

Monday, May 12, 2025

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Members' Statements

The following Members provided statements:

The Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands (P. Lane) recognizing social studies teacher Mike Torraville of O'Donel High School for their efforts to keep Newfoundland culture alive with students.

The Member for Mount Pearl North (L. Stoyles) recognizing local filmmaker Justin Simms and their successes in the film industry.

The Member for Cape St. Francis (J. Wall) recognizing the award recipients of the Best of Torbay Awards held on April 27.

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) recognizing Trevor Mills of Botwood for their contributions to the Lions Club in their community.

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) recognizing Mithun Mathew and the success of their store, SpiceX Blackmarsh Superette, in St. John's.

Ministerial Statements

The following Ministers provided statements:

The Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (F. Hutton) acknowledging the late musician Mark Hiscock.

The Members for Placentia West - Bellevue (J. Dwyer) and Labrador West (J. Brown) responded to the statement.

Oral Questions

The House proceeded to Oral Questions.

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Point of Order

The Member for St. John's Centre (J. Dinn) raised a point of order regarding unparliamentary language used by the Minister Responsible for the NL Housing Corporation (J. Abbott) during oral questions.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

The Vice-Chair of the Social Services Committee (C. Tibbs) presented a report entitled:

Consideration of Estimates (Concurrence) : Report to the House of Assembly, May 2025.

The Chair of the Government Services Committee (L. Stoyles) presented a report entitled:

Consideration of Estimates (Concurrence) : Report to the House of Assembly, May 2025.

The Vice-Chair of the Resource Committee (C. Pardy) presented a report entitled:

Consideration of Estimates (Concurrence) : Report to the House of Assembly, May 2025.

Tabling of Documents

There were no documents tabled.

Notices of Motion

The Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following resolution:

WHEREAS Labrador is an integral part of this province; and

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WHEREAS geography dictates that Labradorians must rely on air travel for many non-tourism reasons such as education, bereavement leave, visiting sick loved ones, or medical treatments not covered under MTAP; and

WHEREAS the cost of travel to and from Labrador is prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS the cost of living in Labrador is already far higher than the rest of the province and these extra travel fees create an added burden on people's household budgets; and

WHEREAS the differential in travel costs for people on the Island and in Labrador puts the latter at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS Labrador is a strong economic driver of this province and justice therefore demands that Labradorians should not experience any added economic hardship solely on the basis of geography;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this honourable House calls on the government to work with Indigenous partners, businesses and the federal government to implement a plan that reduces costs and increase the accessibility of air travel to, from and within Labrador.

Pursuant to Standing Order 63(3), the Third Party House Leader (J. Brown) announced the resolution introduced by the Member for Labrador West (J. Brown) will be the one presented on Wednesday, May 14.

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

WHEREAS section 7 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* provides that, upon nomination by the House of Assembly, the Clerk of the House of Assembly shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by Commission under the Great Seal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kim Hawley George, KC be nominated for immediate appointment as Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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

The Member for Exploits (P. Forsey) regarding policing in Central Newfoundland.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Speaker called orders of the day.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), debate commenced on the motion:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Resource Committee tabled on May 12.

On motion, debate was adjourned for further debate presently.

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

THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 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.

Pursuant to notice, the 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.

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Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to notice, the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) moved the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), debate continued and concluded on the motion:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Resource Committee tabled on May 12.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), debate commenced and concluded on the motion:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Social Services Committee tabled on May 12.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), debate commenced and concluded on the motion:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Government Services Committee tabled on May 12.

The Speaker put the question and declared the motion carried.

With leave, the Government House Leader (L. Dempster) gave notice they would on tomorrow move the following motion:

THAT for the purpose of reviewing the Estimates of the Executive Council in Committee of the Whole House, debate shall proceed in the same manner as adopted by Committees of the House reviewing estimates; that is, in ten-minute question and answer periods.

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On motion, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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