

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna) recognizing the Newfoundland Pony Sanctuary on Change Islands.

The Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs) recognizing Wayne Thomas of Grand Falls Windsor and their contributions to the community.

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) recognizing Chuck Porter of Labrador West and their efforts to promote outdoor life.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) recognizing Eleanor Furey of Harbour Main and their contributions to the community.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (S. Reid) regarding the importance government has placed on promoting and respecting Indigenous cultures.

The Members for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) 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.

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Point of Order

Pursuant to Standing Orders 49, the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) raised a point of order respecting unparliamentary language used by the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten).

The Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) spoke to the point of order and withdrew their comment.

Point of Order

Pursuant to Standing Orders 49, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) raised a point of order respecting unparliamentary language used by the Member for Virginia Waters – Pleasantville (B. Davis).

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Tabling of Documents

Pursuant to section 10 of the *Architects Act, 2008*, the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL (E. Loveless) tabled:

Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador. House of Assembly: 15th Annual Report, 2024.

Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given

The Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (J. Haggie) provided additional information in response to a question that had previously arisen in debate.

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Point of Order

The Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) raised a point of order requesting a clear interpretation of whether the term used earlier by the Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (B. Davis) is or is not parliamentary language.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Petitions

The following Members presented petitions:

The Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels (J. McKenna) regarding upgrades to Riverloop Crescent in Gander Bay South.

The Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn) regarding road conditions on Route 60.

The Member for Harbour Main (H. Conway Ottenheimer) regarding the need to improve cellular service coverage within the District of Harbour Main.

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

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) regarding expediting the clean-up of contaminated sites on Spotted Island.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change (L. Dempster) replied to the petition.

The Member for Torngat Mountains (L. Evans) regarding ensuring access to timely and adequate mental health care for northern Labrador residents.

The Minister of Mental Health and Addictions (S. Stoodley) replied to the petition.

The Member for Ferryland (L. O'Driscoll) regarding needed repairs to Long Run Road in Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to notice and on motion, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

A bill, “An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No. 8” (Bill 108);
and

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

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

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.

Due to a disagreement between Members, the Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) recessed the Committee at 3:55 p.m.

The Committee resumed proceedings at 4:06 p.m.

The Chair (S. Gambin-Walsh) indicated remarks made before the recess by the Member for Topsail – Paradise (P. Dinn) were unparliamentary and asked the Member to unequivocally withdraw their statement.

The Member for Topsail – Paradise (P. Dinn) withdrew their statement.

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Point of Order

Pursuant to Standing Order 49, the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands (E. Joyce) raised a point of order regarding unparliamentary language used by the Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (E. Loveless).

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (E. Loveless) spoke to the point of Order.

The Chair took the matter under advisement.

Debate continued in Committee.

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 and had directed them to report the Committee had adopted a resolution and recommended that 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) be introduced to give effect to the resolution.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, the following resolution was read the first and second time:

THAT it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to His Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 2026 the sum of \$3,949,634,900.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, a 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) was read the first, second and third time and passed.

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On motion, the House recessed at 5:37 p.m.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90).

During the debate, the Member for Conception Bay South (B. Petten) moved the following amendment:

THAT the motion for the Second Reading of Bill 90 currently before the House, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and replacing them with the following: Bill 90, An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, be not now read a second time, that the order for second reading be discharged, the bill withdrawn from the Order Paper and the subject matter referred to the Resource Standing Committee of the House for public hearings.

The Speaker recessed the proceedings to consider the amendment.

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

Debate commenced and concluded on the amendment. The Speaker put the question and declared the amendment defeated.

Point of Order

During debate on the amendment, the Opposition House Leader (B. Petten) raised a point of order respecting relevance in debate.

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

During debate on the amendment, with leave, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) tabled:

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Correspondence between the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology (A Parsons) and Dwan Street, President FFAW-UNIFOR, dated February 4 and 19, 2025.

Pursuant to order and on motion, debate continued and concluded on second reading of a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90).

Pursuant to order and on motion, a bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90) was read the second time and, on motion, it was ordered that Bill 90 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 Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90).

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

During the debate, the Member for Terra Nova (L. Parrott) moved an amendment to clause 7.

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 Bill 90.

The Chair put the question on clause 61.

The House divided.

AYES	NAYS
L. Dempster	T. Wakeham
J. Haggie	B. Petten
A. Parsons	L. Parrott
B. Davis	P. Dinn

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J. Abbott	H. Conway Ottenheimer
G. Byrne	J. Wall
S. Coady	L. Paddock
P. Parsons	L. Evans
E. Loveless	L. O'Driscoll
K. Lynn Howell	C. Pardy
S. Crocker	P. Forsey
S. Stoodley	C. Tibbs
P. Pike	J. McKenna
S. Reid	
S. Gambin-Walsh	
L. Stoyles	
J. Korab	
J. Hogan	
J. Brown	
P. Lane	

The Chair declared the motion carried.

Debate resumed and concluded.

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 to Amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act” (Bill 90).

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

On motion, it was ordered that Bill 90 be read the third time on tomorrow.

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

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THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

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