

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The House met at 2 p.m.

BUDGET SPEECH

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved “That this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government.”

The Speaker proposed the motion.

The Minister of Finance delivered the budget speech.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved debate on the budget motion be adjourned.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) informed the House that a Message had been received from the Lieutenant Governor. The Message was read to the House by the Speaker, as follows:

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As Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I transmit Estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31 March 2026, in the aggregate of \$10,406,686,600, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 54 and 90 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I recommend these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Signed: Joan Marie Aylward
Lieutenant Governor”

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) moved the Message together with the Estimates be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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 on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

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

The budget documents were distributed.

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.

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

The Minister of Finance (S. Coady) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution and related Bill 110, relating to the raising of money by the province.

By leave, the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved:

THAT pursuant to Standing Order 65(1)(a), the Government Services Committee comprise the:

Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles);
Member for Baie Verte - Green Bay (L. Paddock);
Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall);
Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper);
Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh);
Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn); and
Member for Waterford Valley (J. Korab).

THAT pursuant to Standing Order 65(1)(b) the Resource Committee comprise the:

Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper);
Member for Bonavista (C. Pardy);
Member for Exploits (P. Forsey);

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Member for Labrador West (J. Brown);
Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles);
Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh); and
Member for Waterford Valley (J. Korab).

THAT pursuant to Standing Order 65(1)(c), the Social Services Committee comprise the:

Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (S. Gambin-Walsh);
Member for Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans (C. Tibbs);
Member for Lake Melville (P. Trimper);
Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles);
Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn);
Member for Topsail - Paradise (P. Dinn); and
Member for Waterford Valley (J. Korab).

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

By leave and pursuant to Standing Order 72(1) and (3), the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved **THAT**:

(a) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Government Services Committee:

Consolidated Funds Services;
Digital Government and Service Newfoundland and Labrador;
Department of Finance;
Department of Labrador Affairs;
Public Procurement Agency;
Public Service Commission; and,
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

(b) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Resource Committee:

Department of Environment and Climate Change;
Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture;
Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills;
Department of Industry, Energy and Technology; and,
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation.

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(c) the following heads of expenditure be referred to the Social Services Committee:

Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development;
Department of Education;
Department of Health and Community Services;
Department of Justice and Public Safety;
Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs; and,
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

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