

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

### **Point of Privilege**

The Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) raised a point of privilege respecting which Minister responded to the Member's questions during Oral Questions on March 3.

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) spoke to the point of privilege.

The House recessed to consider the point of privilege.

The House resumed; the Speaker ruled there was no *prima facie* point of privilege.

The Speaker paid tribute to the former Information Specialist (Bibliographic Control), Trine Schioldan, and congratulated them on their retirement after 21 years' service to the House of Assembly.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Holyrood on its annual Crystal Carnival festivities.

The Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) recognizing the accomplishments of the St. James All Grade volleyball team players and coaches.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing CRRSTV and its impact in the community.

The Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper) recognizing the Churchill Falls emergency response team on being awarded the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award by Public Safety Canada for their response during the June 2024 forest fires near the community.

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The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) recognizing organizers of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mount Pearl Frosty Festival.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development (P. Pike) recognizing March as National Social Work Month.

The Members for Bonavista (C. Pardy) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

### **Oral Questions**

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees**

There were no reports by Standing or Select Committees presented.

### **Tabling of Documents**

There were no documents tabled.

### **Notices of Motion**

The Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

### **Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given**

There were no answers to questions for which notice had been given.

### **Petitions**

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) regarding the need for improved wi-fi and cell service in the district.

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A. Parsons) replied to the petition.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding access to mental healthcare in the province.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) regarding the need to enact legislation banning the use of temporary replacement workers during a strike or lockout.

The Minister Responsible for Labour (L. Dempster) replied to the petition.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding conducting a cost analysis of having the Holter monitor software available at the Bonavista Hospital.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding repairs and upgrades to the breakwater in Trepassey.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding upgrades to Routes 350, 351A and 352.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bill was introduced and read the first time:

A bill, "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7" (Bill 106).

On motion, it was ordered the above-noted bill be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Deputy Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved:

**THAT** notwithstanding Standing Order 63, this House shall not proceed with Private Members' Day on Wednesday, March 5 but shall instead meet at 2 p.m. on that day for routine proceedings and the conduct of Government business.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Establishment of the Law Enforcement Oversight Commission and the Complaints Process Relating to Law Enforcement Officers" (Bill 102).

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees (P. Trimper) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

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The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor.

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

“3 March 2025

As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit a request to appropriate sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2025, by way of Interim Supply, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend this request to the House of Assembly.

Signed: Joan Marie J. Aylward  
Lieutenant Governor.”

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled “An Act Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2026 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service” (Bill 105) for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

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The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion, the House recessed at 5:34 p.m.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to resume consideration of the Message together with a resolution and a related bill entitled "An Act Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending March 31, 2026 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" (Bill 105) for the granting of interim supply to His Majesty.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker (S. Gambin-Walsh) took the Chair of Committee of the Whole on Supply.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (P. Trimper) reported the Committee of the Whole on Supply had considered the matters to them referred, reported they had made progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

The Speaker put the question and it was ordered the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.

**Kim Hawley George, KC**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly (A)