



# House of Assembly Newfoundland and Labrador

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

- a) Statements by Members
- b) Statements by Ministers
- c) Oral Questions
- d) Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees
- e) Tabling of Documents
- f) Notices of Motion
- g) Answers to Questions for Which Notice Has Been Given
- h) Petitions

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

### Second Reading Bills

2. Minister of Seniors –

“An Act Respecting the Seniors’ Advocate” (Bill 2).

3. Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development –

“An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act” (Bill 11).

4. Minister of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands –

“An Act to Amend the Forestry Act” (Bill 13).

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000” (Bill 16).

6. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

“An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2” (Bill 17).

7. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

“An Act to Remove Anomalies and Errors in the Statute Law” (Bill 18).

## MOTIONS

### Government Motions

1. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

**THAT** this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the Government (Budget Motion) (*adjourned*).

2. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

**THAT** the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply to consider a resolution for the Granting of Supply to His Majesty and related bill (Bill 14).

3. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board – To move:

**THAT** this House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means to consider a resolution relating to the raising of loans by the province and related bill (Bill 15).

## Private Members' Motions

### 4. Member for Windsor Lake – To move:

**WHEREAS** social media continues to play a significant role in the lives of children and youth, often exposing them to cyberbullying, harmful content, and online exploitation;

**WHEREAS** parents, guardians, educators, mental health professionals and child advocates continue to raise concerns about the effects social media can have on the development, mental health, and well-being of young people;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Manitoba has announced plans to introduce legislation to ban social media and AI chatbot access for youth under the age of 16, while other jurisdictions around the world, like Australia, France, and Norway, have also moved toward stronger protections for children online; and

**WHEREAS** in 2025 the Liberal Government recognized the harm excessive cellphone use can have on students by implementing restrictions on personal electronic devices in schools, measures which educators have reported are having positive impacts.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consult with parents, guardians, educators, youth, mental health experts, and technology professionals to develop measures that prioritize child safety, privacy, and healthy development;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House urge the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to examine legislative and regulatory changes to restrict or prohibit access to social media for children under the age of 16; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Canada to work with provinces and territories to establish national standards to better protect children online.