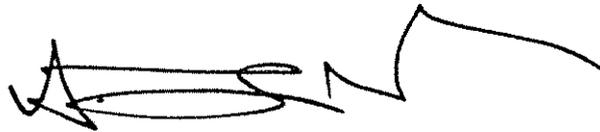
There appeared in favour of the motion:

Against:

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 12th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS section 28 of the *Provincial Court Act, 1991* requires the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint a Tribunal to recommend the salaries and benefits of the judges and chief judge of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland;

AND WHEREAS the Tribunal submitted its report to the Minister of Justice on 16 April 1992;

AND WHEREAS on 1 May 1992 the report was laid before the House of Assembly, as required by the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Act requires the House to approve or vary the report within 30 days of its being laid before the House;

AND WHEREAS the House varied the report by inserting immediately before Recommendation 1, as Recommendation A.1, the following:

- "A.1(a) In light of the provisions of the *Public Sector Restraint Act, 1992* it is recommended that the House defer consideration of the recommendations of this report until the expiry of the restraint period provided for in that Act.
- (b) It is recommended that the House accept or vary the recommendations of the report within 30 days of the expiration of the restraint period, or if the House is not then sitting, it is recommended that the report be considered and accepted or varied within 30 days of the 1st sitting of the House immediately following the end of the restraint period.

- (c) It is recommended that the report as then accepted or varied be implemented within 30 days of acceptance or variation with effect from 1994/04/01 for the then unexpired balance of the 4 year period contemplated by the report and the *Provincial Court Act, 1991.*"

AND WHEREAS the restraint period referred to expired on 31 March 1994;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the House to consider the report for the balance of the four year period dealt with in it;

AND WHEREAS Government has decided to ask the House to vary the recommendations of the report further;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House vary the Report on the Salaries and Benefits of Provincial Court Judges as follows:

1. By deleting Recommendation A.1.
2. By deleting Recommendation 1 and substituting therefore the following:
  - "1. The Tribunal recommends that officials of the Departments of Justice and Treasury Board, with such professional assistance as they may require, undertake a reclassification exercise of the position of Provincial Court Judge analogous to that available for civil service positions. Any reclassification should take into account only the changes in jurisdiction and required qualifications since the Orsborn report, may not exceed the normal maximum range on the Executive Pay Plan, and will take effect only as of 1 April 1994."

3. By deleting Recommendation 2 and substituting therefore the following:
  - "2. The Tribunal recommends that the differential between the Chief Judge's salary and the other Judges be \$5,000 so that the Chief Judge's salary be at all times \$5,000 higher than the salary paid the other Judges."
4. By deleting Recommendation 3 and substituting therefore the following:
  - "3. The Tribunal recommends that Government continue to provide the same pension plan for Judges as provided for Deputy Ministers in the service of the Province."
5. By deleting subparagraph 2 of Recommendation 4."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19)

A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20).

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

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved a number of amendments to clauses 1,3, 22 and 23 of Bill No. 2. The amendments were tabled.

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was defeated.

The Speaker left the Chair at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow Move, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 2 entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 2 shall be the first business of the House when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

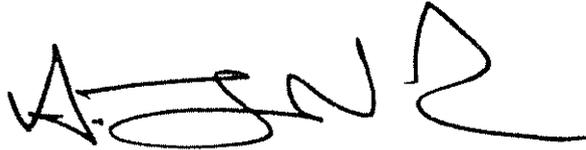
On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

At 7:05 o'clock in the evening it was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, May 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 16th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to review its decision with respect to the elimination of the 2% savings clause in the teachers' collective agreement.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Motion No. 6 being the motion to vary the Report on the Salary and Benefits of Provincial Court Judges, standing in the name of the Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Baker).

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) moved, seconded by the Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) that the Resolution be amended by adding the following at the end of the Resolution:

"6. The Tribunal recommends that any suggested changes in classification and remuneration resulting from the reclassification exercise in Recommendation 1 be subject to the approval of the House of Assembly."

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) moved Motion No. 5, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate on Bill No. 2 entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles, or whatever else might be related to debate in Committee of the Whole House respecting Bill No. 2 shall be the first business of the Committee when next called by the House, and shall not be further postponed.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled "An Act To Regulate the Electrical Power Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) moved certain amendments to Bill No. 2. These amendments were tabled.

By leave, the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the restoration of the cod stocks on the Canadian Continental Shelf is essential for the future social and economic development of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** foreign fishing efforts continue to plunder the straddling fish stocks on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has imposed a moratorium on the Newfoundland and Labrador cod fishery;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House commend the Government of Canada for its farsighted and courageous decision to ask Parliament to adopt legislation to

empower the Government to enact regulations to protect the fish stocks which straddle the limits of Canada's extended fishing zone; and that the House commend the Parliament of Canada for adopting the legislation with such alacrity."

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Trinity North would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) moved certain amendments to Bill No. 2. These amendments were tabled.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments moved by the Member for St. John's East. The Chairperson declared these amendments defeated.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments moved by the Member for Burin-Placentia West. The Chairperson declared these amendments defeated.

The Chairperson put the question on the following amendments moved by the Honourable the Government House Leader:

"1. That Clause 1 of Bill No. 2 be deleted and the following substituted:

Short title                      "1. This Act may be cited as the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994."

2. That Clause 3 of Bill No. 2 be amended by deleting the proposed subparagraph 3(b)(iv) and substituting the following:

"(iv) that would result in, subject to Part III, a person having priority to use, other than for resale, the power it produces, or the power produced by a producer which is its wholly-owned subsidiary,"

3. That Clause 22 of Bill No. 2 be deleted and the following substituted:

Essential employees "22. (1) A retailer and a bargaining agent may jointly establish and file with the public utilities board a written statement of the number of employees in each classification in the unit represented by the bargaining agent who are considered to be essential employees which, upon receipt by the public utilities board, shall be binding upon the retailer, the bargaining agent and the employees as an order of the public utilities board.

(2) If the retailer and the bargaining agent do not jointly file a written statement with the public utilities board under subsection (1), either the retailer or the bargaining agent may make an application to the public utilities board to determine the number of essential employees in each classification and the public utilities board shall make such an order.

(3) Within 15 days of the making of an application under subsection (2), the retailer shall provide the bargaining agent and the public utilities board with a written statement of the number of essential employees in each classification who are considered by the retailer to be essential employees.

(4) The number of employees determined to be essential under subsection (2) shall not exceed the number contained in the written statement provided by the retailer under subsection (3).

(5) The public utilities board may, in its discretion, make an interim order under this section based upon such information as it considers necessary and with or without a hearing or notice, which order shall be effective until the public utilities board makes a final order.

(6) A copy of any application made to the public utilities board by a retailer or by a bargaining agent under this section shall be provided to the other party by the applicant not later than 2 days after the application is received by the public utilities board.

(7) Where a hearing is requested by either the retailer or the bargaining agent arising from an application made under subsection (2) or arising from an interim order made under this section, the public utilities board shall hold a hearing into the matter which hearing shall take place not earlier than 15 days after the application was received by it.

(8) The public utilities board may, at any time, amend an order of joint settlement made under subsection (1) or a determination made under subsection (2), and the provisions of subsections (2) and (7) relating to representation, hearing and interim orders shall apply for an amendment as they apply for a determination.

(9) The number of essential employees determined in an amendment to an order of joint settlement shall not exceed the number contained in the order of joint settlement made under subsection (1) or the number contained in the written statement provided by the retailer under subsection (2) unless the retailer and the bargaining agent consent to a greater number.

(10) A determination or amendment made under this section shall be communicated in writing by the public utilities board to the bargaining agent and the retailer not later than 10 days after the determination or amendment is made.

(11) The retailer shall within 10 days of filing a written statement under subsection (1) or receiving from the public utilities board a determination or an amendment under subsection (2) or (8) name the employees in the unit who are essential, but the number of employees named shall not exceed the number considered to be essential as jointly agreed upon under subsection (1) or determined by the public utilities board to be essential under subsection (2) or (8).

(12) The retailer may substitute the name of an employee who is essential for the name of another employee who is essential but the number of employees named shall not exceed the number considered to be essential as jointly agreed upon under subsection (1) or determined by the public utilities board to be essential under subsection (2) or (8).

(13) The retailer shall notify in writing the bargaining agent and each employee in the bargaining unit named by the retailer as an essential employee that he or she has been named as an essential employee.

(14) An employee named as an essential employee shall report for work as if a strike or lockout were not taking place.

(15) Where an employee named as an essential employee does not report for work as required under subsection (14), the retailer shall immediately terminate the employment of that employee, unless the retailer is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the employee not so reporting."

4. That Clause 23 of Bill No. 2 be amended by renumbering the proposed subsections (2) to (7) as subsections (3) to (8) and by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following:

"(2) Where a corporation existing under the laws of the province holds more than 85% of the voting shares of a retailer on April 1, 1994, paragraph (1)(a) shall not apply to that holding."

The Chairperson put the question on the amendments. The Chairperson declared the amendments carried.

The Chairperson put the question that the long title of Bill No. 2 carry.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

The Chairperson declared the long title carried.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2), with amendments.

The amendments to Bill No. 2 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be read a third time presently.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Leader of the Opposition moved that Bill No. 2, "The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994", be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following:

"Bill No. 2, The Electrical Power Control Act, 1994" be not now read a third time but that it be read a third time 6 months from now".

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Debate was commenced on the amendment to Third Reading of "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved pursuant to Standing Order 50 that the debate or further consideration of Third Reading of Bill No. 2 entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Premier and any amendments to that motion for Third Reading of Bill No 2 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Third Reading of Bill No. 2 shall not be further postponed.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 10:15 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, May 17th, 1993

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to announce the first phase of the Canada/Newfoundland Municipal Infrastructure Agreement.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District opposing the proposed reform of the denominational education system.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to S.O. 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the motions and they were carried.

By agreement, the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that each Member would have 10 minutes each during the debate on each Concurrence Motion on the Estimates.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee.

By agreement, the Members decided to take a one hour dinner recess around 6 o'clock in the evening.

The House recessed at 5:50 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The debate on the Report of the Social Services Committee Concurrence Motion was concluded.

The Speaker put the question. The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Resource Estimates Committee.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved Motion No. 5, pursuant to Standing Order 50, that the debate or further consideration of Third Reading of Bill No. 2 entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" standing in the name of the Honourable the Premier and any amendments to that motion for Third Reading of Bill No 2 shall not be further adjourned and that further consideration of any amendments relating to Third Reading of Bill No. 2 shall not be further postponed.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2).

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to Third Reading of Bill No. 2.

The Speaker declared the amendment defeated.

The Speaker put the question that Bill No. 2 be read a third time.

The House divided.

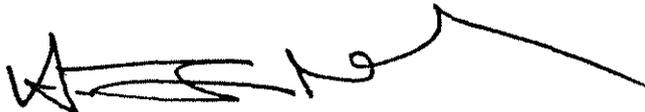
There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Premier (Mr. Wells), the Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Noel, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms), Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2) was read a third time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 12:30 a.m., May 18th.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 18th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

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 Relating To The Raising of Loans By The Province" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) tabled the annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Advisory Council on the Economy for the fiscal year April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993.

The Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of parents and students requesting a quick and fair resolution to the teachers' strike.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion standing in the name of the Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford):

**"WHEREAS** the restoration of the cod stocks on the Canadian Continental Shelf is essential for the future social and economic development of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**AND WHEREAS** foreign fishing efforts continue to plunder the straddling fish stocks on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Banks;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has imposed a moratorium on the Newfoundland and Labrador cod fishery;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House commend the Government of Canada for its farsighted and courageous decision to ask Parliament to adopt legislation to empower the Government to enact regulations to protect the fish stocks which straddle the limits of Canada's extended fishing zone; and that the House commend the Parliament of Canada for adopting the legislation with such alacrity."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: the Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Forestry & Agriculture (Mr. Flight), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Carter), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes), Mr. L. Snow, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Crane, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Lands (Ms. Cowan), Mr. Andersen, Mr. Tulk, Ms. Young, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Dumaresque, Mr. Smith, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. Hulan, Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Ms. Verge, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Careen, Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 19th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave an oral answer and tabled documents respecting the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal caseload and expenses during the past number of years.

The Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of students from various schools in the St. John's area respecting the current teachers' strike.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of students from his District respecting the current teachers' strike.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, there being no questions pursuant to Standing Order 31, the House continued with regular business.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Committee.

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 20th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:37 o'clock in the afternoon.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, May 20th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) gave notice of and tabled various amendments to Bill No. 1, "An Act Respecting The Privatization Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation".

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Menihek (Mr. A. Snow) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

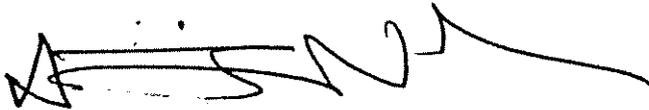
The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 24th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting the Youth Service Canada Projects for Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for March, 1994.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the United States Naval Facility at Argentia will formally close in October, 1994;

**AND WHEREAS** the compensation benefits offered to the civilian employees of the Argentia Naval Facility are much lower than the benefits paid to civilian employees on Canadian military bases who will lose employment as a result of base closures;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly urge the Government of Canada to demand that the Government of the United States pay compensation benefits to displaced civilian employees of US Naval Facility Argentia, equivalent to benefits paid in similar circumstances by the Government of Canada to civilian employees of Canadian military bases."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Consolidated Fund Services**  
**Legislature**  
**Executive Council**

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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 agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Placentia would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 25th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement respecting a Report of the Fact Finding Committee that investigated complaints about the relationship between the Grenfell Regional Health Services and some of its physicians. The Minister also tabled the Report.

During Oral Questions, the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) used unparliamentary words.

The Speaker asked the Member for Humber East to withdraw the words.

The Member for Humber East refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker again asked the Member for Humber East to withdraw the words.

The Member for Humber East again refused to withdraw the words, whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Humber East, "Ms. Lynn Verge".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the Member for Humber East be suspended from the House for the remainder of the sitting day.

The Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23).

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of the members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Injured Workers' Association requesting that the Government not change the structure of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Honourable the Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen):

**"WHEREAS** the United States Naval Facility at Argentia will formally close in October, 1994;

**AND WHEREAS** the compensation benefits offered to the civilian employees of the Argentia Naval Facility are much lower than the benefits paid to civilian employees on Canadian military bases who will lose employment as a result of base closures;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly urge the Government of Canada to demand that the Government of the United States pay compensation benefits to displaced civilian employees of US Naval Facility Argentia, equivalent to benefits paid in similar circumstances by the Government of Canada to civilian employees of Canadian military bases."

The House agreed to the following amendment to the Resolution as moved by the Member for Placentia:

"That the Resolution Clause be struck out and the following substituted:

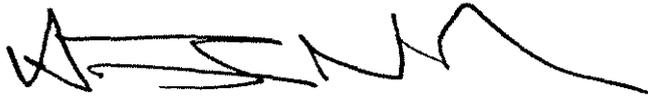
**"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the House urge the Government of Canada to support the campaign to persuade the Government of the United States to provide pay and compensation benefits to displaced civilian employees of US Naval Facility in Argentia, equivalent to benefits paid in similar circumstances by the Government of Canada to civilian employees of Canadian military bases.""

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 26th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 26th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Dr. Kitchen) made a statement respecting an audit review of the third party billing process relating to uninsured services performed by salaried physicians of the Grenfell Regional Health Services Board. The Minister also tabled a copy of the audit review.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) raised a Point of Privilege respecting certain statements made by the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

In reply to a number of questions for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) gave certain oral answers respecting the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal, the TAGS Program, training under NCARP. The Minister also tabled regulations respecting electrical inspectors.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Health gave an oral answer respecting palliative care beds in the Grand Falls Hospital.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Bonavista respecting problems caused by the sewage treatment plant outflow into O'Dea's Pond.

The Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to S.O. 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24).

On motion it was ordered that 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.

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Consolidated Fund Services  
Legislature  
Executive Council.**

On motion the Committee rose.

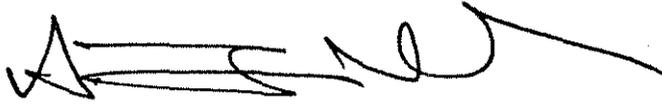
The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday,  
May 27th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, May 27th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) rose on a point of order to explain his statements on Thursday in that he did not intend to cast any unwarranted aspersions with respect to certain Justice officials.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the Privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to S.O. 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Consolidated Fund Services**  
**Legislature**  
**Executive Council.**

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 30th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of parents and students of Deer Lake High School encouraging Government to settle the current Teachers' strike.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Furey) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of Supply considered the following Heads of Expenditure:

**Consolidated Fund Services**  
**Legislature**  
**Executive Council.**

By leave, the Member for St. John's North (Mr. Lloyd Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** this Province has experienced significant economic difficulties during the past few years due to a general economic recession;

**AND WHEREAS** the economic difficulties have been further complicated by the collapse of the ground fish industry and some other sections of the Province's economy have also been negatively affected by general economic conditions;

**AND WHEREAS** the government acknowledges that the private sector must be the primary engine of economic growth and stimulus in the Province in order to create new jobs for our people;

**AND WHEREAS** many unemployed and underemployed Newfoundlanders do not, at present, have their educational and employment needs met by specific government programs;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this House reaffirms its support for the commitment of the government to pursue the development and funding of programs which will ultimately result in the best chance for long term employment opportunities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House is committed to the principle that all of our people have fair and equitable access to meaningful programs and support mechanisms that will assist them in accessing educational opportunities, training and jobs on a fair and equitable basis with all other Newfoundlanders."

The Committee of Supply passed the following Heads of Expenditure, without amendment:

**Consolidated Fund Services  
Legislature  
Executive Council.**

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

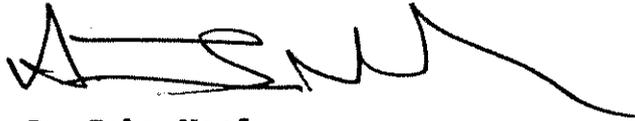
The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the Executive Council, Legislature and Consolidated Fund Services, without amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

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

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for St. John's North would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 31st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House adjourned at 10:10 in the evening.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 31st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce that a tentative agreement had been reached with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 26).

The Member for St. John's North (Mr. L. Matthews) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens who reside within the boundaries of Pippy Park and who wish to be treated in the same manner as other taxpayers in the City of St. John's.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of South Brook respecting the legal status of persons between the ages of 16 to 18 under the social welfare system.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Committee considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto, recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

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

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the **Gasoline Tax Act**".

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure further to amend **The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations".

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

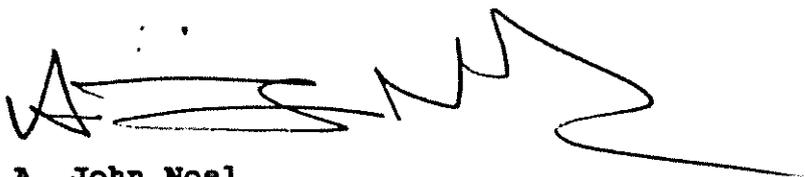
A Bill                    "An Act To Amend The Gasoline  
Tax Act" (Bill No. 9)

A Bill                    "An Act To Amend The Loan And  
Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13)

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 9 and 13 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 1st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), in his capacity of Acting Minister of Tourism and Culture, made a statement to announce that the period June 1st to June 10th had been declared National Tourism Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27).

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to locate a regional health care centre for Labrador in Happy Valley - Goose Bay.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's North (Mr. L. Matthews):

**"WHEREAS** this Province has experienced significant economic difficulties during the past few years due to a general economic recession;

**AND WHEREAS** the economic difficulties have been further complicated by the collapse of the ground fish industry and some other sections of the Province's economy have also been negatively affected by general economic conditions;

**AND WHEREAS** the government acknowledges that the private sector must be the primary engine of economic growth and stimulus in the Province in order to create new jobs for our people;

**AND WHEREAS** many unemployed and underemployed Newfoundlanders do not, at present, have their educational and employment needs met by specific government programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House reaffirms its support for the commitment of the government to pursue the development and funding of programs which will ultimately result in the best chance for long term employment opportunities;

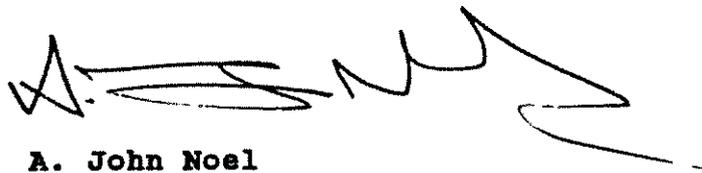
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House is committed to the principle that all of our people have fair and equitable access to meaningful programs and support mechanisms that will assist them in accessing educational opportunities, training and jobs on a fair and equitable basis with all other Newfoundlanders."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, June 2nd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the current policy of appointing persons to serve on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal on a part-time basis has often resulted in lengthy and unreasonable delays in the processing of the appeals of Workers' Compensation applicants, and has in many cases caused great hardship for these applicants;

**AND WHEREAS** the current regulations concerning compensation of the Tribunal members who serve on a part-time basis has enabled certain of these members lawfully to claim and to receive indefensibly large amounts of compensation;

**AND WHEREAS** the current policy whereby Tribunal members are appointed by Cabinet has established the basis for allegations of political patronage and has thereby undermined public confidence that appointees are chosen for their qualifications rather than for reasons of political patronage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the government, forthwith, to introduce the requisite changes to provincial legislation whereby:

1. all positions currently on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal shall be terminated;
2. the Tribunal shall henceforth consist of three positions:
  - a. a full-time representative of employers;
  - b. a full-time representative of employees; and
  - c. a full-time neutral chairperson; and
3. the individuals selected to serve in the three positions on the Tribunal shall be selected and hired independently by the Public Service Commission."

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador".

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) tabled an answer respecting maintenance income for social assistance recipients.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Brigus Junction requesting Government to repave two kilometres of road in the community.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the privatization of the Hydro Corporation.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Association Act"  
(Bill No. 26)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)"  
(Bill No. 27).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a second time presently.

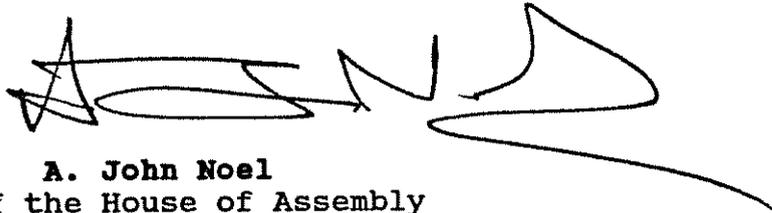
On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on the Budget Speech and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, June 3rd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, June 3rd, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Lands (Ms. Cowan) made a statement to announce that June 5 - 11, 1994 had been set aside as Canadian Environment Week. The theme for Environment Week, 1994 has been designated "Go Green. This Week. Every Week".

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28), was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on the Budget Speech.

The Speaker put the question on the Budget motion that he do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair and Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again presently.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"May 16, 1994

**The Honourable the Minister of Finance**

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1995, in the aggregate of \$2,947,265,900 and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

**Frederick W. Russell**  
Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the total contained in the Estimates and directed that a Resolution and Bill be adopted to give effect to the same.

On motion the Committee of Supply rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee of Supply had passed the amount of \$2,949,265,900 contained in the Estimates of Supply and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole on Supply with respect to the Estimates of 1994-95, together with a Resolution and Bill No. 21 consequent thereto be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Speaker put the motion and the motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee of Ways Means.

The Committee of Ways and Means considered and passed a Certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 21).

On motion the Committee of Ways and Means rose. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Ways and Means reported that the Committee of Ways and Means had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and Bill No. 21 consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 21 be introduced to give effect to same.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

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.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

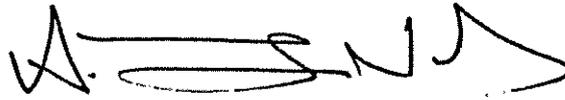
"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1995, a sum of \$1,967,574,100."

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 March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 21) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Gover for His Assent.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, June 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, June 6th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) read a statement to announce the cancellation of high school public examinations this school year.

The Honourable Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the calendar year 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Lush) tabled the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that a Select Committee be appointed to review the "Issues for Consideration by the Legislature" identified by the Commissioner of Members' Interests in his report of 25 April 1994, and to make recommendations with respect thereto; AND THAT the Committee report to the House by 30 September 1994.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Pony represents a significant element of the working heritage of our province, providing transportation, working power in the woods, in the fisheries and in farming and being the virtual engine of outport and rural life for hundreds of years;

**AND WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Pony is a distinctive breed of horse, unique to our province, having developed from various strains of Moorland Ponies and other horses brought here in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, and through natural breeding and adaptation evolved characteristics especially suited to our climate and the needs of our people and communities;

**AND WHEREAS** economic changes and the lack of recognition and protection for this important part of our living cultural heritage has caused the number of Newfoundland Ponies to dwindle to the point where there are less than 100 breedable animals;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge government to recognize the importance of the Newfoundland Pony by introducing legislation establishing the Newfoundland Pony as a Heritage Animal;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that measures be taken to assist in the establishment of the Newfoundland Pony as a recognized breed including providing or endorsing means of acknowledging individual animals as Newfoundland Ponies;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that government protect Newfoundland Ponies from being exported from the province for meat and take steps to encourage the growth and development of the Newfoundland Pony population."

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of students of his District respecting the public and scholarship examinations.

The Member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the cancellation of public examinations.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 14).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 22).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions.

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

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the guarantee of the repayment of loans made to, and the advance of loans to certain local authorities."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to authorize the raising from time to time by way of loan on the credit of the province the sum of \$300,000,000 and the additional sum or sums of money that may be required to retire, repay, renew or refund securities issued under an Act of the province or that may be paid into the Newfoundland Government Sinking Fund."

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

A Bill        "An Act To Amend The Local  
                 Authority Guarantee Act, 1957"  
                 (Bill No. 14)

A Bill        "An Act To Authorize The Raising  
                 Of Money By Way Of Loan By The  
                 Province" (Bill No. 22).

On motion it was ordered that Bills Nos. 14 and 22 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

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

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 23 and 25 read a third time presently.

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

A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25).

On motion it was ordered that the abovenoted 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 debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill no. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be read a second time presently.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 7th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, June 7th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement to announce the appointment of the Honourable John C. Crosbie as Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District respecting the maintenance of the ferry service to the Town of Gaultois.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) asked leave to withdraw his Private Members' Motion as printed on the Order Paper of June 1st, being the Motion respecting the school bus system in the City of St. John's.

Leave was given by the House. The motion was withdrawn.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Motion No. 1 standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts):

"That a Select Committee be appointed to review the "Issues for Consideration by the Legislature" identified by the Commissioner of Members' Interests in his report of 25 April, 1994, and to make recommendations with respect thereto; AND THAT the Committee report to the House by 30 September, 1994."

The Speaker put the question.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that following Members comprise the Select Committee:

**Member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Langdon)  
Chairperson**

**Member for Bonavista South (Roger Fitzgerald)  
Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque)  
Member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk)  
Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge)  
Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford)  
Member for Terra Nova (Ms. Young)**

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) moved that the motion be amended to specifically name the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) as Vice-Chairperson of the Select Committee.

The Speaker put the question that the motion, as amended, be adopted.

The Speaker declared the motion, as amended, carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) made a declaration under section 33 of the **House of Assembly Act** declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24). He informed the House that he would not participate in the Debate nor vote with respect to this Bill.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that it had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19).

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.

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 10 and 19 be read a third time presently.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for St. John's East on June 6th would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

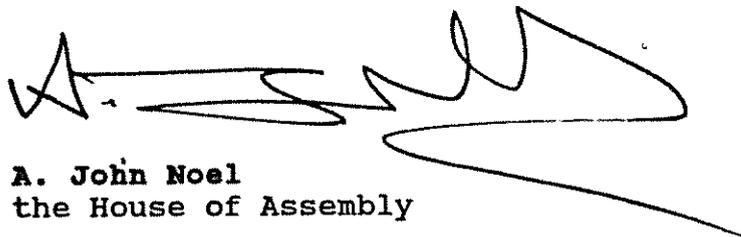
It was moved by the Government House Leader and agreed to by all Members that three Members would speak to the Private Member's Resolution. Each of those Members would speak for 5 to 10 minutes, following which debate would commence on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27).

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:11 o'clock in the afternoon.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 8th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce that a tentative agreement had been reached with the NAPE/CUPE Unions.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave an oral answer and tabled information respecting severance pay and the pension plan of employees of the U.S. Argentinia Naval Base.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Tourism and Culture, gave an oral answer respecting historic sites in the Province.

In accordance with the agreement reached by Members yesterday and pursuant to order and on motion, debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris):

**"WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Pony represents a significant element of the working heritage of our province, providing transportation, working power in the woods, in the fisheries and in farming and being the virtual engine of outport and rural life for hundreds of years;

**AND WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Pony is a distinctive breed of horse, unique to our province, having developed from various strains of Moorland Ponies and other horses brought here in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, and through natural breeding and adaptation evolved characteristics especially suited to our climate and the needs of our people and communities;

**AND WHEREAS** economic changes and the lack of recognition and protection for this important part of our living cultural heritage has caused the number of Newfoundland Ponies to dwindle to the point where there are less than 100 breedable animals;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge government to recognize the importance of the Newfoundland Pony by introducing legislation establishing the Newfoundland Pony as a Heritage Animal;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that measures be taken to assist in the establishment of the Newfoundland Pony as a recognized breed including providing or endorsing means of acknowledging individual animals as Newfoundland Ponies;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that government protect Newfoundland Ponies from being exported from the province for meat and take steps to encourage the growth and development of the Newfoundland Pony population."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Finance made a statement to announce a second tentative agreement had been reached with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 31)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was agreed to stop the clock.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Decker) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 24:

"That Clause 10 of Bill No. 24 be repealed and the following substituted:

Agreements exempted

"10. Where, in conjunction with the sale of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited, agreements are entered into with the corporation called Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited for the provision by Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited of goods and services, as provided for in the agreements to the government of the province, agencies of the government and Memorial University of Newfoundland, the Public Tender Act does not apply to the acquisition of those goods and services during the currency of those agreements."

Debate commenced on the amendment to Clause No. 10.

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28) and asked leave to sit again.

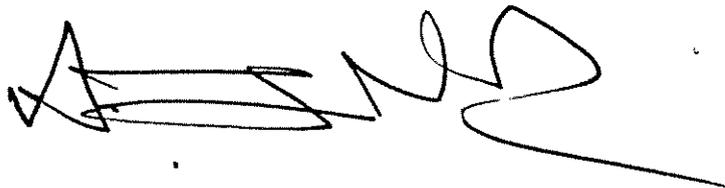
On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28) was read a third time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed 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 rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, June 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, June 9th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), as Chairperson of the Public Accountancy Select Committee, tabled the Report of the Select Committee on the Practice of Public Accountancy.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Grimes) on behalf of the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for April, 1994.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for 1993-94.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled the financial statements of the Pooled Pension Fund for the year ended December 31, 1993.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Province opposing the importation of waste material and garbage into the Province.

By leave, the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved pursuant to Standing Order 60A, that Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19) be rescinded and that Bill No. 19 be again referred to Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19).

The Government House Leader moved that in Clause 3, the new provision 41.1 be amended by adding after the words "under those lands" the words "and lands".

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment.

The amendment was carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19), as amended.

The Committee continued to consider the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) made a declaration under section 33 of the **House of Assembly Act** declaring a possible conflict with respect to his participation in the debate on a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24). He informed the House that he would not participate in the Debate nor vote with respect to this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment moved the previous day to Clause 10 of Bill No. 24.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) moved that Clause 10 be further amended by adding after the words "the currency of those agreements" the words "for a maximum period of five years".

Debate commenced on this sub-amendment.

The Chairperson put the question on the sub-amendment.

The sub-amendment was defeated.

On motion debate on the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24) was adjourned.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27).

The Committee continued debate on the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24).

The Member for Mount Pearl moved that the amended Clause 10 be further amended by adding after the words "the concurrence of those agreements" the words "and in any case not to exceed eight years".

The Chairperson put the question on the sub-amendment.

The Chairperson declared the sub-amendment carried.

The Chairperson put the question that Clause 10, as amended, carry.

The Chairperson declared that Clause 10, as amended, and as further amended, do pass.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited" (Bill No. 24) with amendments.

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills, with amendments:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19)

A Bill "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24).

The amendments to Bills No. 19 and 24 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 19 and 24 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27) without amendment.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19)

A Bill "An Act Respecting Newfoundland  
And Labrador Computer Services  
Limited (Bill No. 24)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers'  
Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11).

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that 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 Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Barrett took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11) and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order and motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax Act" (Bill No. 11) was read a third time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Dr. Gibbons) tabled the Annual Report and financial statements of the Canada - Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board for the year ended March 31, 1994.

The House recessed for 15 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The 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 Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

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 March 31, 1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 21).

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

The Speaker further 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 Automobile Insurance Act" (Bill No. 8)

A Bill "An Act To Regulate The Electrical Power Resources Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 2)

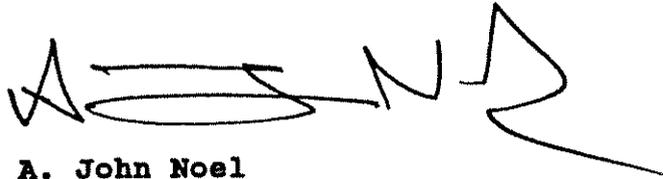
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Gasoline Tax Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 13)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 14)
- A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Grand Concourse Authority" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 10)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Literacy Development Council Of Newfoundland And Labrador" (Bill No. 28)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax" (Bill No. 11)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 19).

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

His Honour then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the Notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal stroke and a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 14th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on June 9, 1994.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement to report on his recent trip to China as part of the Team Canada trade delegation led by Prime Minister Chretien.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) made a statement to congratulate the Folk of the Sea upon its performance at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that the Governments of the Province and Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding respecting a Project on Domestic Wastewater and Disposal Technologies.

The Honourable the Speaker tabled the auditor's report and financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the financial year ended March 31, 1994.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House expresses its desire for reforms to address the need for better quality, higher achievement and greater efficiency in our school system;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House requests Government to bring in legislation to enact changes recommended in the 1992 Report of the Royal Commission on Education that can be dealt with entirely within the legislative jurisdiction of this legislature; and further urges Government and denominational representatives to negotiate an agreement for greater co-operation and co-ordination among denominational school systems in the delivery of educational services;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, affirming its desire that the negotiations between Government and denominational representatives proceed in good faith, this House gives its solemn pledge to the holders of the educational rights and privileges protected in the Constitution, that it will not arbitrarily remove or amend those rights and privileges without their consent."

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35).

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 Relating To The Advancing or Guaranteeing Of Certain Loans Made Under the Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38).

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The Honourable the Minister of Education and Training (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Training gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (No. 33).

The Member for Twillingate (Mr. Carter) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the importation of garbage and/or industrial wastes in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador is an indignity to our people and our Province and should not be seen as a potential source of economic development for this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** any such initiative would have a negative impact on the image of this Province and be detrimental to other forms of industrial and economic development, including and especially the development of our tourism and aquaculture industries;

**AND WHEREAS** the overwhelming majority of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are opposed in principal to any such initiatives;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Honourable House of Assembly take such action as may be necessary to enact legislation that would effectively prohibit the importation of garbage and/or industrial waste in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Member for St. John's Centre (Dr. Kitchen) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"**WHEREAS** the issue of fire safety among the residents and owners of property in the older row housing units in St. John's is of prime concern;

**AND WHEREAS** many of the row houses in this area have inadequate fire blocks between attached houses, in some cases with common attics and no fire blocks at all between houses;

**AND WHEREAS** there is currently a lack of effort on the part of the provincial, federal and municipal governments to address this problem;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government begin immediately to devote more of its financial resources to instituting programs and policies which would assist in the refurbishment of existing units and buildings, both private and publicly owned, in the downtown core of St. John's, and other communities with similar safety problems with row housing."

The Member for LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"**WHEREAS**, advances in information technology are revolutionizing business, government, academia and society in general;

**WHEREAS** the growth of the information technology sector is important to the economic development of this Province;

**WHEREAS** potentials exist for cost effective access by the public to government information;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly recognizes the importance of development in the information technology sector and

- 1.) supports the establishment of local public access computer networks or freenets in this Province;
- 2.) is committed to being an information provider for such networks and to allowing public access to government information in this way, and
- 3.) supports the continuation of the Stem-net and related computer network activities."

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** there has been worldwide growth in the importance of aquaculture;

**AND WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador is a Province with extensive coastlines and a history of leading the way in marine related industries;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly recognizes the potential of the aquaculture industry in this Province and encourages government to continue its focus on this growth industry."

The Member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the fishing industry has been, and will continue to be, the cornerstone of this Province's culture and economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the fishing industry in this Province is in crisis;

**AND WHEREAS** the crisis demands a new sense of direction and strengthening;

**AND WHEREAS** the submersion of the Department of Fisheries into the new Department of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture weakens rather than strengthens efforts to revive the fishing industry in this Province;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this House of Assembly strongly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and its Premier to reinstate a Department of Fisheries concerned solely with fisheries and fishery related matters; strengthened and revitalized; and, separate from the Department of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture announced by the Premier on August 26, 1994."

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Advance Health Care Directives And the Appointment of Substitute Health Care Decision Makers" (Bill No. 41).

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador take whatever action is necessary to ensure that all work on the drilling modules M71 and M72 is completed by Vinland Industries in Marystown."

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the District of L'Anse-au-Loup requesting Government to maintain programs in the schools of the Port aux Basques Integrated District.

Pursuant to Standing Order 23, the Member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, that being the impending unemployment at the Marystown Shipyard caused by moving a portion of the Hibernia contract to New Brunswick.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) recessed the House.

After a 15 minute recess, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Before the Speaker ruled on the matter, the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) announced that an agreement had been reached with the Opposition. By leave, the House agreed that there would be an adjournment debate lasting two hours with 2 Members speaking from each side of the House, after which the House would vote on the motion to adjourn.

Pursuant to this agreement, debate commenced on the motion to adjourn.

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Speaker put the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Premier tabled certain letters relating to the Hibernia Contract at the Marystown Shipyard.

The debate on the motion to adjourn concluded.

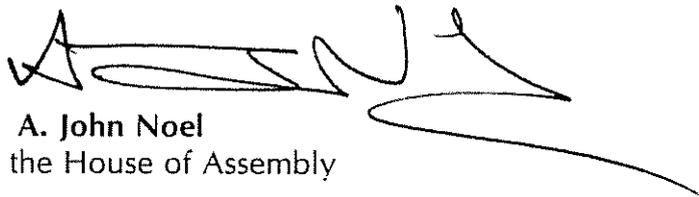
The Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader announced that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday. There was some debate whether the motion for Private Members' Day should come from the Opposition or Government side of the House. The House agreed that the Clerk would check the records and report back to the House Leaders.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly at 5:40 o'clock in the afternoon.



A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, November 15, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the President of Treasury Board (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce that a tentative agreement had been reached with the Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses Union.

By leave, the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) moved, seconded by the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) and the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) that a letter of condolence be sent by the Speaker to the family of the late Mr. Ronald Dunn. It was noted that Mr. Dunn took part in the Battle of Beaumont Hamel.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled Reports of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1994.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Reid) as Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of that corporation for the financial year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Entered Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42).

The Member for Waterford - Kenmount (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of clients of Hiland Insurance requesting the government to conduct a public inquiry into all matters associated with the bankruptcy of Hiland Insurance.

The Minister of Justice tabled a letter respecting Hiland Insurance.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of clients of Highland Insurance requesting the government to conduct a public inquiry into all matters associated with the bankruptcy of Hiland Insurance.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Advance Health Care Directives And The Appointment Of Substitute Health Care Decision Makers" (Bill No. 41).

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

The Government House Leader announced that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) rose on a Point of Order to question the impartiality of the Member for Bellevue who, in addition to his House duties as Deputy Chairperson of Committees, was recently appointed a legislative assistant to the Minister of Education and Training.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) took the matter under advisement.

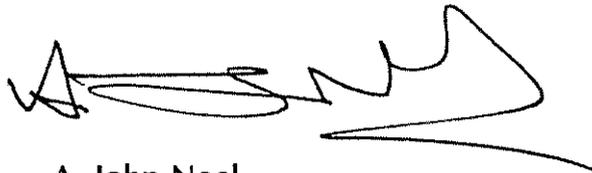
The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) rose on a Point of Privilege respecting the same matter as raised by the Member for Grand Bank.

The Speaker also took that matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 16th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, November 16th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Murphy) rose on a Point of Privilege in order to establish a prima facie case of privilege by arguing his privileges as a Member had been violated on a television program which disputed his right to claim an accommodation allowance as a Member under the House Rules.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) as follows:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House expresses its desire for reforms to address the need for better quality, higher achievement and greater efficiency in our school system;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House requests Government to bring in legislation to enact changes recommended in the 1992 Report of the Royal Commission on Education that can be dealt with entirely within the legislative jurisdiction of this legislature; and further urges Government and denominational representatives to negotiate an agreement for greater co-operation and co-ordination among denominational school systems in the delivery of educational services;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, affirming its desire that the negotiations between Government and denominational representatives proceed in good faith, this House gives its solemn pledge to the holders of the educational rights and privileges protected in the Constitution, that it will not arbitrarily remove or amend those rights and privileges without their consent."

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Training (Mr. Decker) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) the following amendment to the Resolution:

"That the resolution be amended by deleting all the words that follow the phrase "**Higher achievement and greater efficiency in our school system**" so that the Resolution would read:

"**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House expresses its desire for reforms to address the need for better quality, higher achievement and greater efficiency in our school system;"

Certain arguments were raised whether the amendment was in order.

The Speaker recessed the House for 15 minutes.

The Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The amendment was debated.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) put the question on the amendment to the Resolution:

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the amendment: The Hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Roberts), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Education & Training (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Flight, the Hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Barrett, Mr. Dumaresque, the Hon. the Minister of Natural Resources (Dr. Gibbons), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Employment & Labour Relations (Mr. Murphy), the Hon. the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Young), the Hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries, Food & Agriculture (Dr. Hulan), Ms. Cowan, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Penney, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Noel, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Harris.

Against: Mr. W. Matthews, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tobin, Mr. A. Snow, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Manning, Mr. Careen.

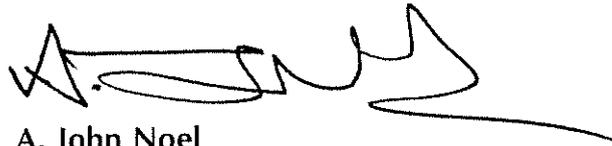
The Speaker declared the amendment carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution as amended carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, November 17th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 43).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) gave an answer respecting the Marystown Shipyard.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

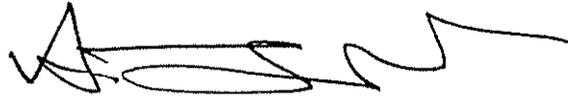
Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled that there was no point of order or point of privilege with respect to the matter raised on November 15th by the Members for Grand Bank (Mr. W. Matthews) and Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) concerning the impartiality of the Deputy Chairperson of Debates. The Speaker ruled that the matter could only be brought before the House by way of a substantive motion before.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 18th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, November 18th, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Roberts) tabled the Report of the 1993 Electoral Boundaries Commission dated June, 1994.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an answer respecting the termination of employment of a certain employee in the Department of Social Services.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be read a second time presently.

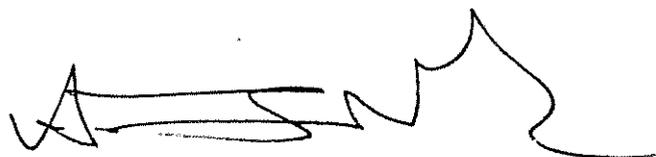
On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Justice tabled certain memoranda concerning Hiland Insurance Limited.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, November 21st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 21st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement to advise Members respecting the revised financial position of the Province for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Department of Works, Services and Transportation to assume responsibility for upgrading the Blue Beach Road.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting that steps be taken so that moose antlers can be obtained legally for use in the craft and souvenir business.

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  
An Agreement Entered Into Between The  
Government Of The Province And Corner  
Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park  
Commission Act" (Bill No. 43)

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada and the Government of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) announced that the Notice of Motion given under the name of the Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) would be debated on Wednesday.

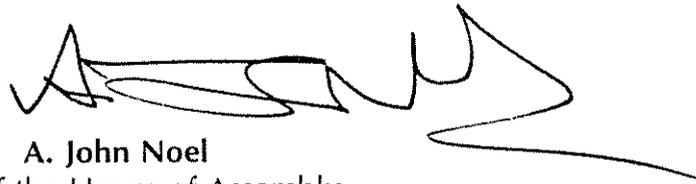
It being 5 o'clock, it was agreed to stop the clock.

The Member for Twillingate (Mr. Carter) rose on a point of order to dispute the fact that the Government House Leader had selected the Notice of Motion to be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday. The Member made the case that motions for Private Members' Day should be announced in the order of their precedence on the Order Paper if Members concerned so wished. The Member further announced that he would withdraw his consent to the agreement reached by Members on May 30, 1989 with respect to the alteration to the custom of notice procedure for Private Members' Day.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday at November 22nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, November 22nd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker ruled on the point of order raised by the Member for Twillingate (Mr. Carter) yesterday. The Speaker ruled that leave was withdrawn with respect to the 1989 Private Members' Day agreement. Therefore, the procedure for Private Members' Day would revert to the practice and custom before May, 1989 so that the Private Member's motion to be debated on Wednesday would be that of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Byrne) whose motion will be the first Private Members' Motion on the Order Paper on Wednesday.

Several points of order were raised by Members.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) in accordance with section 28(3) of the Financial Administration Act, tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in Council 94-492 for \$560,000 to be expended under the Department of Tourism and Culture Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council 94-534 for \$8,500,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure;
- (c) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council 94-676 for \$882,000 to be expended under the Legislature Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council 94-674 for \$506,100 to be expended under the Department of Natural Resources Head of Expenditure as successor to the Department of Forestry and Agriculture;
- (e) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council 94-675 for \$725,000 to be expended under the Department of Natural Resources Head of Expenditure as successor to the Department of Tourism and Culture;
- (f) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-Council 94-720 for \$1,550,000 to be expended under the Department of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture Head of Expenditure;

- (g) A Special Warrant as authorized by Order-in-council 94-734 for \$400,000 to be expended under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled a copy of Minute of Council 94-622 relating to the pre-commitment of a service level agreement by Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited as authorized under the **Financial Administration Act**.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Young) in her capacity as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women tabled the 1993-94 Annual Report and financial statements of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Newfoundland and Labrador for the financial year ended March 31, 1994.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an answer with respect to Members' accommodation allowances. The Premier tabled a letter with attachments sent to him by the Speaker.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting that steps be taken so that moose antlers can be obtained legally for use in the craft and souvenir business.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of concerned citizens of his District respecting the recent decision to close the Tommy Ricketts Arena in Baie Verte.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

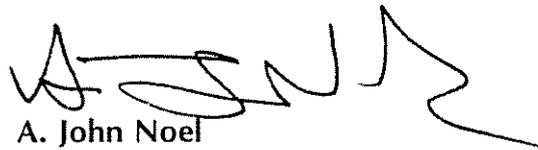
The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada and the Government of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 23rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, November 23rd, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) rose to withdraw certain remarks he made respecting the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) on November 21st.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker), in accordance with section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled a Special Warrant authorized by Order-in-Council 94-751 for \$5,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Works, Services and Transportation Head of Expenditure.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee tabled the Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford) presented a Petition on behalf of clients of Hiland Insurance requesting the government to conduct a public inquiry into the matters associated with the bankruptcy of Hiland Insurance.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. E. Byrne):

**"WHEREAS** the current policy of appointing persons to serve on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal on a part-time basis has often resulted in lengthy and unreasonable delays in the processing of the appeals of Workers' Compensation applicants, and has in many cases caused great hardship for these applicants;

**AND WHEREAS** the current regulations concerning compensation of the Tribunal members who serve on a part-time basis has enabled certain of these members lawfully to claim and to receive indefensibly large amounts of compensation;

**AND WHEREAS** the current policy whereby Tribunal members are appointed by Cabinet has established the basis for allegations of political patronage and has thereby undermined public confidence that appointees are chosen for their qualifications rather than for reasons of political patronage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the government, forthwith, to introduce the requisite changes to provincial legislation whereby:

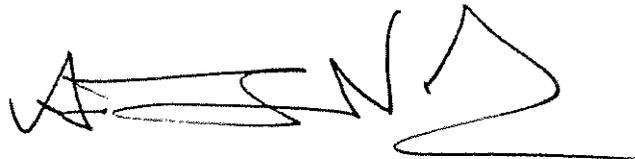
1. all positions currently on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal shall be terminated;
2. the Tribunal shall henceforth consist of three positions:
  - a. a full-time representative of employers;
  - b. a full-time representative of employees; and
  - c. a full-time neutral chairperson; and
3. the individuals selected to serve in the three positions on the Tribunal shall be selected and hired independently by the Public Service Commission."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn un until tomorrow, Thursday, November 24th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, November 24th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of concerned citizens requesting Cabinet to immediately rescind changes in regulations to cancel mandatory vehicle inspections.

The Member for Green Bay (Mr. Hewlett) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting that steps be taken so that moose antlers can be obtained legally for use in the craft and souvenir business.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

Various points of order were raised.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

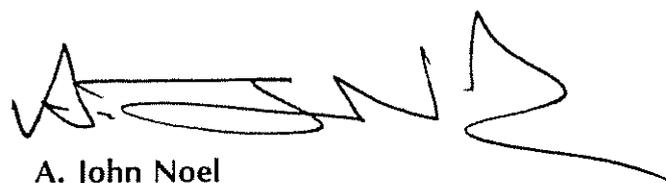
The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada and the Government of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, November 25th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, November 25th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Government has approved an amendment to the Wildlife Regulations, 1984 for the purpose of permitting the sale of moose antlers.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce that Government will refund the retail sales tax on the unused portion of Hiland Insurance policies.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 48).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To amend The Livestock Insurance Act" (Bill No. 49).

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

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47)                    |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46)                 |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36). |

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 50).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer respecting the proposed Caboto Centre.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) gave an answer respecting the issuance of sea urchin processing licences.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier gave an answer respecting the Hibernia contract as it relates to the Marystown Shipyard. The Honourable the Premier gave another answer respecting the allegation of the release of certain confidential information at a public meeting in his District.

The Member for St. Mary's - the Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Point Lance requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of concerned citizens requesting Cabinet to immediately rescind changes in regulations to cancel mandatory vehicle inspections.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Branch requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of The Province Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of The Province Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

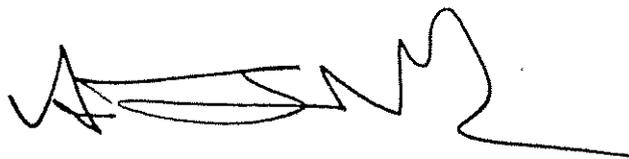
Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 35 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, November 28th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 28th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) rose on a point of privilege respecting certain questions posed by the Leader of the Opposition to the Premier on November 25th. The issue concerned the hiring by the Department of Justice of a solicitor in the matter of Health Care Developers. Mr. Gilbert argued that his privileges as a Member had been violated by the manner in which the matter was handled by the Department of Justice.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Dr. Gibbons) made a statement to announce that Government had executed an agreement with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited respecting the purchase of certain lands owned by that Company. The Minister also tabled the conveyance documents and associated maps relating to the transfer of the land assets.

The Honourable the Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) tabled the Annual Report and financial statements of the Farm Development Loan Board of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52).

In reply to a question for which notice has been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture tabled an answer respecting sea urchin processing licenses.

The Member for St. John's East (Extern) (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Branch requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

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

A Bill "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 48)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Livestock Insurance Act" (Bill No. 49)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 50).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 17 be read a second time presently.

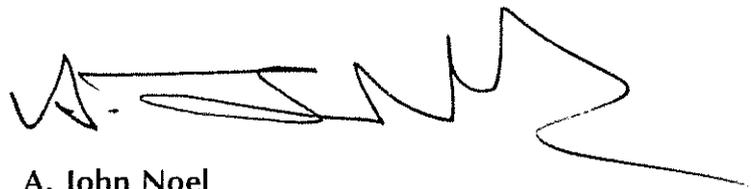
On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Government House Leader indicated that the Private Members' motion on Wednesday would be in accordance with custom and the Standing Orders. The motion would be that of the Member for Twillingate (Mr. Carter).

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, November 29th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

By leave, the Member for Member East (Ms. Verge) moved that the Speaker, on behalf of all Members, send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Patrick J. Griffin, former mayor of Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to congratulate the participants and organizers of the Environmental Youth Forum held at the Freshwater Resource Centre Fluvarium.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) rose on a Point of Privilege relating to the same matter raised yesterday.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an answer respecting his executive assistant in Corner Brook.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Pleasantville (Mr. Noel) presented a petition on behalf of residents of Rutledge Crescent in his District requesting the Department of Environment and Lands to resolve the problem of toxic and radioactive gases in their homes and street.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Continue the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 5 be read a second time presently.

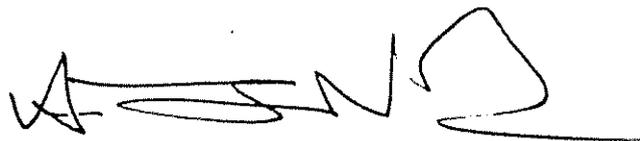
On motion the House entitled, "An Act To Continue The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Advance Health Care Directives And The Appointment Of Substitute Health Care Decision makers" (Bill No. 41) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It being 5 o'clock, it was agreed to stop the clock.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, November 30th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Dicks) ruled on the points of privilege raised by the Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) on Monday and Tuesday. The Speaker ruled that the Member's rights and privileges had not been infringed by the manner in which the Department of Justice had handled the provision of legal counsel to him in a civil suit involving his duties as a former Cabinet Minister.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement in relation to the build/lease proposals for certain health care facilities.

The Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) rose on a point of privilege in order to establish a prima facie case of privilege respecting a matter that had been raised before the Public Accounts Committee and the House last Fall and subsequently ruled upon by the Speaker at that time. The Member argued that the Minister's statement today might prejudice matters presently before the Courts.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee presented a Report of that Committee recommending passage of the following Bills without amendment: An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 43), "An Act To Amend The City of Corner Brook Act and The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40) and "An Act To Amend the Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The Member for Trinity North (Mr. Oldford), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, presented a Report of that Committee respecting Bill No. 5, "An Act To Continue the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" and recommended that the Bill be passed with a number of amendments. The Report also recommended the passage of "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34) without amendment.

On motion the report of the committee was received and adopted.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled an answer respecting lease arrangements with Trans City Holdings.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate (Mr. Carter):

**"WHEREAS** the importation of garbage and/or industrial wastes in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador is an indignity to our people and our Province and should not be seen as a potential source of economic development for this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** any such initiative would have a negative impact on the image of this Province and be detrimental to other forms of industrial and economic development, including and especially the development of our tourism and aquaculture industries;

**AND WHEREAS** the overwhelming majority of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are opposed in principal to any such initiatives;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Honourable House of Assembly take such action as may be necessary to enact legislation that would effectively prohibit the importation of garbage and/or industrial waste in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) moved, seconded by the Member for Lapoile (Mr. Ramsay), the following words be added at the end of the Resolution:

"if such a project is registered and evaluated, as required by the **Environmental Assessment Act**, and is found to be either ecologically unsafe, socially unacceptable, or contrary to the will of the people of the Province."

So that the Resolution as amended would read:

**"WHEREAS** the importation of garbage and/or industrial wastes in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador is an indignity to our people and our Province and should not be seen as a potential source of economic development for this Province;

**AND WHEREAS** any such initiative would have a negative impact on the image of this Province and be detrimental to other forms of industrial and economic development, including and especially the development of our tourism and aquaculture industries;

**AND WHEREAS** the overwhelming majority of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are opposed in principal to any such initiatives;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Honourable House of Assembly take such action as may be necessary to enact legislation that would effectively prohibit the importation of garbage and/or industrial waste in any quantity or form for final disposal in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, if such a project is registered and evaluated, as required by the **Environmental Assessment Act**, and is found to be either ecologically unsafe, socially unacceptable, or contrary to the will of the people of the Province."

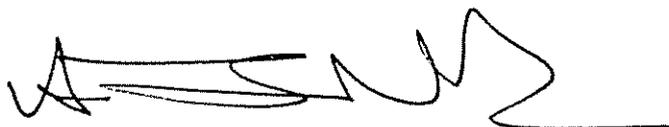
The Speaker (Mr. Barrett) ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced on the amendment to the Resolution.

On motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow, Wednesday, December 7th.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 1st, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. L. Matthews) made a statement recognizing December 1st as World AIDS Day.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce that Bill No. 48, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" would be withdrawn.

The Honourable Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) rose on a point of privilege to express the view that his privileges as a Member had been violated by certain remarks made by the Member for Humber East (Ms. Verge).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled, in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, Order-in-Council '94-771 respecting pre-commitments authorized for the purpose of tendering certain highway projects.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Aquaculture (Dr. Hulan) tabled -

- (a) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Farm Development Loan Board of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994; and
- (b) the Annual Report and financial statements of the Fisheries Loan Board of Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance tabled a legal opinion given by the Department of Justice relating to the build/lease proposals for certain health care facilities.

The Member for St. Mary's - the Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved, seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) that the House would not sit on Wednesday, December 7th, 1994. All Members of the House will be invited to a function attended by the Prime Minister of Canada.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Advance Health Care Directives And The Appointment Of Substitute Health Care Decision Makers" (Bill No. 41) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 41 be read a second time presently.

On motion the House entitled, "An Act Respecting Advance Health Care Directives And The Appointment Of Substitute Health Care Decision makers" (Bill No. 41) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, December 2nd at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 2nd, 1994

The House met at 9 o'clock in the morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker made a ruling with respect to a point of privilege raised by the Member for Mount Pearl on Wednesday. The Speaker ruled that the Member had not established a prima facie case of privilege.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simms) that a message of support be sent by the Speaker to Mr. Lucien Bouchard, M.P. for best wishes and a speedy recovery.

The Member for St. Mary's - the Capes (Mr. Manning) rose on a point of privilege in order to establish a prima facie case of privilege by arguing that his privileges had been infringed by certain comments made by the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Grimes) on December 1st.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) 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" (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "an Act To Amend The Pippy Park commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54).

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

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45)   |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)                                  |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55). |

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Department of Works, Services and Transportation to upgrade and pave certain sections of Routes 91 and 92.

The Member for Eagle River (Mr. Dumaresque) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation to construct or repair a bridge in the Community of Mary's Harbour.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) asked leave to move that Orders 12, 13, 14, 16, 24 and 26 with respect to the following Bills be withdrawn from the Order Paper:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Regional Service Boards Act" (Bill No. 6)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fisheries Loan Act" (Bill No. 3)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 4)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Social Workers Association Act" (Bill No. 26)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 48).

The Speaker put the motion that the said Bills be withdrawn.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 40 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

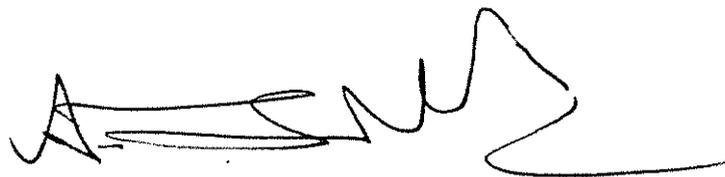
Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Livestock Insurance Act" (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Livestock Insurance Act" (Bill No. 49) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, December 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 5th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce a new policy with respect to the importation into the Province of waste and garbage.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) made a statement respecting National Safe Driving Week and this year's theme, "The Hidden Faces of Impaired Driving".

During Question Period, the Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) tabled a Note to Cabinet respecting the lease - purchase proposals for three health care centres.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells), as Acting Minister of Justice, tabled the following Reports:

- (a) the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993;
- (b) the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on the operation carried out under the **Automobile Insurance Act**, for the period April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994.

The Honourable the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (Mr. Murphy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 59).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58).

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. L. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Hospital Insurance Agreement Act, The Insurance Companies Act And the Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61).

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency program.

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 St. John's Act" (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act (Bill No. 50) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 50) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt an Agreement Entered Into Between the Government Of The Province and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 6th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 6th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Young), in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women made a statement to mark the anniversary of the massacre of 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique and further to recognize December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting design work for the proposed museum, archives and art gallery at the Fort Townshend location.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 62).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) gave an answer with respect to his attendance at a certain Cabinet meeting in 1991.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Mockbeggar requesting the school board to provide transportation for students attending elementary school in Bonavista.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

By leave, the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 59) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60)         |

- A Bill "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance Agreement Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Entered Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42).

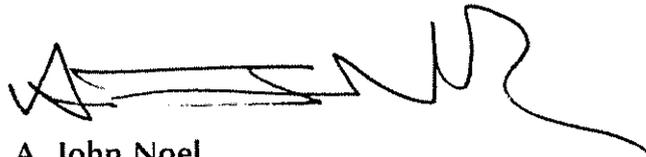
By leave the House sat beyond 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was agreed that after the Minister of Natural Resources (Dr. Gibbons) spoke to conclude Second Reading of Bill No. 42, the House would adjourn for the day.

Debate was concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Enter Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Enter Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on December 1st, 1994, it was moved and seconded that when the House rose at 5:15, it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 8th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Wells) made a statement respecting the restructured Board of Directors of the Marystown Shipyard and the appointment of new directors to that Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Health (Mr. L. Matthews) made a statement to announce that the Government had purchased St. Clare's Mercy Hospital from the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for October, 1994.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) 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" (Bill No. 57).

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Premier gave an oral answer respecting the release of prison inmates for compassionate reasons.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, pursuant to Standing Order 21, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

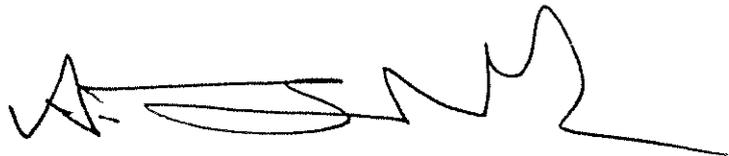
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works, Services And Transportation Act (No. 3)" (Bill No. 62) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Honourable Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Friday, December 9th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 9th, 1994

Due to a snowstorm and the lack of electricity in the Confederation Building, the Honourable the Speaker declared that the House of Assembly would not meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, December 9th, 1994.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 12th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce the early call for tenders with respect to the 1995-96 highway projects under the Road for Rails Agreement.

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Dr. Gibbons), as Minister Responsible for the Hydro Corporation, made a short statement and tabled two written statements with respect to electrical service interruption on the Avalon Peninsula, December 8th -11th, 1994.

By leave, the Member for Mount Pearl (Mr. Windsor) spoke to retract any accusation that he may have made in debate on December 8th with respect to the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move "That The House Resolve Itself Into A Committee Of The Whole On Supply To Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty (No. 2)" (Bill No. 63).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64).

The Member for St. Mary's - the Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to introduce an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In the Statute Law" (Bill No. 57) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate was continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 46 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 13th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, December 13th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Burgeo - Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert) as Chairperson of Government Services Committee, presented a Report of that Committee recommending passage of the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No 55)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58).

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Shelley) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that Private Members' Day be dispensed with tomorrow, December 14th, and be replaced by Government business or regular Orders of the Day.

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (No. 36) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 56) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act (Bill No. 45) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 45 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act", (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 60 be read a second time presently.

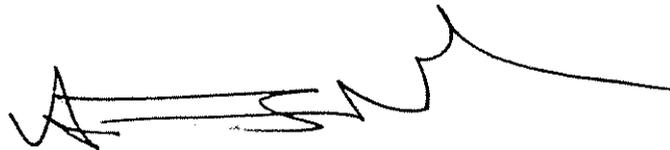
On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statue Law" (Bill No. 57) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 14th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, December 14th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) tabled the following Reports:

- (a) The Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Agency and the Newfoundland Crop Insurance Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994;
- (b) the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board and the Livestock Insurance Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Efford) tabled an answer respecting Departmental leasing accommodations from Ashley Holdings, Fortis Incorporated and R. M. Holdings Limited.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government to implement an emergency employment program.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.  
Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 39).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Entered Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited' (Bill No. 42).

The Committee of the Whole considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Mr. Furey) moved the following amendment to Bill No. 30:

"That Clause 18 of Bill No. 30 be struck out and the following substituted:

Commencement "18. This Act comes into force on December 30, 1994."

The Member for Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) moved a sub-amendment to the amendment. Debate commenced on the sub-amendment. The Chairperson put the question on the sub-amendment. The sub-amendment was defeated.

Debate commenced on the amendment.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment.

The Chairperson declared the amendment to clause 18 of Bill No. 30 carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement between The Government Of Canada and The Government of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Commission of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Commission of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 56).

The Commission of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40).

The Commission of the Whole considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Continue the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5).

The Honourable the Minister of Education and Training (Mr. Decker) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 5:

"1. (1) That Subclause 11 (1) of Bill No. 5 be amended by striking out the figure "9" and substituting the figure "7".

(2) That Subclause 11(2) of the Bill be amended by striking out the figure "3" and substituting the figure "5" and by adding immediately after the word "council" where it last occurs a comma and the phrase "2 of whom shall be members".

2. (1) That Clause 14 of the Bill be amended by striking out the words and commas "council may, with the approval of the minister," and substituting the words "minister may".

(2) That Clause 14 of the Bill be further amended at paragraph (f) by adding immediately after the word "province" the words "including provisions for mandatory continuing education of members".

(3) That Clause 14 of the Bill be further amended at paragraph (m) by adding immediately after the word "(Canada)" the words and the Narcotic Control Act (Canada)".

3. That Subclause 21(1) of the Bill be amended by

- (a) adding the word "or" at the end of paragraph (b);
- (b) striking out the semicolon and the word "or" at the end of paragraph (c); and
- (c) striking out paragraph (d)".

Debate commenced on the amendments.

The Chairperson declared the amendments carried and declared clauses 11, 14 and 21 as amended do pass.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Continue The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the School Trustees Association Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed certain Resolutions and Bills consequent thereto and recommended that Bills be introduced to give effect to these Resolutions.

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

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend **The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the advance of loans to and the guarantee of the repayment of bonds or debentures issued by or loans advanced to certain corporations."

"That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend **The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957**, to provide for the guarantee of the repayment of loans made to, and the advance of loans to certain local authorities."

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

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Local  
                         Authority Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)"  
                         (Bill No. 38)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend the Local Authority  
                         Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 39).

On motion it was ordered that Bills Nos. 38 and 39 be printed being entitled as above and that they be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

A Bill            "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An  
                         Agreement Entered Into Between The  
                         Government Of The Province And Corner  
                         Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42)

A Bill            "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An  
                         Agreement Between The Government of Canada  
                         And The Government Of The Province Respecting  
                         Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And  
                         Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding  
                         Act" (Bill No. 35)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants  
                         Act" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act"  
                         (Bill No. 18)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's  
                         Act" (Bill No. 56)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52).

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

It being 5 o'clock, it was agreed to stop the clock.

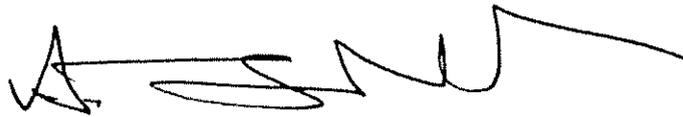
The Chaiperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following bills with amendments:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To Continue the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5).

The amendments to Bills No. 30 and 5 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 30 and 5 be read a third time on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose at 5:30 p.m. it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, December 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, December 15th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS society has a collective responsibility for the well-being of children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members for Conception Bay South, Port au Port, and Waterford - Kenmount be and they are hereby appointed as a select committee to examine into and report upon:

- a) The present legislation and policies of Newfoundland and Labrador with respect to services for children;
- b) The legislative changes or enactment and policy changes, if any, which are required to promote mechanisms through which the well-being of children may be enhanced; and
- c) Other matters directly and necessarily related thereto.

THAT the Committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, to sit in Session and out, and to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

AND THAT the Committee are directed to report to the House by 31 December, 1995."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Social Services (Ms. Young) gave an oral answer respecting travel by a certain social services recipient.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture (Dr. Hulan) tabled an answer respecting the export of chickens out of the province.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries, Food and Agriculture also tabled an answer respecting the TAGS program.

The Member for Harbour Main (Mr. Whelan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Department of Works, Services and Transportation to co-ordinate snow clearing efforts with respect to that portion of the Trans Canada Highway on the Avalon Peninsula between his District and Bull Arm Site.

The Member for Placentia (Mr. Careen) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to implement an emergency employment program.

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker put the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

It was moved that the procedure with respect to Standing Order 31 be suspended today.

The Speaker put the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 64 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance Agreement Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 61 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance Agreement Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 58 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be read a second time presently.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that 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 House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In the Statute Law" (Bill No. 57).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 53).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act" (Bill No. 46).

The Committee of the Whole considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51).

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved the following amendment:

"That Subclause 13(2) of Bill No. 51 be amended by deleting the word "full- time".

Debate commenced on the amendment. The Chairperson put the question on the amendment. The Chairperson declared the amendment to clause 13 of Bill No. 51 carried.

The Committee of the Whole passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises In The Province" (Bill No. 51).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Wilderness And Ecological Reserves Act" (Bill No. 50).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 47).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Livestock Insurance Act" (Bill No. 49).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 15).

The Committee considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act (Bill No. 2)" (Bill No. 31).

The Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 1 of Bill No. 31 be amended by deleting the proposed subclause 81.1(6) and substituting the following:

"(6) A driver's licence issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles under section 46 of the Highway Traffic Act which contains a photograph of the person to whom it was issued shall be valid and acceptable for all purposes for which an identification card issued under this section is valid and acceptable."

Debate commenced on the amendment. The Chairperson put the question on the amendment. The Chairperson declared the amendment to clause 1 of Bill 31 carried.

The Committee passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 2)" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Department of Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance Agreement Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill 58).

The Committee considered and passed a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 34).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 57)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 54)
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fish Inspection Act" (Bill No. 33)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act"  
(Bill No. 15)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of Works,  
Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Family Law Act, The  
Reciprocal Enforcement Of Support Orders Act  
And The Support Orders Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 64)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Hospital Insurance Agreement  
Act, The Insurance Companies Act And The Medical  
Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 61)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Reductions Of Pension Contributions  
By Employers In The Public Sector" (Bill No. 58)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal  
Act" (Bill No. 34).

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

The Chairperson of the Committee further reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments:

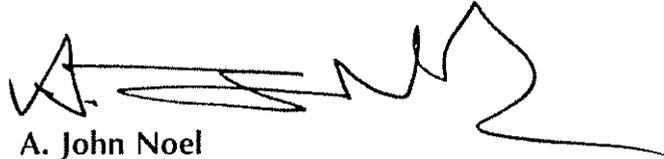
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For Economic  
Diversification And Growth Enterprises  
In The Province" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Department Of  
Works, Services And Transportation  
Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 31).

The amendments to Bills No. 51 and 31 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills 51 and 31 be read a third time on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose at 5:04 it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, December 16th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, December 16th, 1994

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) made a statement to announce some relaxation in the compensation restraint measures applicable to public employees during the current fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment (Mr. Aylward) made a statement respecting the Come By Chance Oil Refinery. The Minister also tabled an agreement in connection with environmental measures taken by the refinery.

The Member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Manning) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Department of Works, Services and Transportation to upgrade and pave certain sections of Routes 91 and 92.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting the Government to implement an emergency employment program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate was commenced and concluded on the following motion No. 2 standing in the name of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Roberts).

"WHEREAS society has a collective responsibility for the well-being of children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members for Conception Bay South, Port au Port, and Waterford - Kenmount be and they are hereby appointed as a select committee to examine into and report upon:

- a) The present legislation and policies of Newfoundland and Labrador with respect to services for children;
- b) The legislative changes or enactment and policy changes, if any, which are required to promote mechanisms through which the well-being of children may be enhanced; and
- c) Other matters directly and necessarily related thereto.

THAT the Committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, to sit in Session and out, and to sit from place to place throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

AND THAT the Committee are directed to report to the House by 31 December, 1995."

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee of the Whole considered a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Honourable the House Leader (Mr. Roberts) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 9(a) of Bill No. 32 be amended by striking out the figures and comma "4(3), (4)" and substituting the figure "4(4)".

Debate commenced on the amendment. The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment to clause 9 of Bill No. 32 carried.

The Committee of the Whole passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).

The Government House Leader moved the following amendments:

1. That Clause 2 of Bill No 44 be amended by deleting from the proposed subclauses 6.1(1) and (2) the word "credited".

2. That Clause 2 of the Bill be further amended by adding immediately after the proposed subclause 6.1(2) the following:

"(2.1) An employee who elects to rejoin the pension plan under this section may elect to purchase the period of service from the date of his or her completion of 35 years of pensionable service to the date of his or her election to rejoin the pension plan at a cost that shall be prescribed by regulation."

3. That the Bill be further amended by adding immediately after clause 4 the following:

"5. paragraph 33(1)(g) of the Act is amended by adding immediately after the word "sections" the figure and comma "5.1,".

Debate commenced on the amendments.

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments to clause 2 and the new clause 5 carried.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).

By leave, it was moved that the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18) be referred back to Committee of the Whole House.

The motion was carried.

The Government House Leader moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 4 of Bill No. 18 be amended by striking out the figures "1994" and substituting the figures "1995"."

Debate commenced on the amendment. The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment to clause 4 of Bill No. 18 carried.

The Committee again passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18).

On motion the Committee rose.  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills with amendments:

- A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Public Tender  
                         Act (Bill No. 32)
- A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Public Service  
                         Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44).
- A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act"  
                         (Bill No. 18).

The amendments to Bills No. 32, 44 and 18 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 32, 44 and 18 be read a third time presently.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Baker) informed the House that he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker as follows:

"December 12, 1994

**The Honourable the Minister of Finance**

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit further Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1994, by way of further Supplementary Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd.

**Frederick W. Russell**  
Lieutenant-Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a certain Resolution and Bill No. 63 for the granting of further Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Snow took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 63).

On motion the Committee rose.

Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters referred to it and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was read a first and second time:

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain additional expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending March 31, 1994, the sum of \$36,500,000."

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Additional Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending March 31, 1994 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 63), was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 63 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 third time and passed:

- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Entered Into Between The Government Of The Province And Corner Brook Pulp And Paper Limited" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Between The Government Of Canada And The Government Of The Province Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pensions Funding Act" (Bill No. 35)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act" (Bill No. 17)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act And The City Of Mount Pearl Act" (Bill No. 40)
- A Bill "An Act To Continue The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association" (Bill No. 5)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Association Act" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The School Trustees' Association Act" (Bill No. 29)

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act" (Bill No. 36)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Leaseholds In St. John's Act" (Bill No. 52)
- A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill 57)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Recording Of Evidence Act" (Bill No. 60)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Computer Services Limited Amendment Act" (Bill No. 55)
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions  
Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act"  
(Bill No. 32).

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.

The House recessed for 40 minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The 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 Supplementary Supply granted in the present Session."

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

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 March 31,  
                      1995 And For Other Purposes Relating To  
                      The Public Service" (Bill No. 63).

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

The Speaker further 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 Loan And Guarantee  
                      Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 38)

A Bill            "An Act To Amend The Local Authority  
                      Guarantee Act, 1957 (No. 2)" (Bill No. 39)

A Bill            "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An  
                      Agreement Entered Into Between The Government  
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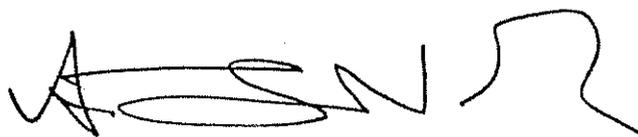
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 44)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 32).

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

His Honour then left the Chamber.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved, "That when this House adjourns today, it stands adjourned until the call of the Chair. The Speaker, or in his absence from the Province the Deputy Speaker, may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by the Notice of the proposed sitting. And I also move that this House now adjourn."

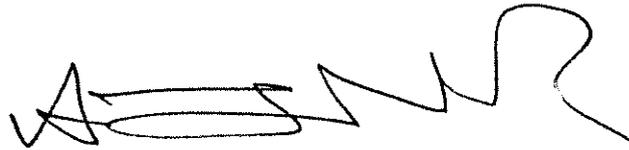
On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

January 31st, 1995

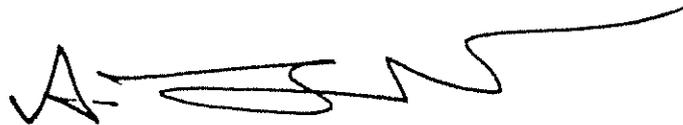
Be it known on this day in accordance with section 13 of the **Auditor General Act**, the Auditor General submitted her Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994 to the Honourable the Speaker.

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**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, February 22, 1995

Be it known on this day in accordance with section 39 of the **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Act, 1992**, Dr. Leslie Harris, Commissioner of the RNC Public Complaints Commission submitted his first Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1994 to the Honourable the Speaker.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, March 15th, 1995

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the motion of adjournment adopted by the House on December 16th, 1994.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech:

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

The Second Session of the 42nd General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued, but before releasing you from your duties, I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention given to the important matters brought before you by My Ministers.

Fifty-four pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly. In particular, legislative initiatives were taken in finance, employment and labour relations, development, energy, health, and the environment during 1994.

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

As stated in My Address opening this Session, it has been the goal of My Ministers during this administration to attract business investment as a means of creating employment opportunities in the Province. To accomplish this goal, this House passed **An Act To Promote Economic Diversification and Growth Enterprises**. As well, the **Income Tax Act** was amended to reduce the general tax rate on corporations from 16% to 14% and on manufacturing and processing income from 7.5% to 5%. My Ministers also introduced legislation to privatize the Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services Limited.

Ever mindful of the environmental concerns of our citizens, My Ministers introduced the **Grand Concourse Authority Act**, the purpose of which will be to foster, promote and enable the design, development and operation of an integrated network of walkways in the St. John's Region. As well, the **Waste Material Disposal Act** was amended to tighten the offence provisions of that Act.

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

A new **Electrical Power Control Act** was enacted to revise and extend the existing law by providing for the planning, allocation and re-allocation of electrical power and power emergencies in the Province. **The Mining and Mineral Rights Tax Act** was substantially revised to clarify and streamline the existing law.

A **Literacy Development Council Act** was created to assess and respond to the literacy needs of our citizens.

A revised **Pharmaceutical Association Act** was also enacted.

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

After listening to the views of our citizens, My Ministers introduced further amendments to the **Worker's Compensation Act**. Among the amendments enacted was the repeal of the appeal tribunal and its substitution by a review division consisting of review commissioners who will individually have the power to review decisions of the Worker's Compensation Commission. My Ministers feel that this new structure will offer our citizens a more equitable appeal mechanism under the Act.

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

My Ministers remain firm in their conviction that there are bright spots in the fishery, in particular, aquaculture. In order to encourage this industry, this House passed significant amendments to the **Aquaculture Act**.

Many other significant legislature measures were also enacted during this Session.

**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 appropriations that you have granted have been and will be expended by My Ministers with care and efficiency.

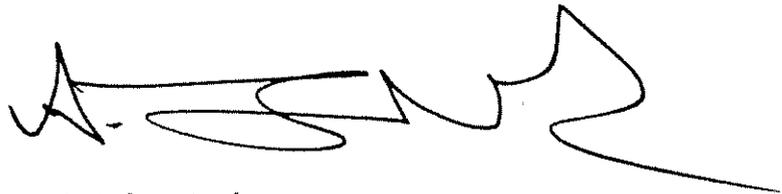
**MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

It is my pleasure that the Second Session of this 42nd General Assembly now be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker then said, "It is the wish and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued, and it is prorogued accordingly".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**A. John Noel**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly