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FORTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of
NEWFOUNDLAND
1998

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight, being the Forty-seventh 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 A. M. House, 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 18th day of March, 1998, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Mr. Speaker Snow took the Chair.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1998

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable A. M. House, 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. Tulk) and by leave of the House, a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Waste Material Disposal Act" (Bill No. 1) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 1 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 Port au Port (Mr. Smith) and seconded by the Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen) 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.

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The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne) and the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) spoke to the motion.

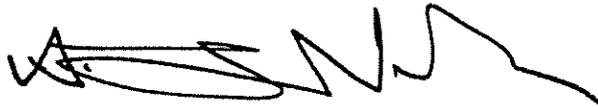
The motion was adopted by the House and it was ordered accordingly that the following Members be appointed to the Select Committee:

Mr. Gerald Smith, Member for Port au Port
Mr. William Andersen, Member for Torngat Mountains
Ms. Sheila Osborne, Member for St. John's West.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) 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. 2).

It was ordered that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 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

Monday, March 23, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement relating to the impending termination of TAGS and the Report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) made a statement to announce that the Government had made a \$50,000 donation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Ground Search and Rescue Association.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 5(4) of the **Internal Economy Commission Act**, advised the House with respect to the membership of the Commission of Internal Economy. The members are:

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Penney)
The Hon. Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks)
The Hon. Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward)
The Hon. Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk)
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan)
The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne)
And the Honourable the Speaker.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the 1997 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), 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, 1997.

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

"**WHEREAS** public service pensioners in this province have not had an increase in benefits in nine years and their pensions are not indexed for automatic adjustments;

AND WHEREAS the government has been clawing back from pensioners, Canada Pension Plan benefits they receive;

AND WHEREAS the income many pensioners are left with so little that many find themselves fare beneath the poverty line; many are forced to rely on food banks and the generosity of the public to survive; and many can not cover the special expenses such as regular medication costs that many seniors encounter;

AND WHEREAS like so many seniors in our society, our public service pensioners are a mostly-hidden segment of our people who find themselves especially vulnerable to neglect and abuse by those who hold power and make the decisions;

AND WHEREAS it is unseemly that the employer of people who make a lifetime's contribution to their province as public servants, should leave them impoverished in their vulnerable senior years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in the opinion of Members of the House of Assembly the provincial government should provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in wages for public servants;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the opinion of Members of the House of Assembly the government should cease clawing back Canada Pension Plan benefits from seniors whose income would then be below the poverty line."

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the fishing industry is the mainstay of rural Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the groundfish moratorium has thrown thousands of our people out of work and jeopardizes the future of numerous communities;

AND WHEREAS Canada has declared fish within its 200-mile limit to be "excess to our needs" despite the tremendous need in local plants for fish to process and despite the fact that other countries do not declare fish in their waters to be excess to their needs;

AND WHEREAS the just-released Report of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans entitled "The East Coast Report" concludes the existing fisheries observer program is inadequate to determine reliably the fishing catches and fishing practices of foreign vessels operating the east coast waters;

AND WHEREAS "The East Coast Report" recommends, species by species, that Canada reclaim fish quotas within our 200-mile that are now given to other countries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government of Canada to immediately end all foreign fishing within Canada's 200-mile limit and on the nose and tail of the Grand Banks and on the Flemish Cap."

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) 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 and Treasury also 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 Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens and parents in his District requesting that government take measures to stop all school closures until the newly elected Avalon East School Board has had a full opportunity to consider the needs and circumstances of students and schools within its jurisdiction.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens requesting that the Provincial Government declare a moratorium on the reduction of teaching units for the 1998-99 school year until a comprehensive plan has been developed and implemented by the Avalon East School Board.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the areas of the Communities of Winter Brook and Jamestown protesting the deplorable condition of the gravel roads and urging the Government to pave approximately 2 kilometres of road in Jamestown and approximately 8 kilometres of road leading to and including Winter Brook.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens requesting that the Provincial Government declare a moratorium on the reduction of teaching units for the 1998-99 school year until a comprehensive plan has been developed and implemented by the Avalon East School Board.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens of his District urging the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

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 17, 1998

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1999, 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.

A. M. House
Lieutenant Governor"

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a Certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 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 matter 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 moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, 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

Tuesday, March 24th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that his Department had identified a successful bidder to provide marine services to Labrador. Burry's Marine Division Ltd. submitted the lowest bid, along with a business plan.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement respecting the success of the 1998 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games in Labrador West. The Minister also stated that her Department will now focus on the next major sporting challenge, the 1999 Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a statement to announce that Friede Goldman Newfoundland Limited, the private corporation which acquired the assets of the Marystown Shipyard has increased work at the yard which has resulted in a management decision to implement a third shift which took place on March 23. The Minister also announced that in accordance with an agreement reached with employee groups at the former shipyard, an amount of \$433,33 will be distributed as a profit to the employees.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Art Reid) tabled the 1996-97 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) tabled the 1997 Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews) tabled the 1996-97 Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Pippy Park Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation tabled Reports of **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of November and December, 1997 and January, 1998.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the area of Lethbridge protesting the deplorable condition of the roads and urging the Government to upgrade and pave the road through Lethbridge.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens and parents in his District requesting that government take measures to stop all school closures until the newly elected Avalon East School Board has had a full opportunity to consider the needs and circumstances of students and schools within its jurisdiction.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a petition on behalf of certain citizens requesting that the Provincial Government declare a moratorium on the reduction of teaching units for the 1998-99 school year until a comprehensive plan has been developed and implemented by the Avalon East School Board.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sundays.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered a certain Resolution and Bill No. 2 for the Granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

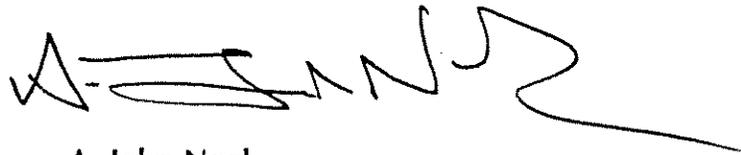
The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matter to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Acting) (Mr. Furey) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) would be debated on Private Member's Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th 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 25th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to recognize March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that an agreement had been reached between his Department and the State of North Carolina for the use of two CL2 215 water bombers owned by the Province.

The Member for Port au Port (Mr. Smith) 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 A. M. House, CM., M.D., FRCPC.

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: Gerald Smith, MHA
Wally Anderson, MHA
Sheila Osborne, MHA

Assembly Chamber
March 25, 1998"

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

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of residents and parents of Bell Island protesting the proposed reductions to the allocation of teaching units for the upcoming year and asking the Government for a one year moratorium on these reductions.

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) presented a petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners from her District imploring the Government to index public service pensions and requesting public service pensioners receive the same increase to their pensions as increases in salaries provided in collective agreements of public service workers.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer):

"WHEREAS public service pensioners in this province have not had an increase in benefits in nine years and their pensions are not indexed for automatic adjustments;

AND WHEREAS the government has been clawing back from pensioners, Canada Pension Plan benefits they receive;

AND WHEREAS the income many pensioners are left with so little that many find themselves fare beneath the poverty line; many are forced to rely on food banks and the generosity of the public to survive; and many can not cover the special expenses such as regular medication costs that many seniors encounter;

AND WHEREAS like so many seniors in our society, our public service pensioners are a mostly-hidden segment of our people who find themselves especially vulnerable to neglect and abuse by those who hold power and make the decisions;

AND WHEREAS it is unseemly that the employer of people who make a lifetime's contribution to their province as public servants, should leave them impoverished in their vulnerable senior years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in the opinion of Members of the House of Assembly the provincial government should provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in wages for public servants;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the opinion of Members of the House of Assembly the government should cease clawing back Canada Pension Plan benefits from seniors whose income would then be below the poverty line."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution.

The House divided.

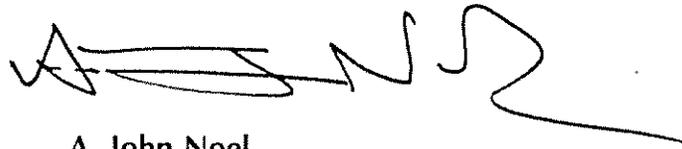
There appeared in favour of the motion: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Flight, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Oldford, Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

The Speaker declared the Resolution defeated.

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

The House adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, March 26th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means and that the Speaker leave the Chair. In making the motion the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board delivered the Budget Speech.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board 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 23, 1998

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, 1999, in the amount of \$2,882,076,000 and, in accordance with the provisions of the **Constitution Act, 1867**, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Sgd. **A. M. House**
Lieutenant-Governor".

The budgetary documents were distributed.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion.

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. Penney took the Chair of Committee.

On motion the Committee rose.

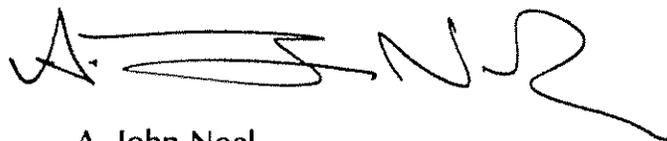
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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 the report was received and adopted and 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, Friday, March 27th 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 27, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), in his capacity as Minister Responsible for the Office of the Fire Commissioner, made a statement respecting a recent fire at the Come by Chance Oil Refinery.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting a film tax credit initiative which Government has decided to introduce in order to target the telefilm industry as a new opportunity for economic growth. The Minister further stated that Government has asked the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation for advice on the most effective approach.

The Member for Twillingate and Fogo (Mr. G. Reid) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the recovery of the fishery is slower than expected and foreign quota reallocations are not the solution;

AND WHEREAS families and communities in Newfoundland and Labrador are in crisis and independent, objective reviews of the impact of the groundfish closures, including the Harrigan Report and the Baker Report, clearly appreciate the enormous impact on rural areas of the province;

AND WHEREAS a continuation of TAGS, in its current form, is not a solution and regular programming is unable to address the problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to accept its responsibility and put in place a well structured and substantive response program to replace TAGS which includes: income replacement, economic diversification, employment adjustment and training linked to job opportunities, early retirement options for older workers, and a licence buyback program."

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens of his District urging the Government of the province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during the current year.

The Member for The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pension when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 2).

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 and passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 2 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, 1999, the sum of \$1,010,089,200."

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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Services" (Bill No. 2) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 2 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The House recessed briefly, after which the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable A.M. House 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 a Bill for the appropriation of Interim 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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 2).

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".

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the Chamber.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, March 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, March 30th, 1998

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 advise Members that financial assistance is being made available to municipalities to enable them to purchase and install modern information technology systems.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) tabled the Annual Report on the Administration of the **Pension Benefits Act**, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford), in his capacity as chairperson of the Select Committee on Insurance, tabled the Report of the Select Committee to Review the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Member for Humber Valley and the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) spoke in support of the Report.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens of Green Bay urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to stop any further cutbacks in the education system.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the St. John's area requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every student in the Province.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sundays.

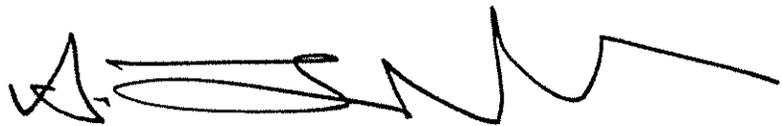
The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pension when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a petition on behalf of residents of his District, including parents of the Holyrood School Council urging Government to stop education cuts.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced 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 31st 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 31st, 1998

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

By leave, the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) paid tribute to the late Senator Gerald Ottenheimer, Q.C. and Mr. Garfield Warren, former Members of the House of Assembly. The Members agreed to the motion that the Speaker on behalf of all Members of the House of Assembly send letters of condolence to the families of the late former Members. The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in agreement to the motion.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a statement to announce that the North Atlantic Refining Company had suspended operations at the Come by Chance Oil Refinery, effective immediately. During the advanced scheduled retro-fit, the Fire Commissioner will commence an investigation of the tragic accident that occurred at the refinery last week. The Minister, also on behalf of all Members, expressed condolences to the family of the late James Mercer of Bay Roberts who died as a result of a fire and explosion at the Come By Chance Oil Refinery.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to update Members on the status of the **Public Tender Act** consultation process.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman), in his capacity as chairperson of the Select Committee on the Arming Policy of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, presented a Report of the Select Committee.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the following:

- (a) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-016 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$2,300,000 to be expended under the Executive Council Head of Expenditure;
- (b) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-078 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$2,600,000 to be expended under the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs Head of Expenditure;

- (c) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-079 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$21,800,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (d) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-080 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$4,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Education Head of Expenditure;
- (e) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-081 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$3,000,000 to be expended under the Department of Health Head of Expenditure;
- (f) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-082 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$2,600,000 to be expended under the Department of Finance Head of Expenditure;
- (g) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-085 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$367,000 to be expended under the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs Head of Expenditure; and
- (h) A Special Warrant, as authorized by Order in Council 98-086 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, for \$200,000 to be expended under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Head of Expenditure.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave an answer with respect to the divestiture of Newfoundland Hardwoods.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pension when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens urging the Government of the Province to implement without further delay the recommendations of the Statutory Review Commission on workers' compensation.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pensions when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of citizens of his District urging the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

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

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) 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 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, April 1st, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement advising the Members that he had written all Federal Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament from Atlantic Canada and Quebec to impress upon them the importance of a TAGS replacement program.

The Honourable the Member of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement respecting the recall of certain Schneider lunchmate snack products because of a recent outbreak of salmonella food poisoning.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Gerald Reid):

"WHEREAS the recovery of the fishery is slower than expected and foreign quota reallocations are not the solution;

AND WHEREAS families and communities in Newfoundland and Labrador are in crisis and independent, objective reviews of the impact of the groundfish closures, including the Harrigan Report and the Baker Report, clearly appreciate the enormous impact on rural areas of the province;

AND WHEREAS a continuation of TAGS, in its current form, is not a solution and regular programming is unable to address the problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to accept its responsibility and put in place a well structured and substantive response program to replace TAGS which includes: income replacement, economic diversification, employment adjustment and training linked to job opportunities, early retirement options for older workers, and a licence buyback program."

By leave, the Member for Twillingate & Fogo moved the following amendment to the Resolution:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an all Party Committee of the House of Assembly convey this province's concerns to all federal political party caucuses."

The Speaker ruled the amendment to the Resolution in order.

Debate continued on the Resolution and the amendment to the Resolution.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) moved the following second amendment to the Resolution:

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House of Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to make provision for, and to announce immediately, the extension of the current TAGS income replacement program until the May, 1999 conclusion date that was an integral part of the Federal Government's original commitment to TAGS recipients.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former TAGS recipients who have long-term attachment to the fisheries and who have been taken off the program because of illness, injury, maternity leave or other such reasons should be immediately reinstated into the current TAGS program and included in any programs that might follow."

The Speaker ruled the second amendment to the Resolution in order.

Debate continued and concluded on the Resolution and both amendments to the Resolution.

It was agreed to stop the clock in order to permit those Members who wished to speak in the debate.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution as moved by the Member for Bonavista South.

The Speaker declared that amendment to the Resolution defeated.

The Speaker then put the question on the amendment to the Resolution as moved by the Member for Twillingate & Fogo.

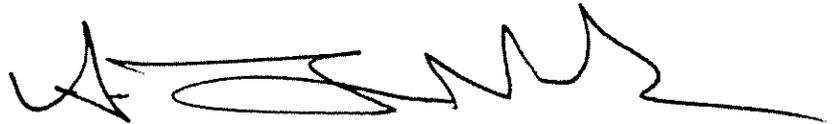
The Speaker declared that amendment to the Resolution carried.

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, April 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, April 2nd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to announce that Easter Sunday will be a holiday under section 4(1) of the **Shops Closing Act**.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to address concerns over Community Watershed Management. The Minister stated that the Province will not privatize rivers. The Minister also addressed concerns about the New Brunswick Salmon Management Plan and its relationship to the salmon rivers in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting the students of the bankrupt Newfoundland and Labrador Paralegal Training Institute.

In replying to the above noted Ministerial Statement, the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) used unparliamentary words. The Speaker (Mr. Penney) asked the Member to withdraw the words. The Member for Baie Verte refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker again asked the Member for Baie Verte to withdraw the words.

The Member for Baie Verte again refused to withdraw the words.

The Speaker again asked the Member for Baie Verte a third time to withdraw the words.

The Member for Baie Verte refused, whereupon the Speaker named the Member for Baie Verte, "Mr. Paul Shelley".

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the Member for Baie Verte be suspended from the House for the remainder of the sitting day.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

During Oral Questions various points of order were raised with respect to remarks between the Honourable the Premier and the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French).

Because various points of order were raised at the beginning of Oral Questions, the House agreed to extend Oral Questions by ten minutes.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) presented the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for February, 1998.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Trepassey requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Departments of Health and Environment to pay attention to the emissions from the Grace Hospital smoke stack.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate 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 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 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, April 3rd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to announce that the Government has examined the Report of the Select Committee on Arming the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The Government had accepted the recommendations of the Committee and had agreed to proceed with the implementation of arming the Police.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting Government's policy in regulating private post-secondary educational institutions.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) rose on a Point of Privilege to explain his concern that the media had picked up the audio feed in the House and had broadcast certain remarks made by the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) yesterday. The Honourable the Premier asked that the Speaker direct the Member to withdraw the unparliamentary remarks broadcast on radio. The Member for Conception Bay South rose and withdrew the unparliamentary remarks.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban and Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 3).

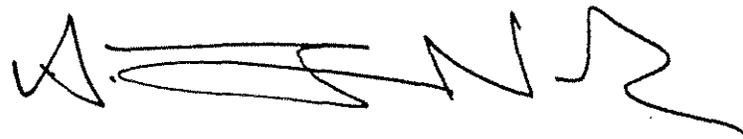
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of the Community of St. Shotts requesting Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pension when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate 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, Monday, April 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

Monday, April 6th, 1998

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 advise Members of the death of Mr. Jerome Kieley of Holyrood who was injured in the tragic fire and explosion which occurred at the Come By Chance Oil Refinery. The Minister asked that the House send letters of condolence to the families of the late Mr. Kieley and the late Mr. James Mercer of Bay Roberts who died earlier in the same accident. The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in reply to the Minister's statement and agreed that the Speaker send letters of condolence on behalf of the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to clarify the purpose of the National Child Benefit Program. The Minister assured the House that contrary to information disseminated during a public affairs program, social assistance families will not experience any reduction in total combined income from provincial social assistance and the Canada Child Tax Benefit as a consequence of the Child Tax Benefit

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods made a statement respecting the increased growth of the sawmill industry in the province, the need to address silviculture as an effective tool in reforestation and the options for controlling the Balsam Fir Sawfly.

The Honourable the Minister of Government and Lands (McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) 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 Environment Act"
(Bill No. 6) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing
Act" (Bill No. 4). |

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 5).

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Departments of Health and Environment to pay attention to the emissions from the Grace Hospital smoke stack.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Calvert requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sundays.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Aquaforte requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this current year.

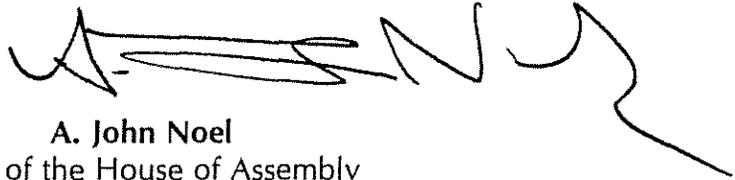
The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the St. John's area requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every student in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act" (Bill No. 3) 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 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, April 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

Tuesday, April 7th, 1998

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

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay), on behalf of all Members, wished the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) a Happy 50th Birthday.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to announce that he had rejected the report of the Commissioner appointed by him to carry out a hearing into the Plan Amendment adopted by the St. John's City Council with respect to the Mount Cashel property.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to announce that Government had decided to implement hunting regulations which will benefit persons with disabilities in the Province. The Minister also included in his statement information respecting a mandatory provincial training program.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a statement respecting the need to amend the **Shops' Closing Act** to restore Easter Sunday as a shop closing day. The Minister also thanked Members for agreeing to proceed with all stages of Bill No. 4 on this parliamentary day.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 49(2) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled a list of temporary loans under section 48 of that Act.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, in accordance with section 55(3) of the **Financial Administration Act**, also tabled a list of Guaranteed Loans paid by the Province for the period April 22, 1997 to April 7, 1998.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) tabled the Annual Report of the Office of the RNC Public Complaints Commission for the period April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice and, by leave, moved in accordance with the Resolution unanimously adopted by the House on April 1, 1998, that a Select Committee of the House be appointed to travel to Ottawa to present the concerns of all the Members of the House of Assembly and the people of the province to all federal political party caucuses with respect to the looming post TAGS crisis. The Minister further moved that the following Members comprise this Committee:

The Member for Bonavista North (Honourable Beaton Tulk)

The Member for Port de Grave (Honourable John Efford)

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris)

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan)

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley)

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald)

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Ms. Hodder)

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones)

The Member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Andersen)

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Gerald Reid)

AND that the Committee report to the House.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Honourable the Government House Leader gave notice and, by leave, moved:

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

**Finance
Works, Services and Transportation
Government Services and Lands
Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Public Service Commission;**

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

**Human Resources and Employment
Education
Health and Community Services
Environment and Labour
Justice; and**

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

**Fisheries and Aquaculture
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Tourism, Culture and Recreation
Industry, Trade and Technology
Mines and Energy
Development and Rural Renewal".**

The Minister further moved that the referral of the Heads of Expenditure to the Estimates Committees becomes effective on April 28, 1998.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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

"WHEREAS appointing rather electing people to serve as Senators in the Upper Chamber of the Parliament of Canada is an outdated practice which the people of Newfoundland and Labrador want changed;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador can join with other provinces in signalling the desire to change this practice by electing its nominees for vacancies in our Senate seats;

AND WHEREAS one of Newfoundland and Labrador's Senate seats is currently vacant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm its wish that the Members of the Senate of Canada be elected to office;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House urge the Premier and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to hold an election to choose the individual to be nominated for the current vacancy in the Senate for this Province."

In reply to a question for which notice had been given during Oral Questions, the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave an answer respecting the salmon fishery.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every student in the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 4) was introduced and read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently by leave.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 4) 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 by leave.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Ramsay took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops" Closing Act" (Bill No. 4).

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved: "That the word "Easter" be deleted from clause 1 of the Bill and be replaced with the word "Each".

The Chairperson recessed the Committee at 4:01 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Committee resumed sitting at 4:06 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson ruled the amendment in order.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Bill No. 4.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The Member for St. John's West (Mrs. Sheila Osborne), seconded by the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved the following amendment:

"That clause 1 of Bill No. 4, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act", be amended by substituting for the words "Easter Sunday" the words and comma "the Sundays of Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day".

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to Bill No. 4.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment.

The Committee divided.

There appeared in favour of the amendment: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) Mr. Lush, Mr. Penney, the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

The Chairperson declared the amendment defeated.

The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 4) without amendment.

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

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 4) with amendment.

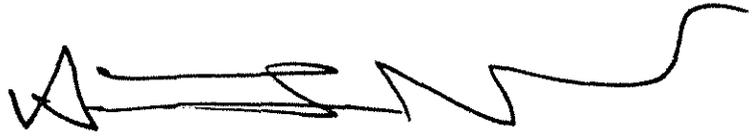
On motion the Report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing Act" (Bill No. 4) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

It was agreed that instead of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor attending to the Royal Assent Ceremony in the Chamber, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House would visit Government House in the evening in order to receive the Royal Assent of Bill No. 4.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved:
"That when this House adjourns today, it will stand adjourned until Monday, April 27th, 1998 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, or in the case of his absence from the Province, the Chairperson of Committees, after consultation with Her Majesty's Government that the House should meet at another date, the Speaker or in his absence, the Chairperson of Committees may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time and date stated by such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time. And I move that the House do now adjourn."

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

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On Tuesday, April 7th at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, the Honourable the Speaker and the Clerk of the House attended upon His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House.

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has at its present Session passed a certain Bill, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent".

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Shops' Closing
Act" (Bill No. 4).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then said, "In Her Majesty's Name I Assent to this Bill".

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, April 27th, 1998

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) took the Chair.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to announce two developments proposed for the former asbestos mine site in Baie Verte. The Minister stated that following the completion of a feasibility study and pilot plant testing, Canadian Magnesium Corporation will be awarded a mineral licence to develop a commercial magnesium plant. The Minister also announced that, upon completion of further study, Northco Forest Products Ltd. will lease one of the large buildings at the Baie Verte asbestos mine site in order to establish a new integrated sawmill operation.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement with respect to the Second Indicators Report on Post-Secondary Education in Newfoundland and Labrador for 1998, the most comprehensive review of higher education ever produced by Government. The Minister in making his statement tabled the Report.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), as Chair of the All Party Select Committee on TAGS, made a Statement in order to report to the House on the activities of the Committee with respect to conveying a non-partisan message to the national parties in Ottawa on the importance of the Federal Government developing a post TAGS program.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are now or are about to be taken off the program.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and

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economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are now about to be taken off the Program.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) gave notice, and by leave, moved that the following Committees be composed of the following Members:

STRIKING COMMITTEE

Honourable Beaton Tulk - Member for Bonavista North
Mr. Percy Barrett - Member for Bellevue
Mr. Bill Ramsay - Member for Burgeo & LaPoile
Mr. Loyola Sullivan - Member for Ferryland
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South;

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ralph Wiseman - Member for Topsail
Mr. Jack Byrne - Member for Cape St. Francis
Mr. Doug Oldford - Member for Trinity North
Mr. Gerald Smith - Member for Port au Port
Mr. Anthony Sparrow - Member for Placentia & St. Mary's
Mr. Bob French - Member for Conception Bay South
Mr. John Ottenheimer - Member for St. John's East;

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Perry Canning - Member for Labrador West
Mr. Paul Shelley - Member for Baie Verte
Mr. Rick Woodford - Member for Humber Valley
Mr. Percy Barrett - Member for Bellevue
Ms. Anna Thistle - Member for Grand Falls-Buchans
Mr. Roger Fitzgerald - Member for Bonavista South
Mr. Tom Osborne - Member for St. John's South; and

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Mercer - Member for Humber East
Mr. Loyola Sullivan - Member for Ferryland
Ms. Mary Hodder - Member for Burin-Placentia West
Mr. Donald Whelan - Member for Harbour Main-Whitbourne
Mr. Gerald Reid - Member for Twillingate & Fogo

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Mr. Wally Andersen - Member for Torngat Mountains

Mr. Harvey Hodder - member for Waterford Valley

Ms. Sheila Osborne - Member for St. John's West.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and 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 Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Environment Act" (Bill No. 6)

A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 5).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Budget Speech.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) moved, seconded by the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley), that all of the words after the word "that" be struck and replaced with the following:

"this House acknowledge and condemn the government's failure to manage competently the Province's finances; its failure to live up to its duty or its promise to provide adequate direction and funding for social programs such as health and social services; its failure to secure the future of our Province by investing appropriately in education and students; and its failure to discharge effectively its responsibility to plan for and invest in economic recovery and employment growth in a Province, and particularly in rural areas, so desperately in need of development and jobs".

The House recessed briefly.

The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

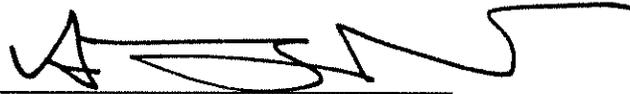
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion).

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 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.

Tuesday, April 28th, 1998

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) took the Chair.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to recognize April 28th as the National Day of Mourning and to pay tribute to workers who have died as a result of workplace accidents and illness.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled copies of Minutes of Council 97-789 and 98-094 which relate to pre-commitments for \$1,000,000 and \$3,119,000 to be expended under the Department of Education and Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation Heads of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney), in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, tabled the Annual Report of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Newfoundland and Labrador for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider Certain Resolutions For The Granting Of Supplementary Supply To Her Majesty (Bill No. 13).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board 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. 15).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that this 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. 11).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that this 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. 12).

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The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Health And Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" Bill No. 14).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Act" (Bill No. 9)

A Bill "An Act Respecting Co-Operatives" (Bill No. 10).

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy is due to expire in August and many compensation recipients have been or are about to be dropped from the program in the meantime;

AND WHEREAS in the absence of an adequate successor program, the loss of TAGS will have significant negative consequences for the entire Province, especially the tens of thousands directly displaced from the program;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has the responsibility, the jurisdiction and the opportunity to provide adequate amounts and kinds of assistance to those that its mismanagement of the east coast fishery has displaced from the fishing industry, especially here in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that the Federal Government waste no more time before announcing a successor program for TAGS so individuals, families, communities and our Province can make informed decisions for the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House urge the Government of Canada to delay no longer before announcing an adequate successor program to TAGS that meets the different needs of all those who have a long-term attachment to the groundfishing industry."

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The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are now or about to be taken off the program.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Ferryland requesting Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sundays.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Departments of Health and Environment and Labour to pay attention to the emissions from the Grace Hospital smoke stack.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), acting as Government House Leader, announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Kilbride (Mr. Ed 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, Wednesday, April 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Wednesday, April 29th, 1998

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) took the Chair.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews) tabled the Report of the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of March, 1998.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Departments of Health and Environment & Labour to pay attention to the emissions from the Grace Hospital smoke stack.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pensions when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for St. John's West (Mrs. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sunday.

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

"WHEREAS the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy is due to expire in August and many compensation recipients have been or are about to be dropped from the program in the meantime;

AND WHEREAS in the absence of an adequate successor program, the loss of TAGS will have significant negative consequences for the entire Province, especially the tens of thousands directly displaced from the program;

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AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has the responsibility, the jurisdiction and the opportunity to provide adequate amounts and kinds of assistance to those that its mismanagement of the east coast fishery has displaced from the fishing industry, especially here in Newfoundland and Labrador;

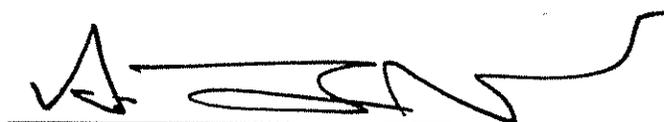
AND WHEREAS it is critical that the Federal Government waste no more time before announcing a successor program to TAGS so individuals, families, communities and our Province can make informed decisions for the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House urge the Government of Canada to delay no longer before announcing an adequate successor program to TAGS that meets the different needs of all those who have a long-term attachment to the groundfishing industry.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 29th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', written over a horizontal line.

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

Thursday, April 30th, 1998

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) took the Chair.

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 that the Come By Chance Oil Refinery would resume operations over the next seven to ten days. The Minister also announced that the fire/ life safety audit into the recent explosion and fire at the refinery operations was almost completed.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer respecting the Ralph Harnum School in Hawkes Bay.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pensions when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for St. John's West (Mrs. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sunday.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented another Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Portugal Cove South requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

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

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| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Act" (Bill No. 14) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting Co-operatives" (Bill No. 10). |

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was further adjourned until tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by 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.

By agreement, the Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow Monday, May 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House.

Monday, May 4th, 1998

In Private Session, the Clerk announced that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent whereupon the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) took the Chair.

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 provide Members with a status report on Government's initiative to help municipalities in their efforts to maintain financial stability. The Minister stated that 50 municipalities, with the encouragement from the Department, have been able to refinance in excess of \$100 million of Government-guaranteed debt owing to NMFC.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to raise the awareness of an important campaign which was underway in Canada during May; that being the Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign of Child Find Canada Inc.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the sole reason for the existence of Marine Atlantic is to provide an essential transportation link to Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS it is therefore only reasonable to expect that all Marine Atlantic positions should be located in Newfoundland and Labrador, except those in services that absolutely must be located in Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the key of entry into Newfoundland and Labrador for Marine Atlantic vessels is, and should remain, **Port aux Basques**;

AND WHEREAS it is therefore only reasonable that the main headquarters for Marine Atlantic in Canada should be located at Port aux Basques and all positions located at the former headquarters at Moncton, with no exceptions, should be relocated to Port aux Basques;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recently announced that many of the Marine Atlantic positions located at Moncton will not be relocated to Newfoundland and Labrador but will be relocated to Nova Scotia even though it is not essential to the proper operation of the service that they be located outside Newfoundland and Labrador.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House

1. Express its condemnation of the Government of Canada's failure to relocate all Marine Atlantic positions at Moncton to Port aux Basques;
2. Reject the notion that Marine Atlantic positions formerly located at Moncton should be shared between Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia;
3. Urge the Government of Canada, in the strongest terms, to revise its recent decision on Marine Atlantic restructuring in such a way to ensure that all positions formerly located at Moncton, without exception, be relocated to Port aux Basques; and
4. Urge the Government of Canada to move to Port aux Basques all Marine Atlantic positions currently located outside the Province - including positions in the maintenance, reservations and purchasing divisions of this Crown corporation - except those that must, of necessity, be located outside Newfoundland and Labrador for the proper operation of the service."

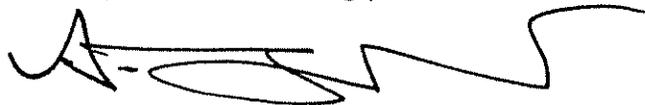
The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Community of Cape Broyle requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are now or are about to be taken off the program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget Motion (being a non-confidence motion) 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 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 5th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting financial assistance to people who contracted Hepatitis C from blood between 1986 and 1990 under the proposed Federal/Provincial/Territorial Agreement.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, both non-renewable and renewable, rightly belong to the people of this Province;

AND WHEREAS future resource development in our Province must in every case possible, and to the extent possible, ensure that our people are the major beneficiaries in terms of jobs, secondary processing where it is economically feasible to do so, and any other economic benefit that is properly achievable through effective public policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm this resource development policy on behalf of our people."

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government not to reduce income support payments in relation to the increase in the National Child Tax Benefits and that the seven percent increase be applied to rent and special benefits.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Town of Ferryland requesting the Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are

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now or are about to be taken off the program.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the budget motion (being a non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further dsebate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) 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 6th 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 6th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trades and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a statement to announce that several local companies attending the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas had signed business deals and joint venture agreements at the conference. The Minister also announced that the Honourable the Premier had met with the CEO of Freide Goldman International, owners of the shipyard in Marystown, in order to discuss the company's plans to carry out new and substantial work at the shipyard.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting air quality testing in schools.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning):

"WHEREAS the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, both non-renewable and renewable, rightly belong to the people of this province;

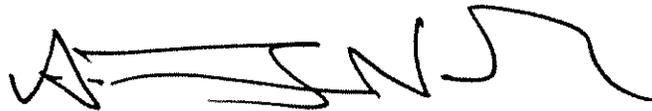
AND WHEREAS future resource development in our province must in every case possible, and to the extent possible, ensure that our people are the major beneficiaries in terms of jobs, secondary processing where it is economically feasible to do so, and any other economic benefit that is properly achievable through effective public policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm this resource development policy on behalf of our people."

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution and declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

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

On motion the House then adjourned at 4:10 o'clock in the afternoon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Thursday, May 7th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to announce that a Judicial Inquiry will be conducted into the death of Mr. Adam Okkuatsiak, who died at the Labrador Correctional Centre this past winter.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every school in the Province.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents requesting the Department of Education to provide a paid adult monitor program on school buses in order to supervise the safety of children.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take a lead role in convincing the Federal Government to announce and implement a successor program to TAGS which would include income replacement, licence buybacks, early retirement and economic diversification and to give immediate consideration to those who are entitled to compensation and are now or about to be taken off the program.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain citizens urging the Government of the Province to change its policy and to ensure children living in families on social assistance receive the full advantage of the National Child Benefit Program in addition to their social assistance income.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Calvert requesting Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

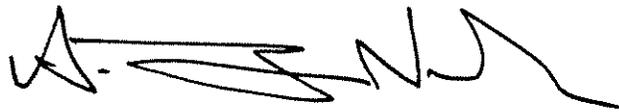
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the amendment to the Budget motion (being the non-confidence motion) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by 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 8th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, May 8th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to advise the House that the Ground Search and Rescue Assistance will have a direct link to the Department of Justice.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced its intention to prevent social assistance recipients from enjoying the full advantage of the National Child Benefit in addition to their meagre social assistance;

AND WHEREAS the government's decision to use the clawed-back funding for employment incentives and family resource centres, while important for many people, those receiving social assistance are clearly receiving inadequate benefits on which to support their families properly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to changes its current policy to ensure that children living in families on social assistance receive an increase in benefits equal to the National Child Benefit."

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Harry's Harbour requesting the Government of the Province to upgrade and pave the road to the community.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of his District requesting Government of the Province to begin construction on the Goulds By-Pass Road during this coming year.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sunday.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the amendment to the Budget motion (being the non-confidence motion).

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the amendment to the Budget motion (being the non-confidence motion).

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Harris.

Against: The Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), Mr. Flight, the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), Mr. Lush, Mr. Oldford, the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

The Speaker declared the motion defeated.

Debate 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, Monday, May 11th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.



A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, May 11th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) made a statement to recognize May 11 - May 15 as Police Week in Canada. The Minister also noted that Friday, May 15 will be recognized internationally as Peace Officer Memorial Day.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman), as Chairperson of the Government Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed, without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Finance
Government Services and Lands
Works, Services and Transportation
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Public Service Commission
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate 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 a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

The House divided.

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Mines & Energy (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), Mr. Walsh, Mr. Lush, Mr. Oldford, the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Edward Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French.

The Speaker declared the motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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 on tomorrow.

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

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

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 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, 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

Tuesday, May 12th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a statement to advise Members that the Bank of Montreal had released its regional outlook which shows the Province leading the country in GDP growth in 1998. The Bank predicts that the real GDP growth will reach 4.4 per cent in 1998 and will continue at a similar pace into 2001.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement to recognize International Nurses Day, Canada Health Day and the week of May 11 - 17 as National Nursing Week; the theme of which is "Nursing is the Key".

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement respecting the Province's impact at the recent Media Marketplace on tourism held recently in Toronto.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) rose on a point of order respecting the procedure during Routine Proceedings. The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) and the Speaker spoke to the matter.

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every student in the Province.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

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 made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) 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 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

Wednesday, May 13th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to announce the appointment of Mr. Hal Stanley as the new Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Canada - Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board. The Premier also thanked Mr. John Fitzgerald, the retiring acting chairperson, for his service to the Offshore Board.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a statement to advise the House that in addition to the good news emanating from the oil and gas sectors, there are indications of strong productivity in the Province's manufacturing and export sectors.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that an agreement had been reached with the Federal Government respecting the devolution of the St. John's Airport to the new Airport Authority.

The Member for Humber East (Mr. Mercer), as Chairperson of the Social Services Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred and had passed without amendment, the following Heads of Expenditure:

Human Resources & Employment
Education
Health & Community Services
Environment and Labour
Justice.

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

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Securities Act" (Bill No. 17).

The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government is not providing personal care home operators with allowances adequate to cover their growing expenses in light of rising costs;

AND WHEREAS personal care home operators provide a valuable health care service in this province, stretching the government's limited health care dollar while allowing many people needing a high level of care to live in comfortable surroundings near their own homes and families;

AND WHEREAS a failure on the part of the Provincial Government to provide adequate allowances to personal care home operators will compromise their ability to deliver health care services on which a large and growing number of families in the Province depend and will erode this critical and much-admired segment of our health care delivery system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the Provincial Government to consider moving quickly to grant an appropriate increase in allowances for personal care home operators."

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne):

"**WHEREAS** the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced its intention to prevent social assistance recipients from enjoying the full advantage of the National Child Benefit in addition to their meagre social assistance;

AND WHEREAS the government's decision to use the clawed-back funding for employment incentives and family resource centres, while important for many people, those receiving social assistance are clearly receiving inadequate benefits on which to support their families properly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to change its current policy to ensure that children living in families on social assistance receive an increase in benefits equal to the National Child Benefit."

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay), seconded by the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning), moved the following amendment to the Resolution:

"1. To strike out the first WHEREAS and substitute the following:

"Whereas the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced its intention to have social assistance recipients enjoy the full advantages of the National Child Benefit in addition to existing social assistance benefits."

2. To strike out the second "Whereas".

3. To strike out the "BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED" and substitute the following:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure that all children living in families on social assistance benefit to the maximum extent possible as a result of the National Child Benefit Program." "

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) recessed the House at 3:39 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:41 and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution

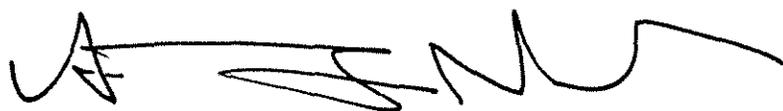
The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

The Speaker declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 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

Thursday, May 14th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to announce that May 19 will mark the beginning of a series of nine public meetings throughout the Province to receive input on the most effective and efficient use of resources to improve literacy. A consultation paper and workbook have been developed and will be used during these consultations.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to advise the House that School Boards had submitted a list of prospective projects for consideration by the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Investment Corporation to be carried out during the summer break.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement to announce the award of an \$8,446,860 contract to S.M. Construction for the upgrading of approximately 56 kilometres of the Trans Labrador Highway from Cache River to Wilson River.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey), tabled the 1997 Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board also tabled the Report on the Actuarial Valuation for Funding Purposes & Long Term Projections of the Uniform Services Pension Fund as of January 1, 1997.

The Member for Burin - Placentia West (Ms. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting that legislation be enacted immediately to reverse the funding of the Morgentaler Abortion Clinic and that Government redirect those health care transfer payments to areas of most critical need.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Red Bay, Labrador protesting the reduction in the number of teaching units in the community school.

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

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

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

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 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 in the afternoon pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by Members were debated, following which pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker put the question that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, May 19th at 2 p.m.

The motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Tuesday, May 19th, 1998

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

By leave, the Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) that the Speaker on behalf of the House send a letter of condolence to the family of the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) on the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ridgley.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement respecting the 1998 northern shrimp quota. The Minister also announced that the shrimp must be cooked and packed before it is exported.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a statement to announce plans to undertake environmental and engineering studies during this year's field season in Labrador with respect to the proposed Churchill River Projects.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a statement to recognize North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, May 18 - May 24, 1998. The Minister also extended congratulations to the winners of the Occupational Health and Safety Leadership Recognition Awards for 1997.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a statement respecting the closure of BPS Imaging Call Centre.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) tabled the Report of Mineral Licences and Mining Leases issued for the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) tabled the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on the operations carried out under the **Automobile Insurance Act** for the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998.

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The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the development of Youth Internship Programs provincially have allowed high school students direct linkages to the workplace providing important practicable skills;

AND WHEREAS these programs have enhanced educational partnerships with employers, schools and the provincial Apprenticeship Board to benefit our youth. They have demonstrated useful linkages from school to work improving the future employability of our students.

AND WHEREAS industrial opportunities, especially in our resource sector will create many new employment opportunities for young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support initiatives by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure that Human Resources Development Canada continues with strong, meaningful, financial support for these very worthwhile programs."

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that a further Estimate of Expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Debate continued on the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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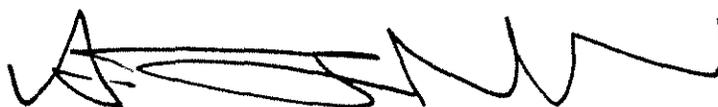
The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) 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 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

Wednesday, May 20th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to advise Members of Government's decision to lease the middle-distance vessel, Nain Banker, to the Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company Limited, based in L'Anse au Loup.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) tabled information relating to financial support to BPS Imaging Partnership - Call Centre.

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

Fisheries and Aquaculture
Forest Resources and Agrifoods
Mines and Energy
Tourism, Culture and Recreation
Industry, Trade and Technology
Development and Rural Renewal.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19).

The Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting Government to initiate a universal comprehensive school lunch program for every student in the Province.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Sparrow) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of his District requesting the Department of Works, Services and Transportation to provide funding to pave the gravel road connecting North Harbour to Placentia.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning):

"WHEREAS the development of Youth Internship Programs provincially have allowed high school students direct linkages to the workplace providing important practicable skills;

AND WHEREAS these programs have enhanced educational partnerships with employers, schools and the provincial Apprenticeship Board to benefit our youth. They have demonstrated useful linkages from school to work improving the future employability of our students.

AND WHEREAS industrial opportunities, especially in our resource sector will create many new employment opportunities for young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support initiatives by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure that Human Resources Development Canada continues with strong, meaningful, financial support for these very worthwhile programs."

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the Resolution.

The Speaker declared the Resolution carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 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, May 21st, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that, following a recent consultation exercise conducted by his Department, a Bill to amend the **Public Tender Act** would be introduced in the House today.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce that Government will be selling the fish plant in the Community of Lawn to Grand Atlantic Incorporated.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement respecting the inability of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation and certain School Boards to reach agreements on school buildings and property acquisitions and the School Boards plans for the renovation and reorganization of certain existing school resources in time for the September 1998-99 school year.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Honourable Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act to Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24).

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Participation By The Province In An Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow introduce the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month across Atlantic Canada and 1998 marks the 50th anniversary of the MS movement in Canada;

AND WHEREAS multiple sclerosis is the most common disease of the central nervous system affecting young adults in Canada today;

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AND WHEREAS it is roughly estimated that one in every 500 Atlantic Canadians and their families are affected by this devastating and unpredictable disease;

AND WHEREAS the Atlantic Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is a not-for-profit organization, committed to achieving its mission of being a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Members of this House acknowledge and support the Atlantic Division of the MS Society of Canada for their dedicated efforts in finding a cure for MS and improving the quality of life for those who face the challenges of this disease, in particular, promoting accessibility to new breakthrough therapies that have been clinically proven to significantly improve the quality of life for many individuals with multiple sclerosis."

By leave, the Resolution introduced by the Member for Ferryland was unanimously adopted by the House.

The Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) presented a Petition on behalf of certain members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in his District requesting the Department of Human Resources and Employment to review the recent decision to reduce funding to recipients by the amount of the Child Tax Benefit.

The Member of Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) rose on a Point of Order alleging that the Member for Topsail had not presented the real Petition on behalf of the Catholic Women's League. After some debate, the Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of privilege in order to establish a prima facie case with respect to language used by the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi in that he stated that the Member for Topsail had deliberately distorted the petition he just presented and that the language was unparliamentary and should be withdrawn.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

By leave, it was agreed to disperse with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved that a further Estimate of Expenditure related to a Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$30 million be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Debate continued on the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

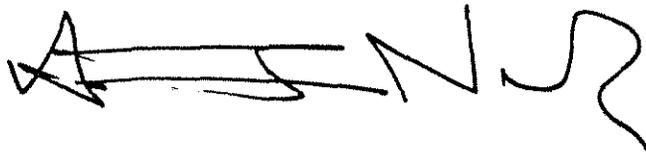
The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

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.

May 21st, 1998

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, 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, May 22nd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to advise Members of the proposed silviculture initiatives from Abitibi Consolidated, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper and the Government's own projects.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave an answer respecting proposed Federal bankruptcy legislation as it applies to student loans.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

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 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.

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

A Bill "An Act To Amend the Securities Act" (Bill No. 17)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19)

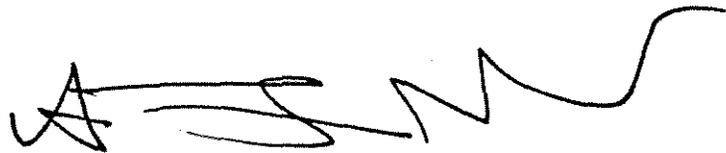
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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act To Provide For Participation By The Province
In An Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement
And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act"
(Bill No. 25).

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 25th 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 25th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled on the matter of a point of order and a matter of a point of privilege raised with respect to a Petition which the Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) attempted to present on May 21st. The Speaker ruled that the Petition presented to the House by the Member for Topsail (Mr. Wiseman) was out of order including another petition from the Catholic Women's League which was attached to the first petition. The Speaker also ruled that the Point of Privilege raised by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), although not a point of privilege, was indeed a point of order and asked the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) to withdraw certain unparliamentary words. The Member withdrew the offending words.

The Speaker further ruled that all petitions must be presented to and certified by Table officers before presentation in the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to announce a new initiative to tackle child poverty in that the Government of the Province has decided to permit families who receive social assistance to receive the full National Child Benefit supplement this year.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) rose on a point of order respecting the length of ministerial statements. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce that the fish plant in Red Bay, Labrador will reopen on June 1st for the harvesting and processing of sea urchins.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

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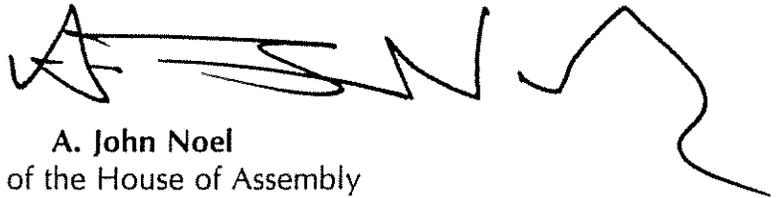
On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had 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, 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

May 26th, 1998

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) rose on a point of order and stated that in his reply to the above noted petition, the Honourable the Minister of Education had impunged motives to the Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) and the Member for Waterford Valley.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

By leave, in reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled certain correspondence respecting Marble Mountain.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Princeton requesting the Government of the Province to pave the remaining unpaved section of the road through their community.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Government to increase the number of teaching units at William's Harbour Integrated School in the Community of William's Harbour, Labrador.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply considered the Executive Council Head of Expenditure.

The Committee recessed at 5:55 o'clock in the afternoon for a dinner break.

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The Chairperson resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee of Supply considered and passed the **Consolidated Fund Services, Executive Council, Legislature and Contingency Reserve** Heads of Expenditure.

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, Consolidated Fund Services, Legislature and Contingency Reserve**, 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.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that by agreement the House would begin its daily sitting on Thursday, May 28th at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon so that staff and Members may attend the funeral of the late Elva Clarke.

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

On motion the House then adjourned at 9:19 o'clock in the evening.



A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, May 27th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a statement to report that the Information Technology Human Resource Development Status Committee had released its final report entitled "Information Technology - Closing the Human Resources Gap in Newfoundland and Labrador." The Minister also tabled the report.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a statement to announce that on behalf of the Council of Ministers of Education for Canada, the Province will be hosting the Third National Forum on Education here in St. John's from May 28th to May 30th.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a statement to announce that the province and the Government of Canada had entered into a five year agreement respecting the Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities. The new agreement will replace the Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons Agreement.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a statement to advise Members that the Government plans to hold a series of public consultation meetings with respect to the province's Green Paper on Adoption Policy and Law.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to advise Members that the nationally recognized material **Learn Not to Burn** Program is now part of the curriculum in 56 per cent of the schools in the Province.

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) tabled an answer respecting the operation agreement between Marine Atlantic and the Province on the disposal of assets and the interim arrangement for the terminal facility at Lewisporte.

May 27th, 1998

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French):

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government is not providing personal care home operators with allowances adequate to cover their growing expenses in light of rising costs;

AND WHEREAS personal care home operators provide a valuable health care service in this province, stretching the government's limited health care dollar while allowing many people needing a high level of care to live in comfortable surroundings near their own homes and families;

AND WHEREAS a failure on the part of the Provincial Government to provide adequate allowances to personal care home operators will compromise their ability to deliver health care services on which a large and growing number of families in this Province depend and will erode this critical and much-admired segment of our health care delivery system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the Provincial Government to consider moving quickly to grant an appropriate increase in allowances for personal care home operators."

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward), moved, seconded by the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) the following amendment to the Resolution:

"1. The Resolution is amended by striking out the 3 paragraphs of the recital and substituting the following:

"WHEREAS personal care home operators provide a valuable health care service in the province for many people needing care;

AND WHEREAS Government is cognizant of the valuable service provided by personal home care operators;"

2. The Resolution is further amended by striking out the resolution and substituting the following:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the Provincial Government to review all aspects of continuing care services including the question of subsidy levels for personal care homes." "

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The Speaker (Mr. Penney) recessed the House for eight minutes.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and ruled the amendment in order.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

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

The House divided:

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. the Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), Mr. Lush, the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Foote), the Hon. the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), the Hon. the Minister of Government Services & Lands (Mr. McLean), Mr. Noel, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sparrow.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Mr. French, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Harris.

The Speaker declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

The House divided:

There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. the Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes),

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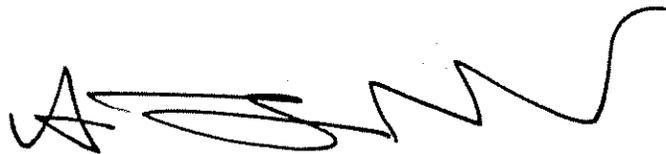
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The Speaker declared the Resolution, as amended, carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) again noted that by agreement the House would sit on Thursday, May 28th at 3:30 o'clock, recess at 5 o'clock and resume sitting at 7 o'clock and adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 28th at 3:30 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 28th, 1998

The House met at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted on Wednesday, May 27th.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled on a point of order raised by the Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) on May 26th. The Speaker ruled that the comment of the Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) had not broken the rules of the House when he replied to a petition.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce that, as part of the 1998 groundfish management plan, there will be a 20,000 tonne quota for 3Ps cod this year, double the 1997 quota. This quota is based on a recommendation of the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a statement to raise public awareness of the Province's diverse agricultural industry in launching the Newfoundland and Labrador Agriculture Awareness Campaign; a campaign which is a joint venture between his Department and the Federal Department of Agriculture and Agrifoods.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement in order to make public and to release "Getting the Message" a CD-Rom designed to provide youth with a snapshot of the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador by describing the skills that young people will need to participate successfully in the economy. The Minister also tabled the CD Rom.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Southern Harbour requesting the Minister of Education and Members of the House to abstain from interfering with the decision making process of the duly elected school board.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee.

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The House recessed at 4:56 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

It was agreed that the time the House did not meet during the afternoon and one hour during the dinner recess would be counted towards the concurrence debate.

Debate continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Government Services Estimates Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Social Services Estimates Committee.

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, May 29th at nine of the clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 10:04 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

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By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward), gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate the Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32).

By leave, the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Members of the House of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33).

Members agreed that during the concurrence debate, Members could speak more than once as long as the total time did not exceed 30 minutes.

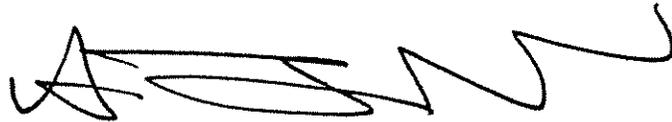
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the Concurrence Motion with respect to the Report of the Resource Estimates Committee and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) rose on a point of order that the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) had implied that certain Members were dishonest when they sold shares in Diamond Fields. The Speaker (Mr. Oldford) took the matter under advisement.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, 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

Monday, June 1st, 1998

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

By Leave, the Member for St. John's South (Mr. Tom Osborne) paid tribute to the late Mr. John White, local entertainer and moved, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Mr. John White.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a statement to announce a new two-year Provincial Home Repair Program designed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a statement to announce a new Federal - Provincial \$5 million Aquaculture Working Capital Fund which will be used for the shellfish sector.

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

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| A Bill | "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 28) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30) |
| A Bill | "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (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 continued and concluded on the Concurrence Motion with respect tot he Report of the Resource Estimates Committee.

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The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), informed the House he had received a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Message was read to the House by the Speaker (Mr. Penney) as follows:

"May 22, 1998

The Honourable the Minister of Finance

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending March 31, 1999, by way of Further Supply and, in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

A. M. House
Lieutenant-Governor".

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) it was moved that the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Oldford 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 \$2,882,076,800 contained in the Estimates of Supply and asked leave to sit again.

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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 for 1998-99, together with a Resolution and Bill No. 26 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 question on the motion and the motion was carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford 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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 26).

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. 26 consequent thereto and recommended that Bill No. 26 be introduced to give effect to same.

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, 1999, the sum of \$1,871,986,800."

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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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 26) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 26 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize the Raising of Money by Way of Loan by the Province" (Bill No. 15).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) 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 tomorrow.

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 on Wednesday the order of business for consideration by the House would be motions of which notice had been given by the Government.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 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

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to publicize Transportation Week Across Canada. The theme for this year is **Transportation - Canada's Natural Resource**.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement to remind Members of the progress being made by the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of parents of children who attend the St. Anthony Elementary School in St. Anthony praying that the proposed reduction in the number of teaching units is unacceptable and will have a negative impact on certain programs.

The Member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province requesting the Government to undertake appropriate action to make Northern Gooseberry Island and Southern Gooseberry Island a restricted grazing area in order to protect the cemeteries on these Islands.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of the Province to ensure public service pensioners receive a raise in their pension when public servants receive an increase in pay and to reverse the policy of clawing back Canada Pension benefits from public service pensioners.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Sheila Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain retail workers and families of retail workers requesting the House of Assembly to rescind the amendment to the **Shops Closing Act** that permits stores to remain open on Sundays.

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

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

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The Committee considered a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising of Money By Way of Loan by the Province" (Bill No. 15).

The Member for Grand Falls - Buchans (Ms. Thistle) moved that the House not adjourn at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

The Committee continued consideration of 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. 15).

The Committee considered a certain Resolution and a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (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 a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to this Resolution.

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

"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 \$200,000,000 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 Bill entitled, "An Act To Authorize The Raising of Money by Way of Loan by the Province" (Bill No. 15) was read a first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 15 be printed being entitled as above and that it 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, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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

The House recessed at 6:05 o'clock in the evening for dinner.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies and Errors In the Statute Law (Bill No. 28) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law (Bill No. 28) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 28 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

June 2nd, 1998

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

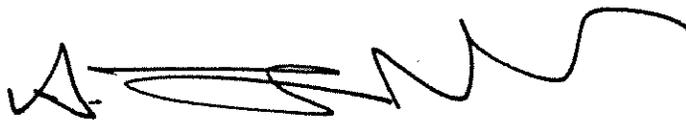
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 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, June 3rd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was again agreed to by all Members that Wednesday, June 3rd would be devoted to Government business.

On motion the House adjourned at 8:09 o'clock in the evening.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Wednesday, June 3rd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a statement to announce that Government intends to introduce legislation to implement a graduated drivers licence program for novice drivers beginning January 1, 1999.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a statement to recognize Environment Week, May 31 to June 6, 1998 and to congratulate the 1997/98 winners of environmental awards from various parts of the province. The awards program is sponsored by the Department of Environment and Labour and the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes.

During Oral Questions, due to grave disorder in the Public Galleries, the Speaker recessed the House at 2:23 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2:29 o'clock in the afternoon.

Oral questions continued.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) tabled the **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the month of April, 1998.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the audited financial statements of the Province of Newfoundland Pooled Pension Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of parents of children who attend the St. Anthony Elementary School in St. Anthony praying that the proposed reduction in the number of teaching units is unacceptable and will have a negative impact on certain programs.

June 3rd, 1998

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24) 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, June 4th 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 June 4th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a statement to announce that the construction of the new Janeway Health Centre is two months ahead of schedule. The Minister also announced the redevelopment projects of other health facilities in St. John's during this fiscal year.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Participation By the Province In An Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide For Participation By The Province In An Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

By leave, it was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

June 4th, 1998

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 30 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 31 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Members of The House of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Members of The House of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 33 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

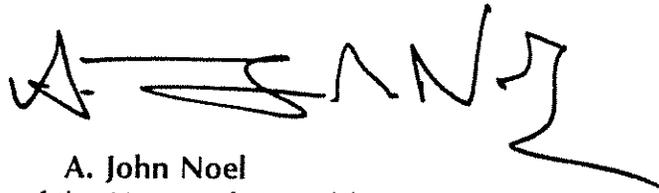
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19) and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 19 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

June 4th, 1998

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, June 5th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House then adjourned at 5:52 o'clock in the afternoon.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, June 5, 1998

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a statement to announce that the Federal Government had approved funding for the environmental remediation of the former U.S. Naval Facility in the Argentina area.

The Honourable the Premier also reported on the May Labour Force Survey and took the opportunity to note that the number of people employed in the Province had increased.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a statement to congratulate those who were recognised at the annual awards ceremony for the Arts and Letters Competition.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) also made a statement with respect to the encouraging employment figures during the last few months.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20).

The Committee recessed for a few minutes around 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The Chairperson of the Committee resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Government House Leader moved that the House not adjourn at 12 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Members Of The House Of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Provide for Participation by the Province In An Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25).

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31).

The Committee of the Whole considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law (Bill No. 28)

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 28:

- "1. That clause 4 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the proposed paragraph 109(2)(d) the words "who is licensed under the **Public Accountancy Act**".
2. That clause 5 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the proposed paragraph 109(2)(d) the words "who is licensed under the **Public Accountancy Act**".
3. That clause 18 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the words "certified management accountant" the words "licensed under the **Public Accountancy Act**".

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4. That clause 20 of the Bill be amended by adding immediately after the citation "82(2)" the words and citation "and subsection 287(2)" and by adding immediately after the proposed paragraph (d) the words "licensed under the **Public Accountancy Act**".
5. That clause 23 of the Bill be amended by adding in the proposed section 60 the words "licensed under the **Public Accountancy Act**" immediately after the words "certified general accountant".

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

The Committee of the Whole passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 28) with amendments.

The Committee of the Whole considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24).

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" (Bill No. 11)

By leave, the Committee reverted back to the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19)

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) the following amendment:

"That clause 6 of the Bill be amended by deleting the proposed section 294.1".

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

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The Committee of the Whole again passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19) with an amendment.

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

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of the House Of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act To provide for participation By The Province in an Intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In the Province" (Bill No. 31)

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 20, 21, 22, 33, 30, 25, 24 and 31 be read a third time presently.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole also reported that the Committee had passed the following Bills, with amendments, and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors
In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 28)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Elections Act,
1991" (Bill No. 19).

The amendments to Bills No. 28 and 19 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 28 and 19 be read a third time presently.

The Chairperson of the Committee also reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered other matters to it referred and had passed a certain Resolution and a Bill consequent thereto and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to this Resolution.

Pursuant to order and on motion the following Resolution was 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."

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1957" (Bill No. 11) was read a first, second and third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32) and on motion it was ordered that the Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 32 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Penney took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed without amendment the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32) 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.

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

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| A Bill | "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 28) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24) |
| A Bill | "An Act To Provide for Participation By The Province In An intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25) |

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- A Bill "An Act to Amend the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19).

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32) was read a third time and passed.

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 a few minutes to await the arrival of His Honour the Administrator.

At 12:10 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Administrator, the Honourable James Gushue, Chief Justice of Newfoundland.

The Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Administrator 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 a Bill for the appropriation of supply granted in the present Session."

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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, 1999 And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service" (Bill No. 26).

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

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

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act To Authorize The Raising of Money By Way of Loan by the Province" (Bill No. 15)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957' (Bill No. 11)

A Bill "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law" (Bill No. 28)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Act" (Bill No. 20)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Medical Care Insurance Act" (Bill No. 21)

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act" (Bill No. 22)

A Bill "An Act To Amend the Public Tender Act" (Bill No. 24)

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- A Bill "An Act To Provide for Participation By The Province In An intergovernmental Joint Purchasing Agreement And To Repeal The Provincial Preference Act" (Bill No. 25)
- A Bill "An Act to Amend the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act" (Bill No. 30)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Child Care Services In The Province" (Bill No. 31)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Pensions Act" (Bill No. 33)
- A Bill "An Act To Amend the Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 19)
- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate the Cruiseship Authority" (Bill No. 32).

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

His Honour then left the Chamber.

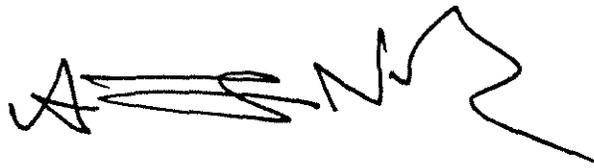
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) 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."

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The Speaker put the question on the above noted motions and declared the motions carried.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, November 16th, 1998

The House met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the adjournment motion adopted by the House on June 5th, 1998.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement respecting the mid-year budgetary position of the Province for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to advise Members that there will be a judicial inquiry into the March 25th, 1998 fire and explosion at the Come By Chance Oil Refinery.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to congratulate Stone Consolidated Inc. and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada on reaching a tentative agreement, subject to ratification, that will end the labour dispute and the strike at the company's papermills at Grand Falls-Windsor and Stephenville.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board tabled a Special Warrant as authorized by Order in Council 98-537 under section 28(2) of the **Financial Administration Act** for \$1,028,600 to be expended under the Forest Resources and Agrifoods Head of Expenditure.

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) tabled the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Members' Interests.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 35).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth and Family Services" (Bill No. 37).

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The Honourable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34).

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39);

A Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 29).

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 Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote), gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews), gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) 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. 36).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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During presentation of this Petition, there was disorder in the Public Gallery, whereupon, after a warning by the Speaker, the Speaker recessed the House at 3:14 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:24 o'clock in the afternoon.

Another Member spoke to the petition.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne) asked leave, in accordance with Standing Order 23, to introduce a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Tobin administration began its mandate by drawing a line in the sand against the exploitation of our resources for the primary benefit of others, and committed to maximize local processing of our natural resources to give our people a full and fair share of the wealth those resources generate;

AND WHEREAS the Tobin administration has not acquiesced in giving North Corporation and the Iron Ore Company of Canada permission to pelletize Labrador West iron ore, not in Labrador West to create long-term stable employment opportunities here in this Province, but rather in Sept-Iles, Québec, using our resources to create long-term stable employment opportunities outside our Province;

AND WHEREAS, in view of crucial implications of allowing this decision to stand for even one more day, and in view of the implications for our Province of the legislation currently on the books that allows such a decision to stand, it is imperative and urgent that the Tobin administration take the action needed to reverse the decision and amend the appropriate legislation immediately;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House of Assembly urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- (1) to act immediately to reverse the decision granting North Corporation and the Iron Ore Company of Canada permission to export Labrador West iron ore outside the Province for processing; and
- (2) to give assurances that it will introduce legislation to ensure that the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador are developed for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, by Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, in Newfoundland and Labrador."

After some debate, the Speaker recessed the House at 4:03 o'clock in the afternoon in order to consider the matter.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:43 o'clock in the afternoon.

After reviewing the precedents of the House and Beauchesne and, in particular, the precedents of former Speaker Ottenheimer and former Speaker Lamoureux of the House of Commons respecting motions for emergency debate, the Speaker ruled that the motion to adjourn the House to debate a matter of urgent public importance was not in order.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.



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

Tuesday, November 17th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to announce that a Bill to amend the **Mineral Act** as introduced by the Minister yesterday will set out the conditions under which mining leases will be granted and the requirements for further processing of mineral resources in the Province.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Communities of Flatrock, Pouch Cove and Bauline urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure funding is made available as soon as possible for the construction of a new K-9 school for the benefit of the children of the three communities.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act" (Bill No. 35);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23);

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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 36).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Co-Operatives" (Bill No. 10).

By leave, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, both non-renewable and renewable, rightly belong to the people of this Province;

AND WHEREAS future resource development in our Province must in every case possible, and to the extent possible, ensure that our people are the major beneficiaries in terms of jobs, secondary processing where it is economically feasible to do so, and any other economic benefit that is properly achievable through effective public policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm its support for the expansion of the pellet plant to occur in Labrador West (Carol Lake)."

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Debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Co-operatives" (Bill No. 10) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Co-operatives" (Bill No. 10) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 10 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House adjourned it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, November 18th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, November 18th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow) recognized and welcomed new and returning Commissionaires to the House.

By leave, the Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) showed Members a tanned seal skin, the product of a new processing plant in Catalina. The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke to the matter.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement giving Members an overview of the fishing industry's performance so far this year.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the importance of silviculture projects which demonstrate how forests silviculturally treated maximize the yield, service and growth of the forest. The Minister also tabled samples of two tree cross-sections showing the size of trees that have been silviculturally treated.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement respecting the craft industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) tabled the Report of **Public Tender Act** Exceptions for the months of May, June, July, August and September, 1998.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Byrne):

"WHEREAS the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, both non-renewable and renewable, rightly belong to the people of this Province;

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AND WHEREAS future resource development in our Province must in every case possible, and to the extent possible, ensure that our people are the major beneficiaries in terms of jobs, secondary processing where it is economically feasible to do so, and any other economic benefit that is properly achievable through effective public policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirm its support for the expansion of the pellet plant to occur in Labrador West (Carol Lake)."

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) moved, seconded by Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk), the following amendment:

"The Resolution is amended by striking out the words "to occur in Labrador West (Carol Lake)" and by substituting the words "in Labrador West when it is economically viable to do so" so that the Resolution would now read.

"**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House affirm its support for the expansion of the pellet plant in Labrador West when it is economically viable to do so.""

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Penney) recessed the House at 3:32 o'clock in the afternoon to consider the amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:41 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chair ruled that the amendment was in order in accordance with the authority as set forth in Standing Order 36 and in Beauchesne, Paragraphs 567 to 569.

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment to the Resolution.

The Speaker put the question on the amendment to the Resolution and declared the amendment to the Resolution carried.

The Speaker put the question on the Resolution, as amended.

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The House divided.

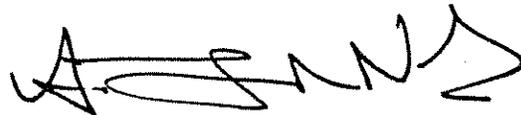
There appeared in favour of the motion: The Hon. The Minister of Development & Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk), the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey), the Hon. the Minister of Justice & Attorney General (Mr. Decker), the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), the Hon. the Minister of Municipal & Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid), Mr. Flight, Mr. Walsh, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes), the Hon. The Minister of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), the Hon. the Minister of Health & Community Services (Ms. Aylward), Mr. Barrett, the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources & Employment (Ms. Bettney), the Hon. the Minister of Environment & Labour (Mr. Langdon), the Hon. the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly), Mr. Noel, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Canning, Mr. Ramsay, Ms. Hodder, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reid, Ms. Thistle, Mr. Sparrow.

Against: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. Byrne), Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Jack Byrne, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Tom Osborne, Mr. Ottenheimer, Ms. Sheila Osborne, Mr. Harris.

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 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, November 19th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement respecting private training institutions and the recommendations contained in an interim report prepared by Dr. Phillip Warren with respect to those institutions.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a Statement respecting the official opening of the Transshipment Terminal at Whiffen Head.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to advise Members of the substantial progress made by the regional economic development boards in moving the economic agenda forward in the twenty economic zones of the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) tabled the Interim Report on the Review of Private Training Institutions Act and Regulations as submitted by Dr. Philip Warren.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Communities of Open Hall, Red Cliff and Tickle Cove urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to upgrade and, where necessary, repave seven kilometres of road leading from Route 235 through the noted communities.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quid Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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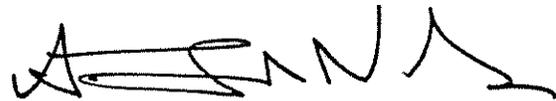
The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Come By Chance and the surrounding area requesting the Government of the Province to force the Come By Chance Oil Refinery to operate the refinery in an environmentally sound manner by reducing the emissions to more acceptable levels.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) 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 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 20th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Friday, November 20th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize November 20th as National Child Day in the Province and throughout the country.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement with respect to the establishment of a \$250,000.00 Equity Fund under the Offshore Skills Training Fund in order to encourage women to consider careers in the offshore petroleum industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement with respect to securing the International Triathlon Union World Cup event for Corner Brook for the years 1999 and 2000.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement with respect to the presence of the Newfoundland Pony among the equine breeds at the Royal Windsor Agricultural Fair in Toronto.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) tabled the Report on expenditures made under the income support program for the 1997/98 fiscal year, pursuant to Section 5 of the **Social Assistance Act**.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make strong representation to the Government of Canada to change certain practices of Human Resources Development Canada with respect to unemployed TAGS clients.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented two Petitions on behalf of certain residents urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, November 23, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting Government's policy initiatives on child welfare as contained in a proposed Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Child, Youth and Family Services" recently introduced in the House.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement respecting a \$4 million Award Program for students attending Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic. The Minister announced that more than 2,000 students have received awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 under the Awards Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a statement respecting the promotional campaign by the Coast of Bays Corporation, a Regional Economic Development Board, to attract investors to the Province's South Coast. The Minister also tabled promotional literature published by the Corporation.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne), as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee, tabled the Report of the Public Accounts Committee with respect to the Auditor General's Reports for the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1994, March 31st, 1995 and March 31st, 1996.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) tabled the 1998 Annual Report and the audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998.

The Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has initiated a planned approach to focus on the key areas of social and economic development in the Province;

AND WHEREAS Government in consultation with economic development partners throughout the Province has established regional economic development boards (REDB's) in 20 economic zones throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

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AND WHEREAS the regional economic development boards are grassroots organizations within both urban and rural centres in the Province which are implementing strategic economic plans for their regions based on local and provincial consultations;

AND WHEREAS the Premier's Council on Social Development has been established to oversee the implementation of the Newfoundland and Labrador Strategic Social Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Strategic Social Plan has evolved out of one of the most thorough and far-reaching consultations on a social strategy ever undertaken in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the Strategic Social Plan and Strategic Regional Economic Plans of the REDB's are a cornerstone of the path chosen by the people of the Province for our future social and economic development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this House go on record as supporting and encouraging the regional economic development boards in the implementation of their strategic plans and the many hard working grassroots volunteers to continue their excellent work on behalf of the people of the Province;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this House support and encourage the continued linkages and working relationships between the social and economic development sectors of the provincial strategies for economic renewal and social responsiveness."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Chalker Place in the City of St. John's urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to repair the housing units and to ensure that the tenants' concerns are resolved in a satisfactory manner.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make strong representation to the Government of Canada to change certain practices of Human Resource Development Canada with respect to unemployed TAGS clients.

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The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38).

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time on tomorrow.

Debate continued on Second Reading of Bill No. 38 and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, November 24th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to announce that the Government will allocate \$75,000 to allow high schools to provide infant child care so that teenage mothers may complete their high school education.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to announce a co-operative initiative under the Canada-Newfoundland Safety Net Agreement to develop the cranberry industry in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement respecting the Government's focus on small business development through an allocation of \$7 million from the Strategic Enterprise Development Fund.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain students of Lawrence College requesting the Minister of Education to ensure that students who attend private colleges are eligible for the Provincial Awards Program and the Millennium Scholarship Fund.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and by unanimous motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 29 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

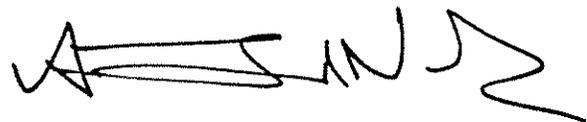
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Tulk) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

It was moved and seconded that when the House adjourned it would adjourn until tomorrow Wednesday, November 25th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, November 25th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a Statement to provide an overview of the benefits to the Province from natural resource development, specifically in the oil and gas, hydro electricity and mining industries.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement respecting the official opening of the first completed section of the Outer Ring Road, the portion from the Trans Canada Highway near Donovans to the Allandale Access Road.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to inform Members of the importance of the agrifoods industry in the Province and its potential for further expansion and its contribution to the economy. The Minister also tabled the 1997 Agrifood Development Strategy.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay):

“WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has initiated a planned approach to focus on the key areas of social and economic development in the Province;

AND WHEREAS Government in consultation with economic development partners throughout the Province has established regional economic development boards (REDB's) in 20 economic zones throughout Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the regional economic development boards are grassroots organizations within both urban and rural centres in the Province which are implementing strategic economic plans for their regions based on local and provincial consultations;

AND WHEREAS the Premier's Council on Social Development has been established to oversee the implementation of the Newfoundland and Labrador Strategic Social Plan;

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AND WHEREAS the Strategic Social Plan has evolved out of one of the most thorough and far-reaching consultations on a social strategy ever undertaken in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the Strategic Social Plan and Strategic Regional Economic Plans of the REDB's are a cornerstone of the path chosen by the people of the Province for our future social and economic development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this House go on record as supporting and encouraging the regional economic development boards in the implementation of their strategic plans and the many hard working grassroots volunteers to continue their excellent work on behalf of the people of the Province;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this House support and encourage the continued linkages and working relationships between the social and economic development sectors of the provincial strategies for economic renewal and social responsiveness."

By leave, the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) moved under Standing Order 32, that the motion standing in his name, that motion being number 6 as printed on the November 25th Order Paper, be struck from the Order Paper.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

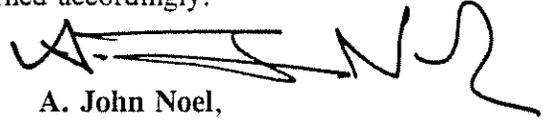
Debate continued and concluded on the motion standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Ramsay).

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried unanimously.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, November 26th, 1998 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 26th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement with respect to a Report from the Advisory Council on the Economy and Technology outlining an appropriate regime for a benefits policy for this Province. The Premier also tabled the Report of the Advisory Council.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the death by suicide of a young man at St. Clare's Hospital yesterday.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made another statement to announce that the Government will provide funding to hire new child care services coordinators and that further funding will be available for an early childhood educators certification program.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS pursuant to Section 38 of the **Memorial University Act**, as amended in 1993, and the **Auditor General Act**, the University is required to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS the University, since 1992, has repeatedly refused to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Newfoundland ruled on March 11, 1993 that the **Auditor General Act** imposes on the University an obligation to give the Auditor General access to all of its books, accounts and records; and that the University has not fulfilled this obligation; and that the only remedy available to the Auditor General under existing law is to report to the House of Assembly that the University has denied the Auditor General full access;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, who provide enormous amounts of funding annually to the University from the public treasury, expect and demand accountability for the expenditure by the University of that money;

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AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that the Auditor General, as the chief auditor in this Province of publicly-funded institutions and as an independent arm of the Legislature which vote the funding for Memorial University, should have access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS imposing on the University the demand that the Auditor General must have access to all of its books, accounts and records is reasonable and does not compromise the integrity or customary autonomy of the University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take whatever action is necessary, including legislative action if deemed appropriate, to ensure that the University, without further delay and promptly whenever requested, effectively gives the Auditor General full access to all books, accounts and records of the University to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in the wages of public servants.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain students of Academy Canada requesting the Minister of Education to ensure that students who attend private colleges are eligible for the Provincial Awards Program and the Millennium Scholarship Fund.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39) was introduced and read a first time.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be read a second time on tomorrow.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Apprenticeship And Occupational Certification" (Bill No. 5) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth and Family Services" (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

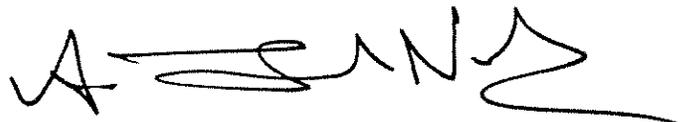
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Act" (Bill No. 36) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Act" (Bill No. 36) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 36 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by 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 27th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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

Friday, November 27th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) made a Statement to update Members on the progress of a Committee of Ministers and MHAs that was struck in June to review the issues related to the use of outdoor resources.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain students requesting the Minister of Education to ensure that students who attend private colleges are eligible for the Provincial Awards Program and the Millennium Scholarship Fund.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) left the Chair. Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) resumed the Chair.

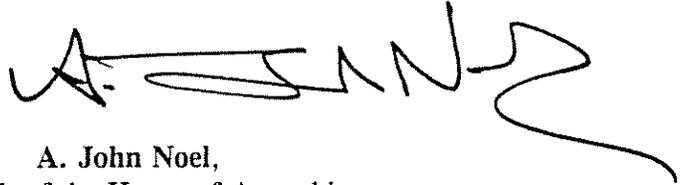
The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House reported that the Committee had considered the matters to it referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Monday, November 30th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Ms. Kelly) made a Statement to provide Members with the preliminary results of the 1998 Newfoundland and Labrador tourism season.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement respecting the United Nations International Year of the Ocean.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement to report on the recent session of the St. John's Regional Youth Parliament and to congratulate all the student participants in this event.

The Honourable the Minister of Development and Rural Renewal (Mr. Tulk) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43).

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42).

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, " An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 44).

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for Signal Hill Quidi-Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38).

The Committee recessed for 5 minutes at 4:40 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson of the Committee (Mr. Penney) resumed the Chair.

Debate continued in Committee on Bill No. 38.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) moved the following amendment:

"That Clause 8 of Bill 38, **An Act To Amend The Mineral Act**, which is now before the House, be amended by deleting the proposed subsection (2) and substituting the following therefor:

"(2) The Board shall have the jurisdiction to hear and to make recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on a question, matter or dispute relating to an order made under section 31.1 and to the cancellation of a lease where that cancellation results from an order made under section 31.1".

The Chairperson of the Committee ruled the amendment in order.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The debate continued on Bill No. 38.

The Committee of the Whole passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matter to it referred and had passed without amendment the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) and asked leave to sit again.

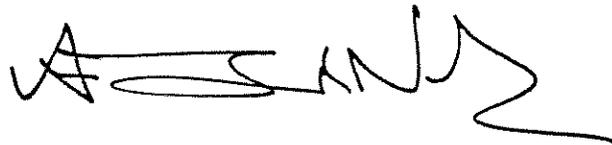
On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 38 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act" (Bill No. 38) was read a third time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to provide Members with an up-date on the implementation activities associated with "People, Partners and Prosperity", the Strategic Social Plan for the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to update the House on the progress being made towards the development of an Endangered Species Act and to report on some of the initiatives being carried out on behalf of species at risk in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize December 1st as World AIDS Day.

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in the wages of public servants.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of the province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in the wages of public servants.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Oldford took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 36).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 29).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Co-Operatives" (Bill No. 10).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House 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 Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 36);

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 29);

A Bill "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7);

A Bill "An Act Respecting Co-Operatives" (Bill No. 10).

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

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On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 36, 29, 7 and 10 be read a third time presently.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Internal Economy Commission Act" (Bill No. 36);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 29);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Credit Union Act" (Bill No. 7);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Co-Operatives" (Bill No. 10).

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.

By leave, pursuant to order and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- A Bill "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Denturists Act" (Bill No. 44).

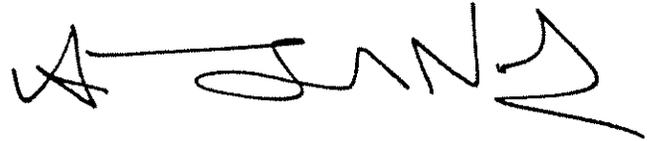
On motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read a second time on tomorrow.

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Sullivan) announced that the motion standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. J. Byrne) would be debated on Private Member's Day on Wednesday.

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1998

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

By leave, the Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) moved, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Justice (Mr. Decker) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) that the Speaker send a letter of condolence on behalf of all Members to the family of the late Mr. Mathias Toms of LaScie.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture (Mr. Efford) made a Statement to advise the House of the significant major developments in the fishing industry by the private sector.

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Foote) made a Statement respecting the mandate of Operation ONLINE, Inc. to provide leadership and investment in information technology as a catalyst for economic renewal and growth in the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement respecting the 1997 Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Commission and the introduction of legislation in response to the Statutory Review Committee Report as required under the **Workers' Compensation Act**.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin) made a Statement to advise Members because of certain allegations made against Mr. Beaton Tulk, M.H.A. by Mr. John Woodrow, head of the Paralegal Institute, that Mr. Tulk had tendered his resignation as a Member of Cabinet. The Premier stated that the RCMP and Mr. Robert Jenkins, the Commissioner for Member's Interests, would be investigating the matter and report in due course.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne):

"WHEREAS pursuant to Section 38 of the **Memorial University Act**, as amended in 1993, and the **Auditor General Act**, the University is required to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS the University, since 1992, has repeatedly refused to give the Auditor General access to all books, accounts and records to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law;

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AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Newfoundland ruled on March 11, 1993 that the **Auditor General Act** imposes on the University an obligation to give the Auditor General access to all of its books, accounts and records; and that the University has not fulfilled this obligation; and that the only remedy available to the Auditor General under existing law is to report to the House of Assembly that the University has denied the Auditor General full access;

AND WHEREAS the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, who provide enormous amounts of funding annually to the University from the public treasury, expect and demand accountability for the expenditure by the University of that money;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that the Auditor General, as the chief auditor in this Province of publicly-funded institutions and as an independent arm of the Legislature which votes the funding for Memorial University, should have access to all books, accounts and records of the University;

AND WHEREAS imposing on the Library the demand that the Auditor General must have access to all of its books, accounts and records is reasonable and does not compromise the integrity or customary autonomy of the University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to take whatever action is necessary, including legislative action if deemed appropriate, to ensure that the University, without further delay and promptly whenever requested, effectively gives the Auditor General full access to all books, accounts and records of the University to which the Auditor General is entitled access by law."

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried unanimously.

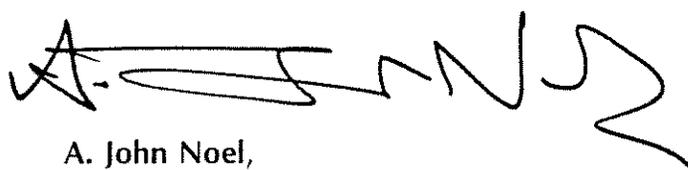
By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) tabled the 1997 Report and audited financial statements of the Worker's Compensation Commission of Newfoundland and Labrador for the year ended December 31st, 1997.

December 2nd, 1998

By leave, the Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of Operation ONLINE Inc. for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow Thursday, December 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.

Thursday, December 3rd, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) made a Statement in order to brief Members on the finding of a study that was released on November 27th, 1998 by Brook Hunt with respect to the world-wide nickel industry and, in particular, the relative competitiveness of the Voisey's Bay Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney) made a Statement to advise Members that she will accept, on behalf of her Department, the Student Affairs and Services Association of Canada's National Achievement Award for the Department's Student Work and Service Program with Memorial University.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement to recognize December 3rd as the United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons and to recognize persons who have disabilities in the Province. The Minister also announced a funding allocation of \$275,000 to enhance services for children with disabilities.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to invite Members and the general public to the 12th Annual "Christmas Lights Across Canada" ceremony at 7 p.m.

The Member for Waterford Valley (Mr. Hodder) presented a Petition on behalf of certain students of the Province requesting the Minister of Education to ensure that students who attend private colleges are eligible for the Provincial Awards Program and the Millennium Scholarship Fund.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Community of Seal Cove requesting that Ricketts Elementary be classified as a necessary existing school.

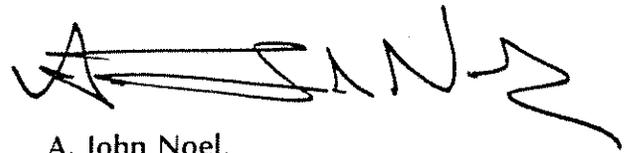
Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth and Family Services" (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

December 3rd, 1998

At 4:30 o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 31, certain questions raised by 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 4th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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

Friday, December 4th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to advise the House of the growth in the labour market during the past year.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women (Ms. Bettney), made a Statement to recognize December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and the anniversary of the murder of fourteen women at Montreal's École Polytechnic Engineering School.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) tabled the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Newfoundland Medical Care Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (Mr. Jack Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of the Communities of Flatrock, Pouch Cove and Bauline urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure funding is made available as soon as possible for the construction of a new K-9 school for the benefit of the children of the three communities.

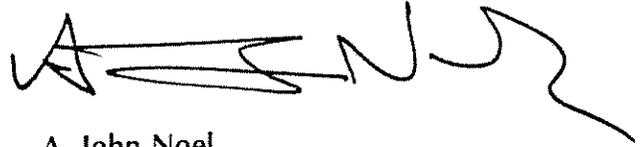
The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37) and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

December 4th, 1998

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

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Monday, December 7th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services & Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement to publicize Safe Driving Week and the need to drive safely during the Winter.

The Honourable the Minister of Government Services and Lands (Mr. McLean) made a Statement respecting the passage of the new Credit Union Bill and the appointment of Messrs. Wilfred Letto, William Dilny and George Cull to the Board of Directors of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation as credit union representatives.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement to advise Members on his Department's active involvement in a Canada-Russia Cooperative Environmental Decision-Making Project sponsored by the Canadian Development Agency and the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment respecting waste management and water quality management problems.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material" (Bill No. 53).

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law With Respect To Quarry Materials" (Bill No. 55).

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47).

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) 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. 46).

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48).

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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 entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50)

A Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government Retired Pensioners' have sought an increase in their pensions because increases in the cost of living have diminished their value and many pensioners live in dire financial circumstances;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government had an established practice of granting a pension increase to coincide with or follow public sector pay raises thereby creating a reasonable expectation that this would continue and be a feature of their pension entitlement;

AND WHEREAS this practice was discontinued after 1989, thereby hurting all Pensioners but especially those on low fixed incomes;

AND WHEREAS a pay raise has recently been negotiated for the public sector workers through their bargaining representatives and passed on to non-bargaining unit personnel of Government;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly has just passed legislation which has not yet been given Royal Assent authorizing a similar pay increase for Members of the House of Assembly while government has not acted on the pensioners' reasonable request for consideration;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly urge the Government to delay the implementation of any pay increases for Members of the House of Assembly until it has addressed the reasonable demands of the pensioners for a pension increase, particularly those long time retirees whose pensions are grossly inadequate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Government be urged to immediately sit down with representatives of the retirees to negotiate an increase in retirement pensions."

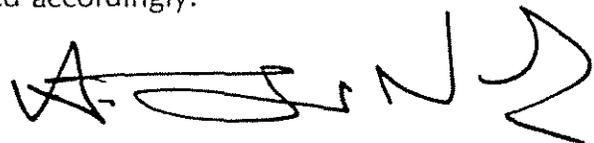
The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of the Province urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 37 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 8th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', written in a cursive style.

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

Tuesday, December 8th, 1998

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

By leave, the Speaker (Mr. Snow) read a Statement to refute an allegation made by Mr. John Woodrow of the Paralegal Institute with respect to the Speaker receiving political favours from Mr. Woodrow.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) spoke in reply to the matter and gave their support to the Speaker.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) made a Statement respecting certain information published in today's edition of **The Telegram**.

The Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade & Technology (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to announce that a delegation from Iceland had arrived in St. John's today for the purpose of a shopping tour.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources and Employment (Ms. Bettney), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward), made a Statement respecting three funding allocations to enhance services for children, as part of the implementation of the National Child Benefit Reinvestment Program.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews), on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), in accordance with section 26(4) of the **Financial Administration Act**, tabled Order-in-Council 98-676 with respect to certain pre-commitments of expenditure under the Trans Canada Highway Agreement, the Regional Trunk Roads Agreement and the Trans Labrador Highway Initiative.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Dicks), 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 Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54); |
| A Bill | "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 49); |

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- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act"
 (Bill No. 45);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related
 To The Provision Of Certain Government Services"
 (Bill No. 52);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To
 Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56).

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Government of Canada has established practices over the past 10 years through which they have purchased training from public and private training institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the provincially supported College of the North Atlantic has developed programs and retained staff and facilities based on revenues generated by the provision of programs supported previously by the purchase of training and currently through the direct sponsorship of individual clients;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has initiated and furthered the development of programs in our provincial college system;

AND WHEREAS the College of the North Atlantic will be severely impacted by changes in the Employment Insurance regulations and practices being contemplated by the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Honourable House of Assembly urge the Government of Canada and its agencies to work with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and The College of the North Atlantic to ensure that any and all appropriate Federal financial allocations continue for our provincial college system."

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Chalker Place in the City of St. John's urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to give serious consideration and priority to providing school bussing during the winter months for the children of Chalker Place.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act"
(Bill No. 46);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991"
(Bill No. 47);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend Private Training Institutions Act"
(Bill No. 48);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material"
(Bill No. 53);
- A Bill "An Act To Revise The Law With Respect To Quarry
Materials"
(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 commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 18 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 43 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 42 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 27 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be read a second time presently.

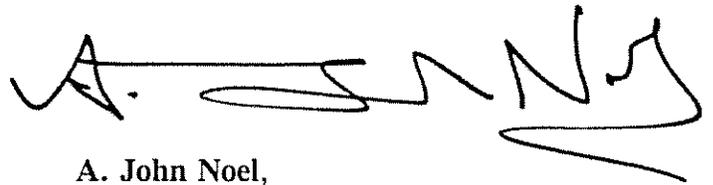
Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 9 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Decker) announced that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador West (Mr. Canning) 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, December 9th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Wednesday, December 9th, 1998

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

At the beginning of the sitting, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) rose to apologize to the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) with respect to certain remarks made by the Minister on December 8th. Afterwards, the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) rose on a point of privilege respecting the remarks made by the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) on December 8th. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement advising Members that the United Nations has declared 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons in order to recognize the world's aging population. The Minister further advised Members of the provincial planning committee which was struck in recognition of this event.

It was agreed to extend Routine Proceedings in order to accommodate another ministerial statement and a petition.

The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Furey), on behalf of the Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward), made a Statement to dispel media reports that the Government was about to implement a conservation stamp. The Minister stated that the Government had not approved such a measure.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) tabled documents relating to the Provincial Home Repair Program and the Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on the following Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Labrador City (Mr. Canning):

"WHEREAS the Government of Canada has established practices over the past 10 years through which they have purchased training from public and private training institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador;

AND WHEREAS the provincially supported College of the North Atlantic has developed programs and retained staff and facilities based on revenues generated by the provision of programs supported previously by the purchase of training and currently through the direct sponsorship of individual clients;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has initiated and furthered the development of programs in our provincial college system;

AND WHEREAS the College of the North Atlantic will be severely impacted by changes in the Employment Insurance regulations and practices being contemplated by the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Honourable House of Assembly urge the Government of Canada and its agencies to work with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the College of the North Atlantic to ensure that any and all appropriate Federal financial allocations continue for our provincial college system."

The Speaker (Mr. Penney) put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 3:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. John Noel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

Thursday, December 10th, 1998

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 respecting the payment of grants by the Province to the City of St. John's.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement, as jointly issued by the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker), to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Honourable the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Decker) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 57)".

In reply to a question for which notice had been given, the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) tabled the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation criteria for contractor selection.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of her District urging the Government of the Province to partner with community groups in her District in order to encourage the development and construction of the Trans Labrador Highway along the South Coast of Labrador without delay.

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

- A Bill "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related To The Provision Of Certain Government Services" (Bill No. 52);
- A Bill "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54);
- A Bill "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 34 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 16 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 8 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.23 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

By leave, it was agreed to dispense with the adjournment motion under Standing Order 31.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.39 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 39 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

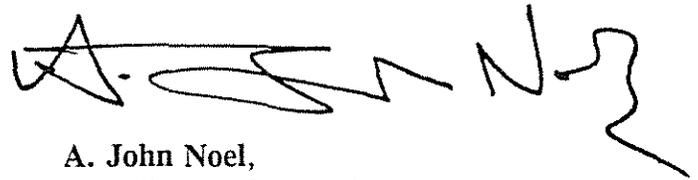
Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law With Respect To Quarry Materials" (Bill No. 55) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No.55 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The Law With Respect To Quarry Materials" (Bill No. 55) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 55 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, December 11th at 9 o'clock in the morning.

On motion the House adjourned accordingly.

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

Friday, December 11th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. Grimes) made a Statement with respect to the proposed amendments to the *Private Training Schools Act* and regulations. The Minister stated that the amendments would establish stringent control measures, further protect students and increase the stability of the private training industry.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Labour (Mr. Langdon) made a Statement respecting the release of Judge Nathaniel Noel's Report into the Makinsons Contaminated Site Remediation Project.

The Honourable the Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods (Mr. Aylward) made a Statement to advise the House of the farm aid program for Canadian farmers which the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agrifoods had announced yesterday.

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (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 commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion a 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 Bill No. 45 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 49) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No 2)" (Bill No. 49) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 49 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 54 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material" (Bill No. 53) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material" (Bill No. 53) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 53 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The Speaker (Mr. Snow) ruled that a prima facie case of privilege had not been established by the Member for St. John's West (Ms. Osborne) on Wednesday, December 9th, 1998 with respect to certain language used by the Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (Mr. Reid) in a debate on Tuesday, December 8th.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Decker) moved that the House not adjourn at 12 Noon. The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

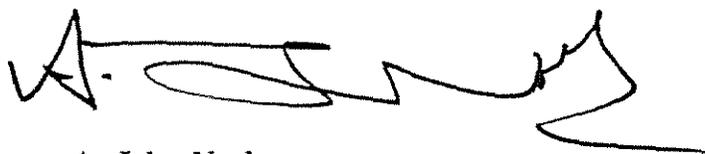
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Service Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 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 Monday, December 14th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 12:19 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Monday, December 14th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to update Members on the developing trade relationship between Newfoundland and Labrador and Cuba.

The Honourable the Minister of Works, Services and Transportation (Mr. Matthews) made a Statement respecting the official transfer of the St. John's International Airport from the Federal Department of Transport to the local Airport Authority. The Minister also announced new highway improvement projects under the existing Canada/Newfoundland Transportation Agreement signed by the Federal and Provincial Governments in 1998.

The Member for Ferryland (Mr. Sullivan) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS since 1995 the Government of Canada has provided to this Province approximately \$150 million less, under the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), than we received under the former Established Programs Financing (EPF) and Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) programs even though the need for funding, on an annual basis, has been increasing;

AND WHEREAS these federal transfer cuts have had major consequences for Newfoundland and Labrador, particularly for our health care, post-secondary education and social assistance programs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is now in a significant current account surplus situation and has the financial means to restore to provinces the funding it has cut from transfers for health care, post-secondary education and social assistance programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urge the Government of Canada to move immediately to restore all of the funding it has cut from transfer payments to Newfoundland and Labrador and to maintain funding in future at levels reflective of the annual increases in the costs of providing programs and services in health care, post-secondary education and social assistance.”

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The Member for Conception Bay South (Mr. French) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the provincial government has had in its hands, for more than a year, the report of the Statutory Review Commission on the Workers’ Compensation system;

AND WHEREAS the Commission laid out, in its report, numerous far-reaching recommendations for substantially improving the system to better serve workers, employers and the public generally;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has moved to implement only a few of the report’s recommendations, ignoring or significantly delaying others;

AND WHEREAS sound recommendations benefit no one if they are left on shelves to gather dust;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express to the provincial government its desire that the government move more expeditiously to implement all of the sound recommendations of the Statutory Review Commission on the Workers’ Compensation system.”

The Member for St. John’s West (Ms. Osborne) gave notice that she would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS the nonpartisan House of Assembly Select Committee on Children’s Interests, after thorough investigation and careful consideration of the best way to protect vulnerable children in Newfoundland and Labrador, has recommended that the provincial government establish an Office of the Child Advocate;

AND WHEREAS, as the Select Committee determined, there is in Newfoundland and Labrador today, no office equivalent to an independent, legislature-appointed Office of the Child Advocate empowered with special authority and resources to intervene on behalf of children and to make regular specific recommendations for actions to better respond to children’s special needs;

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AND WHEREAS vulnerable children in many other jurisdictions - including six other provinces - are now realizing the benefits of a child advocate; and children in this province are no less vulnerable, no less important and no less deserving of protection than children elsewhere;

AND WHEREAS the Select Committee advised that the Office of the Child Advocate could be established for as little as \$400,000 a year, which would represent a sound investment of public dollars in the well-being of the children of our Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its desire that the provincial government move expeditiously to establish an Office of the Child Advocate for the benefit of the children of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) presented a petition on behalf of public service pensioners urging the Government of the Province to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in the wage of public servants.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 57) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 57) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 57 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related To The Provision Of Certain Government Services" (Bill No. 52) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be read a second time presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related To The Provision Of Certain Government Services" (Bill No. 52) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 52 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 47 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 50 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 51 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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

The Speaker put the question on the motion and declared the motion carried.

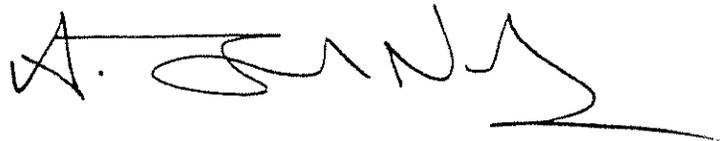
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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 48 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion a Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that bill No. 48 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 15th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 5:12 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Tuesday, December 15th, 1998

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

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Ms. Aylward) made a Statement respecting the funding deficits in the health care system and the decision taken by Government to deal with the matter.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) made a Statement to announce the launch of the InfoTel information system in Newfoundland and Labrador. This joint federal-provincial initiative provides information on employment opportunities within the Governments of Canada and the Province.

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Efford), in his capacity as Acting Minister of Development and Rural Renewal, made a Statement to update Members with respect to a mortgage held by the Province on a commercial building owned by the Canadian Blood Bank Corporation.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dicks) tabled a copy of the audited Public Accounts and the Accounts of the Crown Corporations, Boards and other Authorities of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998 (in 4 volumes).

The Honourable the Speaker (Mr. Snow), in accordance with section 13 of the **Auditor General Act**, tabled the Annual Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998.

The Member for Baie Verte (Mr. Shelley) presented a Petition on behalf of residents of Labrador City urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reverse its decision with respect to the Iron Ore Company of Canada's decision to process Labrador resources in Quebec and to support a policy of secondary processing within the Province.

The Member for St. John's South (Mr. Osborne) presented a Petition on behalf of certain public service pensioners urging the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide adequate increases in benefits to public service pensioners which reflect the increases in the wages of public servants.

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

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The Speaker put the question on the motion and 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.

The Chairperson (Mr. Penney) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

Members agreed to confine their speaking time in Committee to ten minutes on each occasion.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43).

The Honourable the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Mr. Effort) moved the following amendments to Bill No. 43:

- "1. That subclause 4(3) of the said Bill be amended by deleting the date "January 1, 1991" and substituting the words "this Act comes into force".
2. That the Bill be further amended by adding immediately after clause 19 the following:

Commencement "20. This Act comes into force on a day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

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The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43) with amendments.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27).

The Chairperson recessed the Committee at 5:54 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairperson resumed the Chair at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54).

The Committee reverted back to the consideration of and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) moved an amendment to clause 3 of Bill No. 8.

The Chairperson put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

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The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8).

The Committee reverted back to Bill No. 34 so that the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi could speak to a certain clause of that Bill.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Revise The law With Respect To Quarry Materials" (Bill No. 55).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 49).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material" (Bill No. 53).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 57).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related To The Provision Of Certain Government Services" (Bill No. 52).

The Committee considered the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved the following: amendment to Bill No. 47:

- "1. That clause 1 of the said Bill be amended by deleting the proposed paragraphs 29(1)(b) and (c)."

The Chairperson of the Committee put the question on the amendments and declared the amendments carried.

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The Committee passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47), with amendments.

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51).

The Committee considered and passed the Bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48).

On motion the Committee rose.
The Speaker (Snow) resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed the following Bills, without amendment:

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Works, Services And Transportation Act" (Bill No. 27)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Enforcement Act" (Bill No. 34)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act" (Bill No. 16)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Aquaculture Act" (Bill No. 8)

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend the Assessment Act" (Bill No. 23)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Security Interests In Personal Property" (Bill No. 39)
- A Bill, "An Act To Revise The Law With Respect To Quarry Materials" (Bill No. 55)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Teachers' Pensions Act" (Bill No. 45)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act (No. 2)" (Bill No. 49)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service Pensions Act, 1991" (Bill No. 54)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Management Of Waste Material" (Bill No. 53)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act" (Bill No. 57)
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Imposition Of A Charge Related To The Provision Of Certain Government Services" (Bill No. 52)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51), and
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48).

On motion it was ordered that Bills No. 37, 18, 42, 27, 9, 34, 16, 8, 23, 39, 55, 45, 49, 54, 53, 56, 57, 52, 50, 51 and 48 be read a third time presently.

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The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole also reported that the Committee had passed the following Bills, with amendments, and asked leave to sit again:

A Bill, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43), and

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47).

The amendments to Bills No. 43 and 47 having been read a first and second time, on motion it was ordered that Bills No. 43 and 47 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 on tomorrow.

It was agreed that the House would proceed to give Third Reading of all the above noted Bills with the exception of Bill No. 56.

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

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18)

A Bill, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43)

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 9)

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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Provincial Court Act, 1991" (Bill No. 47).
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51), and

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A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act"
(Bill No. 48).

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

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced on Third Reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56).

The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Ottenheimer) moved the following amendment:

"That Bill 56 be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"Bill 56, An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care, be not now read a third time but that the Order be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Social Services."

The Speaker put the question on the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

On motion the Bill entitled, "An Act Respecting Home Support Services Provided To Persons In Self-Managed Care" (Bill No. 56) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 56 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for His Assent.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Tobin), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ed Byrne) and the Member for Signal Hill-Quidi Vidi (Mr. Harris) wished everyone Seasons Greetings.

At 10 o'clock in the evening the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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 Respecting Child, Youth And Family Services" (Bill No. 37)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Economic Diversification And Growth Enterprises Act" (Bill No. 18)
- A Bill, "An Act To Incorporate The Business Investment Corporation" (Bill No. 43)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act" (Bill No. 42)
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- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipalities Act" (Bill No. 50)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The St. John's Assessment Act" (Bill No. 51)
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Private Training Institutions Act" (Bill No. 48).

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor addressed the Chamber by wishing all Members and their families Seasons Greetings.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable the Acting Government House Leader (Mr. Furey) 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."

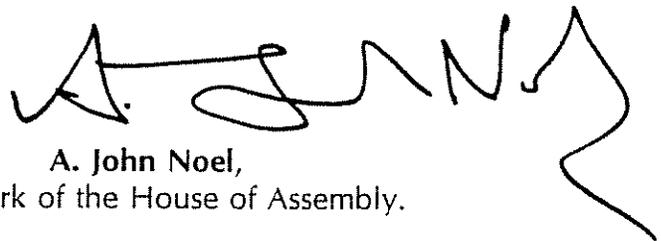
On motion the House then adjourned at 10:15 o'clock in the evening of December 15th, 1998.

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A. John Noel,
Clerk of the House.

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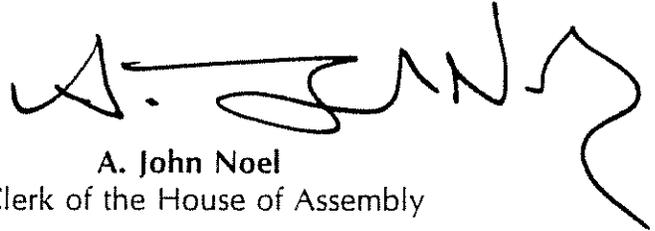
Be it known on this day, due to an oversight, it was discovered after the House stood adjourned on Tuesday, December 15th, 1998, that the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy for the fiscal year April 1st, 1997 to March 31st, 1998 had not been tabled in the House of Assembly. The Clerk was instructed to send copies to each Member of the House, the Legislative Library and the Press Gallery.

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

Monday, January 18th, 1999

His Honour the Honourable A.M. House, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland by his Proclamation, bearing the date of January 18th, 1999 dissolved the 43rd General Assembly and issued under the **Elections Act, 1991** Writs of Election for a General Election to be held on February 9th, 1999.

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A. John Noel
Clerk of the House of Assembly