



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Third Session, 57th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 18
Thursday, March 28, 2013

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 22 by Hon. Mr. Higgs, seconded by Hon. Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 26, 2013:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Debate adjourned by Mr. Albert.

Debate to resume on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 27, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs
Bill 28, An Act Respecting Officers of the Legislative Assembly
- Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act
- Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Trevors

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2013-2014
Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2011-2012 (Adopted December 12, 2012)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 28, 2012.
Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried December 11, 2012.
Motion 13 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried December 6, 2012.
Motion 25 by Hon. Mr. Alward. Debated and carried December 19, 2012.
Motion 26 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried December 20, 2012.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Mr. Boudreau
Bill 8, Lobbyists' Registration Act - Mr. Fraser
Bill 14, Tanning Beds Act - Mr. Arseneault
Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Mr. Fraser
Bill 31, Pension Qualification Act - Mr. Fraser
Bill 32, Competitive Appointments Act - Mr. Fraser
Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act - Mr. Arseneault

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 1 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2012:

WHEREAS the impending closure of the Xstrata Mine in Bathurst will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs, both directly and indirectly;

WHEREAS the northern economy has suffered numerous blows in recent years with the decline of various industries, and the Xstrata closure will only exacerbate this economic downturn;

WHEREAS the knowledge base, expertise and human resources in the region would provide an excellent training ground for those interested in learning mining skills;

WHEREAS mining companies around the world are looking for thousands of workers skilled in mining trades;

WHEREAS a mining trades program and a mining centre of excellence, and resulting research opportunities, would provide important economic opportunities for northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the training facility and centre of excellence would help both northern New Brunswick and mining all across Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to engage the mining industry and the federal government in a partnership to establish a Mining Centre of Excellence and training centre in Bathurst following the mine's shutdown.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Soucy, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud that Motion 1 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause, by deleting all the words following "urge the provincial government to" with "continue engaging the mining industry, the Mining Industry Human Resource Council, and the Federal Government in a dialogue concerning the possibility of establishing a Mining Centre of Excellence and college-level training centre in conjunction with the Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de Bathurst following the mine's shutdown."

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]

Motion 14 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

WHEREAS the Alward government has not questioned the federal government on reductions to federal transfer payments to New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has refused to take on the federal government for the \$1 billion in cost overruns caused by AECL, a federal crown corporation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has decided not to fight for the interests of New Brunswick by seeking compensation for the millions of dollars in additional costs the province will be burdened with in relation to the new federal omnibus crime bill;

WHEREAS the Alward government did not even seek adequate compensation from the federal government for the future upkeep and maintenance of the Harbour Bridge;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not voiced concern about federal job cuts in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not spoken out against cuts by ACOA to the regional economic development agencies;

WHEREAS the Alward government was silent on cuts to the National Research Council in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not stood up for New Brunswick in relation to the proposed EI eligibility changes which will have a devastating effect on our seasonal industries, our communities and our people;

WHEREAS the Alward government was not successful in convincing the federal government to keep Canadian Blood Services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has been unable to persuade the federal government to partner with it on the twinning of Route 11;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not fought against cuts to rail service in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government and opposition to coordinate a strong position on behalf of the people of New Brunswick to stand up and speak out against the federal government on measures that have such negative economic and financial consequences for New Brunswick.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]

Motion 15 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2012:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, and collaborated with the Leader of the Opposition in the development of a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was “proud” to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important agreed-upon deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to collaborate with the Opposition in the implementation of the poverty reduction plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature ask the government to provide a schedule for full implementation of the poverty reduction plan.

Motion 21 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2012:

WHEREAS public transportation is a vital component to economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province;

WHEREAS VIA Rail is eliminating its ticket agents and decreasing its routes in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS CN Rail has recently threatened to abandon its Newcastle line in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these services connected communities and brought social and economic opportunities to New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS jurisdiction for inter-provincial transportation rests with the federal government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial

government to demand the federal government invest in infrastructure and provide the necessary funding to ensure these public transportation opportunities continue to exist, for the socio-economic well-being of our province.

Motion 27 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2013:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has many seasonal industries;

WHEREAS the climate of our province determines when work can be done in agriculture, forestry, the fisheries, highway construction, and tourism;

WHEREAS workers in these industries have become skilled employees whom their employers value;

WHEREAS the reforms may force these skilled workers to find year-round employment in trades other than their own, making them unavailable for seasonal work, which will be devastating for seasonal industries;

WHEREAS new employment insurance reforms imposed by the federal government have made it even harder for seasonal workers to claim employment insurance in the off-season;

WHEREAS the provincial government commissioned a report that revealed that the employment insurance reforms would cost New Brunswick hundreds of millions of dollars in job losses, GDP, personal income, and government revenue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to condemn the federal government's employment insurance reforms and call on the federal government to cancel its employment insurance reforms.

Motion 28 by Mr. D. Landry, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2013:

WHEREAS the federal government has replaced the employment insurance boards of referees with the Social Security Tribunal;

WHEREAS employment insurance claimants who wish to appeal employment insurance rulings must appeal to this tribunal;

WHEREAS there were 300 employment insurance boards of referees members across the country, 15 of whom were in New Brunswick and were local residents with knowledge of local labour and business;

WHEREAS there are only 74 Social Security Tribunal members, who are not necessarily located in New Brunswick and only half of whom will deal with employment insurance appeals;

WHEREAS these changes will significantly disadvantage workers and limit their opportunities for access to appeal;

WHEREAS additional paperwork and red tape required by the Social Security Tribunal will make it more burdensome for workers to make an appeal;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to ask the federal government to reinstate the employment insurance boards of referees.

Motions for Returns

Motion 19 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2012:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence from any MLA, Minister or government department, regarding Chancery Place, since October 13, 2010.

Motion 24 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 27, 2012:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, regarding any and all tenders called by the New Brunswick Housing Corporation, including a description of the work, the name of the successful bidder, and the dollar amount of the contract, including receipts for materials used and services rendered, since October 13, 2010.

Motion 29 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2013:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, regarding the report from the Office of Health Renewal to the Department of Health.

Motion 30 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2013:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the 700 positions being eliminated by Vitalité Health Network and Horizon Health Network.

CONCLUDED

Motion 2 by Mr. Collins. Debated and carried as amended December 6, 2012.

Motion 9 by Mr. Melanson. Debated and defeated December 13, 2012.

WITHDRAWN

Motions 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 23 withdrawn March 27, 2013.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Kenny, December 4, 2012.

(Withdrawn, December 5, 2012)

Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Trevors, December 11, 2012.

(Response, December 20, 2012)

Petition 3: Mr. Kenny, December 20, 2012.

(Response, January 22, 2013)

Petition 4: Mr. Killen, December 20, 2012.

(Response, February 20, 2013)

Petition 5: Mr. Fraser, March 27, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Select Committee on the Revision
of the *Official Languages Act*
Standing Committee on Private Bills

Interim Report, December 5, 2012

First Report, December 13, 2012

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

Government of New Brunswick, Workforce Profile 2012, Department of Human Resources
(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Lifford, March 27, 2013)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix "A")

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

APPENDIX "A"

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question No. 1 by Mr. Arseneault

(Response, December 20, 2012)