

Monday, March 10, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker introduced Page:

Alana Norman of St. John's who is studying geology at Memorial University.

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Members' Statements**

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) recognizing Louie Pelley of Harcourt on their 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing public libraries, volunteers and staff in the district and across the province.

The Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) recognizing Sara Thorne of Chance Cove on their accomplishments in NASCAR Canada racing.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) congratulating Harry Parsons of Botwood on being awarded Life Member of Kin Canada.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) congratulating Brian Harte of Witless Bay on being awarded Life Member of Kin Canada.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (G. Byrne) providing an update on big game applications for 2025-26 and the big game management plan.

The Members for Exploits (P. Forsey) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

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## 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

By leave, the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) tabled:

David MacDonald and Riccardo Tranjan. Out-of-Control-Rents: Rental Wages in Canada, September 2023.

## Notices of Motion

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 8” (Bill 108).

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (J. Haggie) gave notice they would on tomorrow introduce a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Provincial Health Authority Act” (Bill 109).

The Leader of the Official Opposition (T. Wakeham) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Seniors' Advocate in her report titled “Long May Your Big Jib Draw: Setting Sail” as released in September 2019 recommended that the shingles vaccine be offered free of charge to low-income seniors and others with compromised immune systems;

**WHEREAS** in the same report the Seniors' Advocate wrote “Seniors recognize that shingles is a debilitating disease that can cause much suffering as well as

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increased costs to the health care system. Most health care plans do not cover this cost including the pharmaceutical care plan. Many seniors report that the cost is up to \$300 for the two inoculations; many cannot afford this cost”;

**WHEREAS** the Seniors' Advocate has continued advocating for the coverage of the shingles vaccine; and

**WHEREAS** the Seniors' Advocate's 2025/2026 pre-budget submission recommends that the upcoming budget include funding to provide the shingles vaccine free of charge to seniors living in low income and others with compromised immune systems,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this honourable House urge the government to provide the shingles vaccine, free of charge, to seniors and individuals with compromised immune systems.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) announced the resolution introduced by the Leader of the Official Opposition (T. Wakeham) will be the one presented on Wednesday, March 12.

### **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 Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding the amount of home care hours for seniors in the province.

The Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy) regarding the need to allow municipalities permission to utilize poll tax.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding repairs and upgrades to the section of road between Bay Bulls and St. John's city limits.

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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of 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 and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, without amendment, 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 put the question and it was ordered the report be received and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 102 be read the third 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 the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

The Speaker put the question 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 to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 106 be referred to a Committee of the Whole now.

Pursuant to order and on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Leader of the Official Opposition (T. Wakeham) moved an amendment to clause 1.

The Chair recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

The Chair reconvened the Committee and ruled the amendment was not in order.

Debate resumed and concluded.

On motion, the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) reported the Committee of the Whole had considered the matters to them referred and had directed them to report the Committee had recommended, without amendment, a bill entitled:

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 7” (Bill 106).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 106 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m.

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