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At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Clerk that His Honour the Administrator, the Honourable J. Derek Green, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court had arrived.

His Honour the Administrator entered the Assembly preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

His Honour the Administrator having taken the Chair, the Clerk of the House addressed the Members as follows:

“On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, I received from the Honourable Ross Wiseman, Member for the District of Trinity North, his letter of resignation as Speaker of this Assembly. In accordance with the Standing Orders, I advised all Members of the House of Assembly of the vacancy in the Office of the Speaker.”

The Clerk of the House then read the following proclamation as issued by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

**“ELIZABETH THE SECOND**, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories **QUEEN**, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

J. Derek Green  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

Judy Manning  
**MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

**GREETING:**

**A PROCLAMATION**

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**WHEREAS** by a letter of resignation addressed to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Honourable Ross Wiseman, vacated the position of Speaker of the House of Assembly on 5 September 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** the House of Assembly will resume sitting at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of 17 November 2014 in accordance with the adjournment motion passed by the House of Assembly on 5 June 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** it is not convenient to bring the Assembly together on the said day until the Members of the House of Assembly have chosen a Speaker;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Honourable J. Derek Green, to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, that it is my pleasure that they should choose some person to be their Speaker and to present such person on that day for my approbation.

**WITNESS:** Our truly and well-beloved the Honourable Frank Fagan, Lieutenant Governor in and for Our Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE** in Our City of St. John's, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.

**BY COMMAND,**

Keith Hutchings  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL."**

His Honour the Administrator then addressed the Members as follows:

Members of the House of Assembly, I have it in command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you that His Honour having been informed of the vacancy in the Office of the Speaker of this Assembly and it being necessary that a Speaker of this Assembly be chosen, it is His Honour's will that you, the Members of the House of Assembly, do proceed to the election of a Speaker and that you present that person here today for my approval.

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His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Clerk then addressed the Assembly as follows:

“At the close of nominations for the Office of Speaker at 4:30 Friday, November 14, 2014, one candidate put his name forward.

Accordingly, further to suborder 4(4) of the Standing Orders, I declare Mr. Wade Verge, Member for the District of Lewisporte, elected as Speaker for the remainder of the Forty-Seventh General Assembly.”

To the applause of Members, Mr. Verge was conducted to the Speaker’s Chair by the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ball).

Whereupon, the Speaker, having taken the Speaker’s Chair addressed the House, expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Members for the high honour they had unanimously conferred upon him by electing him Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ball) that the Member for Port de Grave (Mr. Littlejohn) be elected Deputy Speaker. The Speaker put the question on the motion which was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Ball) that the Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Cross) be elected Deputy Chair of Committees. The Speaker put the question on the motion which was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Sergeant-at-Arms notified the Speaker that His Honour the Administrator had arrived.

His Honour the Administrator entered the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker left the Chair, whereupon His Honour the Administrator having taken his seat, the Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour:

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The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's Command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Wade Verge, Esquire, Member for the District of Lewisporte, to that office, and by their direction, I present him for the approbation of your Honour."

His Honour was then pleased to reply.

"On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker."

Whereupon the Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

"Your Honour having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects to ask that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times."

His Honour was pleased to reply:

"Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction."

His Honour then left the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) took his seat.

The Member for Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune (Ms. Perry) made a Statement to congratulate Alaina Joe on being crowned Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador 2015.

The Member for Placentia – St. Mary's (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to pay tribute to the late Donnie Gibbons.

The Member for St. George's – Stephenville East (Mr. Reid) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Frank Berkshire who was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame along with seven other inductees.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) made a Statement to pay tribute to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1 for their contribution to their community.

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The Member for Carbonear – Harbour Grace (Mr. Slade) made a Statement to recognize the efforts of those who have contributed to the success of the Jerry and Bobby Thoms Children’s Library.

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of Cormack on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Honourable the Premier (Mr. Davis) made a Statement to pay tribute to police officers Constable David Ross, Constable Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, Constable Douglas James Laracheross, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo who lost their lives in the line of duty and requested that the House observe a minute of silence in their memory.

The Honourable the Minister of Health and Community Services (Mr. Kent) made a Statement to recognize National Addictions Awareness Week.

The Honourable the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (Mr. Hutchings) made a Statement to provide the House an update on the provincial municipal fiscal framework.

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) presented the Report of the Select Committee struck to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the debate on the Report was deferred.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) tabled pursuant to paragraph 26(5)(a) of the **Financial Administration Act**, the following pre-commitments:

- (a) Order in Council 2014-146 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$1,236,109 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract covering the period June 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016 to Puddister Trading Company Limited for the provision of ferry services to La Poile – Rose Blanche;
- (b) Order in Council 2014-147 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$2,002,755 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract, covering the period June 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016 to Norcon Marine

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Services Ltd. for the provision of ferry services to Rencontre East – Bay L'Argent – Pool's Cove;

- (c) Order in Council 2014-158 which authorized the Department of Health and Community Services to pre-commit funds against its budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$4,800,000 in 2015-16 to enable the Department of Transportation and Works to facilitate the award of a contract to Corner Brook Care Team for work associated with the collaborative design phase for the construction of the replacement of Western Memorial Regional Hospital in Corner Brook;
- (d) Order in Council 2014-160 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$11,000,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Pavex Ltd. for paving of 80 kilometres of Phase 3 of the Trans-Labrador Highway from Route 500 towards the Cartwright Junction;
- (e) Order in Council 2014-181 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding up to the amount of \$2,400,000 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Farrell's Excavating Ltd. for road upgrades on Route 91, Southeast Placentia Road;
- (f) Order in Council 2014-213 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$3,097,400 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of contracts to Puddister Trading Company Ltd. (a) for the provision of ferry services to Francois-Grey River-Burgeo, covering the period December 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016, and (b) for the provision of ferry services to Gaultois-McCallum-Hermitage, covering the period December 31, 2014 to March 31, 2016;
- (g) Order in Council 2014-214 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funding up to a maximum of \$1,730,100 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Norcon Marine Services Limited for the provision of ferry services to South East Bight until March 31, 2016;
- (h) Order in Council 2014-217 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$319,945 against its budgetary appropriations for 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to CAN-AM Construction Limited for rehabilitation of various overpass/underpass structures in St. John's and Mount Pearl;

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- (i) Order in Council 2014-221 which authorized the Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency to pre-commit \$150,000 against its budgetary appropriations for 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to implement the residential energy conservation pilot project announced in Budget 2014;
- (j) Order in Council 2014-222 which authorized the Department of Education to pre-commit \$17,100 against its budget appropriations for 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to the Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador to deliver classroom presentations as part of implementing the Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Schools Pilot Project;
- (k) Order in Council 2014-227 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit \$300,000 against its 2015-16 budget appropriations to enter into a contract with Martin Johnson for the on-site supervision of the construction of two 80-metre roll-on/roll-off ferry vessels currently being built at Damen Shipyards, Romania;
- (l) Order in Council 2014-232 which authorized the Department of Environment and Conservation to pre-commit funding against its budgetary appropriations in the amounts of \$1,239,800 in 2015-16 and \$980,800 in 2016-17 to facilitate the award of contract to Sanexen Environmental Services Inc. for environmental remediation at Hopedale;
- (m) Order in Council 2014-237 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$2,322,743 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Pomerleau Inc. for the Long Term Care Facility Extension in Happy Valley-Goose Bay;
- (n) Order in Council 2014-246 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds totaling \$8,000,000 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Johnson's Construction Ltd. for the upgrading/widening of Phase II of the Trans Labrador Highway;
- (o) Order in Council 2014-269 which authorized the Department of Service Newfoundland and Labrador to pre-commit funding of \$53,100 annually against its budgetary appropriations in each of fiscal years 2015-16 to 2019-20, and \$22,100 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the lease of a replacement Xerox printer for the Printing and Micrographic Services Division of Service NL;

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- (p) Order in Council 2014-317 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 against its 2015-16 budgetary appropriations to facilitate the award of a contract to Trident Construction Ltd. for the replacement of O'Donnell's Bridge in O'Donnell's, St. Mary's Bay;
- (q) Order in Council 2014-321 which authorized the Department of Transportation and Works to pre-commit funds in the amount of \$839,400 against its budgetary appropriations in 2015-16 to facilitate the award of a contract to Southern Construction (1981) Limited for the replacement of the Northeast Trepassey River Bridge on Route 10.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25).

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Wiseman) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Revenue Administration Act No. 3" (Bill No. 26).

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Chartered Professional Accountants And Public Accountants" (Bill No. 27).

The Honourable the Minister of Natural Resources (Mr. Dalley) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Hydro Corporation Act, 2007" (Bill No. 28).

The Honourable the Minister of Service NL (Mr. Cornect) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act" (Bill No. 29).

The Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the Province's Child and Youth Advocate has requested that Government introduce legislation for the mandatory and immediate reporting by all Government departments and agencies of the deaths of, and critical incidents involving, children and youth;



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**AND WHEREAS** Government has not taken a lead in notifying the Advocate's office of such incidents, and instead, the Advocate has relied on calls from the public and media to be made aware of cases needing her involvement;

**AND WHEREAS** legislating a direct reporting mechanism from all departments and agencies to the advocate would help improve outcomes for those involved, as would it improve outcomes for other children and youth receiving services; whether as a direct result of earlier intervention in specific cases where a death or critical incident has occurred, or indirectly as systemic issues can be more readily identified and addressed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly urge Government to immediately introduce legislation for the mandatory and immediate reporting by all Government departments and agencies of the deaths of, and critical incidents involving, children and youth."

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) announced pursuant to Standing Order 63(3) that the Resolution of which the Member for Humber Valley (Mr. Ball) had given notice would be debated on Private Members' Day, Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Mitchelmore) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to ensure the Town of Goose Cove is in receipt of broadband internet services.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Dempster) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to work with the appropriate agencies to provide adequate broadband service to communities along the Labrador Coast.

The Member for St. John's Centre (Ms. Rogers) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

The Member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Joyce) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to commit to the planning and construction of a new hospital in Corner Brook without further delay or changes.

The Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government in partnership with the private sector to extend cell phone coverage throughout Gros Morne National Park and the enclave communities within the Park.

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By leave the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) gave notice and moved that a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) be read the first time.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) was read a first time and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

By leave and on motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King), debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be now read a second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 25 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. King) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House by leave.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Littlejohn took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Littlejohn) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred and had directed him to report that they had passed the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend the Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) without amendment.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bill be now read a third time.

By leave, pursuant to notice and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Elections Act, 1991" (Bill No. 25) was read the third time and passed.

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for his Assent.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

**Sandra Barnes,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.