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**THE HONOURABLE GRAYDON NICHOLAS,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the third session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the fifth day of November, 2013 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the fourth session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the fifth day of November, 2013 at 2:00 in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 2nd day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen, and in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Hugh J. Flemming, Q.C.
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Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the Fourth Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the Members being present:

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was announced and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne and was pleased to open the session with the following speech from the Throne:

Mr. Speaker, honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests and fellow New Brunswickers.

Welcome to the opening of the Fourth Session of the 57th Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

The people of New Brunswick are its greatest asset. We are a strong, creative and determined society. Every day, we work hard to continuously improve our province and the quality of life it offers our families.

By working hard and empowering our people to be the best they can be, we keep moving towards a stronger, more prosperous New Brunswick - one step at a time, one innovation at a time, one job at a time.

This throne speech highlights the initiatives that your government will put forth in the next year as part of its plan to strengthen our economy, invest in our families and communities and manage today for our province's future.

As we begin this session, we officially welcome Brian Gallant, Leader of the Official Opposition, and congratulate him on his win in the Kent byelection in April.

Celebrations

I was very pleased to celebrate, along with all New Brunswickers, the birth of His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge in July. To honour his birth, your government will be making a donation to the Born to Read program.

Tomorrow, 10 deserving New Brunswickers will be inducted into the Order of New Brunswick for their outstanding contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of our province.

This year's recipients are Joanna Bernard of Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, Édith Butler of Paquetville, Alida Clément of Dieppe, Eugène Durette of Edmundston, Dr. Dana Hanson of Fredericton, Mrs. Jean E. Irving of Rothesay, Freeman Patterson of Kingston, Gerry Pond of Saint John, Gordon Porter of Woodstock and Lionel Poitras of Saint-André.

On the national stage, three of our own were invested into the Order of Canada this year. Paul Cherry of Saint John was made an officer of the order and Dr. Dana Hanson and Jacqueline Oland were made members.

Keeping in line with the Department of National Defence's efforts to restore traditional titles, what was formerly known as Canadian Forces Base Gagetown became the 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown last summer.

And again in the last year, New Brunswick members of the Canadian Armed Forces have been recognized for various accomplishments and distinctions.

The Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to three New Brunswickers: Lieutenant(N) Melissa Helen Fudge of Nigadoo, Captain Christopher Glen Cyr of Fredericton and Master Warrant Officer Anthony Carl Pettipas of Fredericton.

As well, six New Brunswickers were admitted into the Order of Military Merit as members: Chief Warrant Officer Claude Chouinard, Captain Lorne Doucet, Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Croucher, Sergeant Christopher Hanrahan, Major Elizabeth van Oostrum and Master Warrant Officer François Vidal.

Last month, we welcomed Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown as the 29th Commanding Officer of the RCMP in New Brunswick.

Inspector Lise Roussel of Fredericton was made a member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces for her leadership and dedication to developing and supporting women as leaders in policing.

In the last year, 11 courageous New Brunswickers were awarded the Governor General's Medal of Bravery: Constable Brian Murray Carmichael, John Lamkey, Sergeant George Winton Matthew Myers, Troy Alan Wilcox, Constable Solange Aurella Phyllis Cormier, Constable Keith Carson Head, Constable Philippe Pausé, Constable Glen Joseph Pinto, Constable Neal Fowler, Constable Roger Lee Paris and Constable Nicholas Joseph Roy.

As well, the dedication of five considerate New Brunswickers was celebrated with the Governor General's Caring Canadian award: Jean-Guy Plourde of Grand Falls, Georgeline Gauvin of Lamèque, Arthur Haché of Bertrand, Patrick Edward King of Miramichi and Betty Savoie of Lamèque.

I am a firm believer in honouring excellence, and again this year, I was pleased to pay tribute to those in our province who strive to do their best, not for recognition or reward, but because it is the right thing to do:

- Mary Majka received the first-ever Award of Excellence in Land Conservation;
- Carmelle Valotaire and Richard Hornsby received New Brunswick Youth Orchestra Distinction Awards;
- Fred Wheaton received the Award for Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation;
- John Wood received the New Brunswick Human Rights Award;
- The Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick, fredkid and the Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne as well as the New Brunswick Massotherapy Association received Dialogue Awards;
- Cheryl Robertson received the Award for Excellence in Public Administration;
- Father Monte Peters and the New Brunswick Women's Institute Home received Awards for Excellence in Aging; and
- Melvin Gallant, Jenny Munday and Janice Wright Cheney received Awards for High Achievement in the Arts.

On the artistic front, Viola Léger, our very own Sagouine, was the recipient of the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement in Theatre.

On the music scene, David Myles received the Juno Award for rap recording of the year and Radio Radio took home the 2013 East Coast Music Award for Rap/Hip-Hop Recording of the Year.

The Prix littéraire Antonine-Maillet-Acadie Vie was awarded to Jonathan Roy for his collection of poems *Apprendre à tomber*. Claude Le Bouthillier was awarded the third Prix Quinquennal for his body of work.

Textile artist Susan Vida Judah was awarded the 2013 Strathbutler Excellence Award.

As well, two New Brunswickers will be honoured tomorrow night in Saint John: Arthur Irving will receive the Canadian Red Cross 2013 Humanitarian Award for New Brunswick and Alisha Virmani will receive the Canadian Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award.

Business leaders Aldéa Landry, Hans W. Klohn and Mike Wilson were named to the New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame this year.

In the sports arena, we congratulate Janie McGraw and Don Lavigne who participated in the World Special Olympics Winter Games last winter in the Republic of Korea.

Last July, more than 1,000 athletes from 11 different communities across the province participated in the 2013 New Brunswick Indian Summer Games in Tobique and Perth-Andover.

New Brunswick athletes and para-athletes once again showed us their skills last summer during the Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Team New Brunswick returned home with an improved performance resulting in 16 medals.

We also congratulate the young athletes and artists of Team Canada-New Brunswick who participated in the 7th edition of Les Jeux de la Francophonie last September in Nice, France. The team equalled its previous record of six medals at the games.

A job well done to all artists, athletes and mission staff of our New Brunswick teams.

In 2013, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Université de Moncton, New Brunswick's only francophone university and a pillar of the Acadian community.

Next summer, we look forward to hosting, along with our neighbours Quebec and Maine, the World Acadian Congress from August 8 to 24. Held every five years, the event is set to bring more than 50,000 visitors to our region to celebrate under the theme *Acadia of the World*.

Condolences

We pause to remember Andy Scott, former New Brunswick civil servant, Member of Parliament for Fredericton and federal Cabinet minister. We also remember Wendell W. Meldrum, former MLA, Cabinet minister and judge.

We pay tribute to Win Hackett, educator, senior civil servant and former executive assistant to the late Hon. Richard Hatfield. We also celebrate the life of Frederic Arsenault, former provincial and federal senior civil servant and principal secretary and trusted advisor to the late Hon. Richard Hatfield.

We remember Martin J. Légère, the founder of the Fédération des Caisses Populaires Acadiennes.

We pay tribute to Stompin' Tom Connors, beloved musical icon and writer of our unofficial national anthem, *The Hockey Song*. We also celebrate the life of Alex Colville, renowned painter and pillar of the Mount Allison University community.

We also remember Noah and Connor Barthe whose young lives full of so much promise and potential were tragically cut short.

Introduction

New Brunswick, Canada and the entire world are still in the grip of economic turmoil. Many markets, jobs and profits have not bounced back from the depths of the recession.

There is no hiding it - these are still challenging economic times. And our province is not immune to these fluctuations - we have felt the impact. Recovery can be a long and fragile process. New Brunswick is at a crossroads. It will take great leadership and co-operation to confidently move forward – in strengthening our economy, making strategic investments and managing responsibly for the future.

Every day, we are taking important steps towards recovering and rebuilding. Steps to bring our workers home. Steps that lead us to a brighter future.

And that light is there – that hope for a brighter, more prosperous New Brunswick.

Strengthening our Economy

A strong economy and employment opportunities are top-of-mind priorities for New Brunswickers.

Your government's focus on the economy as well as protecting and creating jobs is a centrepiece for attention and action. Strategic investments based on input from stakeholders and sound analysis are positioning New Brunswick in local, regional and international markets.

To grow our economy and both protect and create jobs for people, your government is building partnerships that are leading to new investments and new possibilities for our province.

Released last March, your government's export strategy, *Growing Global Markets*, has identified new opportunities among emerging and non-traditional markets, helping local companies connect with global markets to drive job creation, growth, and investment here at home.

A historic agreement was penned just a few weeks ago when Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed into effect an agreement in principle of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Free Trade Agreement, commonly referred to as CETA.

New Brunswick is Canada's most export-oriented province and as such, your government is always interested in opening up new markets for our thriving business community's products and services.

Our province has been an active participant throughout the CETA negotiations. The European Union represents New Brunswick's largest export market after the United States, and our historical ties and geographic proximity to Europe make it a logical target for diversifying our exports.

Many of New Brunswick's key sectors will benefit from an ambitious Canada-European Union trade agreement. Your government is pleased to note that immediate duty-free market access for our agricultural products such as frozen potatoes, blueberries and cranberries has come to fruition in this agreement.

The agreement will also eliminate barriers to access the world's largest fish and seafood market. New Brunswick ranked as Canada's largest exporter of seafood in 2012, with exports valued at \$967 million. We have had success in market diversification, especially in Asia. Better market access through the implementation of CETA will ensure that we can continue to build on these recent successes.

The forestry industry is one of the founding blocks of New Brunswick's economy. At home, your government will continue to promote wood as a material of choice in public infrastructure projects such as bridges and buildings and also as a fuel alternative where the option of using wood pellets for heating presents itself.

Internationally, under CETA, tariffs on Canadian wood and wood products will be completely eliminated. This will benefit New Brunswick's forestry industry through more jobs, higher wages and greater long-term prosperity.

In the upcoming year, your government will also be implementing a strategy to ensure New Brunswick has a competitive forest industry for generations to come.

Last summer, your government welcomed TransCanada's decision to move forward with a west-east pipeline from Alberta to New Brunswick. This project will bring jobs and other benefits to families and communities throughout New Brunswick and Canada.

New Brunswick is well equipped to accommodate this pipeline - we have the largest, most modern refinery in Canada as well as the deepest seaport on the east coast of North America in Saint John.

This pipeline is a once-in-a-generation opportunity that will help retain and return our workers at home.

As TransCanada proceeds to the environmental and regulatory approvals phase, your government will continue to work with all communities and regions of New Brunswick to ensure that our province derives maximum benefits from this historic opportunity while ensuring responsible resource development.

Responsible resource development will protect the rights and interests of future generations while at the same time improving the quality of life for all New Brunswickers, including First Nations.

Your government is committed to continuing its efforts to establish the relationship among First Nations, industry and business, so that together they can build a healthier and more prosperous New Brunswick. Your government believes that by working together, these groups will yield a rich dividend of respect, friendship and progress that will benefit every resident of this province.

As you may recall, your government has done a great deal of work towards making sure that our natural resources – and, in particular, our natural gas potential – are identified to determine whether there is potential for economic benefits in the future.

Economic benefits that could be derived from our natural resources are what will allow government to help fund and improve education, health care and many other services in the years ahead.

Backed by the strongest rules for industry, introduced in February, as well as an action-oriented *Oil and Natural Gas Blueprint for New Brunswick*, introduced in May, your government will continue on the course of responsible exploration and development.

A key aspect of managing oil and natural gas development is ensuring that the province secures a fair return to New Brunswickers for our resources. Your government recently announced a new natural gas royalty regime that ensures a fair return to New Brunswickers while encouraging investment in this sector.

Additionally, work will continue on key energy and mining projects leading to a stronger economy, including:

- the ongoing efforts towards the responsible exploration and development of shale gas;
- the launch of an Expression of Interest for potash to promote other potential sites for exploration and mining of this resource in New Brunswick;
- the continued work on mining projects, including the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Sisson Brook Tungsten Mine, the opening of the Picadilly Potash Expansion in the Sussex area and the restart of the Trevali lead-zinc mine at Caribou near Bathurst;
- the ongoing support for the development of the Energy East Pipeline;
- the negotiation of the Canada-New Brunswick offshore accord; and
- the ongoing support for the Reduce and Shift Demand initiative as lead by NB Power.

On the innovation front, the establishment of the New Brunswick Research and Innovation Council earlier this year has created a much-needed leadership forum to foster entrepreneurship and creativity, key drivers of the growth of our knowledge economy.

In the coming year, your government's increased investment in research and innovation will start bearing fruit:

- through the Industry Innovation Challenge, bold research and development initiatives will accelerate the growth of our industries by pursuing some of their biggest ideas to grow new markets;
- our small- and medium-sized enterprises will be able to access the new Innovation Voucher Fund to drive the growth of their business through the development of new processes, products and services;
- entrepreneurs and investors will have access to increased seed and early capital and a consolidation of the innovation ecosystem to feed the launch and growth of new business ventures in our province;
- a call for proposal will lead to the creation of up to six New Brunswick Innovation Research Chairs to engage with industry in key sectors of our economy;
- our province's public researchers will benefit from a threefold increase in support to their projects and initiatives which will help them leverage new federal and industry partnerships; and
- our best and brightest undergraduate and graduate students will be able to access additional resources through the research assistant initiative and the New Brunswick Graduate Scholarship Initiative.

These initial investments are only the first steps necessary to accelerate the growth of our economy through innovation. Other policies and initiatives are being designed to bolster our knowledge economy and create new, sustainable jobs for our province.

Furthermore, a new economic development approach has been initiated by your government, providing quick and easy access to funding programs through the creation of five districts with a total of offices serving small- and medium-sized businesses. Decentralized decision-making provides more efficient service to entrepreneurs.

Workforce needs and skills development must be linked with emerging economic opportunities. This means investing in large- and small-scale resource-driven and value-added commodities, including wood, food products, oil and gas. It also means supporting growth in the industrial fabrication and manufacturing sectors as well as innovation through ventures such as information technology start-ups and the aerospace and defence sector.

Your government is committed to working with industry and federal partners to establish a centralized mechanism to coordinate access to business incubation and laboratory facilities for companies in the bioscience sector. This will enable the establishment and growth of start-up bioscience companies while making the best use of existing infrastructure around the province.

As part of its plan to invest in New Brunswick businesses and work to rebuild the economy, last winter, your government announced its One-Job Pledge initiative aimed at creating jobs and keeping our young post-secondary graduates home in New Brunswick while they gain valuable on-the-job experience.

Your government is pleased to report that the program has been a resounding success and that it has exceeded all expectations. In the coming weeks, your government will be announcing an expansion of the original target of 650 positions.

Last month, your government launched a consultation on immigration as part of its Population Growth Strategy. The purpose of this consultation is to collect information that will assist your government in developing a five-year population growth strategy as well as a targeted action plan on Francophone immigration.

In addition, this strategy will focus on how to address the province's demographic decline for a prosperous and thriving New Brunswick, enabling your government to foster a stronger economy, train people and create well-paying jobs for all New Brunswickers.

As well, your government will work to strengthen its partnership with the federal government to ensure that federal funding in support of infrastructure and the labour market meets provincial needs.

Although Employment Insurance is a federal program, your government remains concerned about the potential impact of Employment Insurance changes in our province. It will continue to defend the interests of all New Brunswickers affected by these changes.

As a result, your government has joined forces with the other Atlantic Provinces, through the Council of Atlantic Premiers, and established the Atlantic Premiers' Panel on Impacts of Changes to Employment Insurance.

The success of last summer's Buy Local Tour demonstrates that New Brunswickers have a keen interest in supporting our agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries sectors.

Your government will build on this effort and lead by example - provincial departments and agencies will encourage and promote the use of local, healthy food during government-hosted meetings and events.

Legislative amendments to the *Seafood Processing Act* regarding the licensing of fish buyers, which focused on improving the quality of fish from the wharf to the plant, took effect last summer.

This fall, further improvements to this act will be introduced to support our industry's commitment to the highest quality seafood, enhanced global competitiveness as well as the diversification of markets.

Oyster aquaculture is experiencing steady growth in the province and has the potential to be an even greater contributor to the rural economy. Aquatic animal health in both the finfish and shellfish sectors remains a priority for your government and targeted improvement initiatives will proceed.

New Brunswick producers now have access to new and innovative agriculture and agri-food programming thanks to a renewed federal-provincial agreement, *Growing Forward 2*. During the next five years, \$37 million in federal and provincial funding will be invested in new and traditional programs covering innovation, competitiveness and market development.

In partnership with the industry, strategic work will continue to improve seed potato quality, strengthen the competitive position of the New Brunswick seed potato sector and expand and develop seed potato markets.

In the coming year, in the area of value-added food, your government will be addressing ongoing challenges within the labour market and the need for automation as well as assisting companies to meet regulatory requirements.

A new five-year wild blueberry strategy to support New Brunswick producers in keeping pace with the growing worldwide demand for wild blueberries was recently announced by your government.

In the area of tourism, your government has undertaken a review of its trails use policy to encourage a safe, sustainable and strategically located provincial trail network that will focus on the development of the tourism sector for both motorized and non-motorized trail systems.

In an effort to spur growth in the snowmobile tourism sector, your government has initiated discussions with its partners to improve and expand snowmobile trail opportunities and services in the centre of the Northern Odyssey snowmobile region. This plan proposes the establishment of a new centralized snowmobile trail grooming base at Mount Carleton Provincial Park.

In addition to development in the snowmobile sector, your government is also researching the potential to develop an all-terrain vehicle tourism product. The purpose of the product would be to provide a stimulus for economic development primarily focused on tourism.

The Cruise Strategy for Northern New Brunswick was completed earlier this year, and your government is pleased to announce that an action plan and recommendations have been developed and are being implemented to attract cruise business to northern New Brunswick.

Investing in Families and Communities

Your government is committed to enhancing the quality of life of all New Brunswickers.

As such, it has made a commitment to the development of a prescription drug plan that will help New Brunswickers afford the drugs they need and prevent people from experiencing financial hardship because of prescription drug costs.

This new plan will contribute to the sustainability of New Brunswick's health care system by providing access to the drugs New Brunswickers need to manage their health. Individuals who can effectively manage their chronic diseases through affordable prescription drug coverage require fewer hospitalizations and experience better quality of life.

During this legislative session, your government will introduce legislation to establish the foundation for this new drug plan. By next summer, New Brunswick will move forward with a plan that ensures its residents have access to many expensive drugs and that prescription drug coverage is improved for citizens of this province.

Your government recently released its new five-year Provincial Health Plan, *Rebuilding Health Care Together*. This plan is designed to give health care professionals and system administrators the strategic guidance and direction they need for the planning, governance and delivery of health care in New Brunswick.

During the five years of this plan, the Department of Health will work closely with New Brunswick's health system partners to achieve an efficient and effective health care system that is both financially and clinically sustainable while encouraging innovation and improving quality of care and patient satisfaction. Year one initiatives are clearly identified and will move forward.

Last August, your government released its *Labour Force and Skills Development Strategy*. This strategy builds on our province's Economic Development Action Plan, which outlines your government's commitment to ensuring the availability of a skilled and globally competitive labour force.

This strategy includes three main themes that consist of 44 priority action items: support for the K-12 and post-secondary education systems to adequately prepare students for labour force needs, support for learning and skills development and retention as well as the attraction of highly skilled individuals.

Apprenticeships and skilled trades are also a key element of your government's *Labour Force and Skills Development Strategy*. The strategy contains actions aimed at attracting teens into the trades through the New Brunswick Teen Apprentice Program as well as efforts to implement a women-in-trades program. In the coming months, your government will be announcing several new initiatives to encourage more people to enter apprenticeships and to increase employer involvement.

As well, recently, as part of its efforts to support apprenticeship in New Brunswick, your government was proud to announce that it is investing \$50,000 in Helmets to Hardhats Canada, a national, not-for-profit organization that provides apprenticeship training to current or former members of the Armed Forces or Reserves who are seeking a civilian career. Providing financial support to help our veterans move into a trade will help your government address the increasing demand for skilled trade workers in our province.

Recently, your government was also pleased to honour its commitment to provide sustainable and predictable university funding and stable tuition levels for students by the year 2014.

Public universities are critical to the socio-economic well-being of our province, representing key investments in our people, our economy and the future of New Brunswick.

This new funding commitment ensures universities can plan their operating budgets through to 2016. This is the first time that the provincial government has provided a concrete funding commitment in advance of its yearly budget announcement.

In addition, in response to its commitment to ensure stable tuition levels for students, starting in 2014-15, your government will set an annual tuition increase cap of no more than three percent for the next three years for all public universities in our province except St. Thomas University.

Tuition increases are a reality across the country, but your government believes that stable and predictable increases help students better budget for their education, ensuring them accessible and affordable post-secondary education opportunities.

To complement these initiatives, your government plans to announce a redesigned student financial assistance program in the near future.

Your government will introduce amendments to the acts legislating workers' compensation in our province this fall. This initiative is part of an overall legislative review of workers' compensation, something which has not been accomplished in more than 20 years in our province.

These amendments aim to modernize workers' compensation, striking a balance between both workers' and employers' interests.

Your government recognizes that more emphasis must be placed on community and home-based care and supports designed to maintain seniors' health and independence.

The report from the Premier's Panel on Seniors *Living Healthy, Aging Well* as well as the citizen engagement initiatives held in June of 2013 will provide guidance to your government as it moves forward in the coming months to implement initiatives to create supportive environments for healthy aging.

Work is in the final stages on a comprehensive new *Home First Strategy* designed to serve as a cornerstone of an integrated provincial system of health care and long-term care.

The strategy will include a concrete action plan that represents a fundamental change in philosophy and practice where seniors are supported in their communities to the extent that lengthy hospital stays and premature residential placements are avoided.

An independent evaluation has been completed on the 3.5 Hours of Care in Nursing Homes pilot project, and your government will soon release a report with evaluation findings and recommendations. Those recommendations will inform the broader work being done with the sector and the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes to enhance, improve and modernize the services provided in nursing homes across the province.

Already, your government has made progress to support seniors with the implementation of a toll-free seniors' information line. This user-friendly, client-centered phone line will ensure that seniors, their families and caregivers are assisted by qualified agents to navigate the system to get information about government programs and services available to them.

A partnership between your government and Go Ahead Seniors Inc. has been formed to offer wellness clinics for seniors around the province. These clinics will provide seniors with a venue where they can receive healthy living advice and meet with health and wellness professionals for things such as blood pressure and glucose monitoring.

As well, your government will be proclaiming the recent amendments made to the *Ombudsman Act* to expand the authority of the Ombudsman to cover long-term care services supported by government.

On October 1, your government launched the broadest number of changes to the provincial social assistance system since the 1990s. By April 2014, eligible social assistance clients will see a seven per cent increase in their monthly financial assistance.

Disabled clients living with their parents are benefitting from a reduction or complete elimination, depending on parental income, of their shelter deduction. This positive change represents the first important step in the broader work being done by your government to create a separate income support program for persons with disabilities.

It is no secret that our province is facing serious wellness challenges. It is particularly important that we encourage good habits among our children, and this includes involving them in sport.

Your government will partner with the private and not-for-profit sectors to engage children and youth to increase their physical activity levels and motivate community schools to promote a healthy environment where students are active throughout the day.

The New Brunswick Wellness Strategy has been evaluated, and positive outcomes have been noted in schools, communities, workplaces and homes:

- each year, close to 100 per cent of New Brunswick schools are championing wellness initiatives, involving students, educators, parents and community partners;
- the New Brunswick Workplace Wellness Community of Practice has 75 workplaces actively championing comprehensive workplace wellness; and
- since October 2011, more than 1,900 wellness commitments have been made as part of the New Brunswick Wellness Movement.

A renewed wellness strategy will be introduced in 2014, and further enhancements to your government's wellness initiatives will be undertaken.

Your government continues to work towards enhancing the quality of life for New Brunswickers living in poverty. The Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation has just finished a tour of 12 communities throughout our province during which New Brunswickers were invited to engagement sessions to share their thoughts on how to reduce poverty. The results of the consultations will culminate in a renewed plan to overcome poverty to be released in 2014.

While it is true that our province as a whole is experiencing challenging times, there is an urgent need to achieve greater social, economic and health outcomes for our First Nations communities.

Your government is committed to working in partnership with First Nations to improve conditions in aboriginal communities. There are many things that can be done in the short term, including: economy-building, capacity-building, increased investments in post-secondary education and training and improvements in infrastructure.

By continuing to collaborate with First Nations communities, your government will ensure that they can rise up out of poverty by encouraging and promoting opportunities for economic development and success through education and training.

Your government is taking a leadership role in promoting equality between women and men and boys and girls in our province. Early in 2014, a cross-government initiative regarding the use of gender-based analysis in the development and decision-making processes of government programs and policies will be launched.

New Brunswick remains one of the safest provinces in which to live. New Brunswickers can continue to feel secure living, working and raising a family in our province. The crime rate in our province remains below the national average.

New Brunswick's Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety is committed to the protection of families, seniors and children. The roundtable has identified as its priorities: youth at risk, chronic repeat offenders and domestic and intimate partner violence. Your government, through this roundtable, will continue to focus its collaborative efforts in reducing crime and victimization in all areas of the province.

Your government remains committed to ensuring public awareness and education efforts to protect children from Internet child exploitation and to improve the capacity and capabilities of law enforcement.

Investing in collaborative efforts to protect children and youth from all forms of harm remains a priority for your government. This includes innovative initiatives promoted by the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, such as UNICEF Canada's Rights Respecting Schools Initiative.

Informed by an extensive consultation process earlier this year, the Community-based Services for Children with Special Needs Program will be modernized to be more responsive to the needs of families with children with special needs.

Your government continues to be committed to providing early prevention and intervention services and supports for children and youth with multiple needs. To this end, it will be introducing legislation to facilitate the sharing of information between multiple service providers in the context of service delivery to our most vulnerable population.

All students in New Brunswick's public schools will benefit from enriched educational opportunities and fewer barriers to learning as a result of your government's new Inclusive Education Policy. Continued investments will increase system capacity within New Brunswick schools in order to support your government's vision for inclusive education.

In the area of early childhood development, your government will continue to honour its commitments to build a continuum of learning, starting from birth.

Investments in child care staff wages made to date have reduced the overall staff turnover and improved the quality of care offered by child care facilities in our province.

During this legislative session, once amendments and regulations are finalized, your government will move forward on the proclamation of the *Early Childhood Services Act*. This act will bring New Brunswick to the forefront as the first province in Canada to streamline authority on all aspects of early childhood into one act.

Over the past year, your government has strengthened the tools used to address bullying in schools by enhancing legislation and introducing two provincial anti-bullying coordinators. In the upcoming year, your government will build on this strong foundation by fortifying existing standards to make our schools even safer for our children.

Your government firmly believes in following up on the Commission on Francophone Schools' report to increase the capacity of francophone educational institutions and of their educational partners to foster academic success and build individual students' identity.

Your government is pleased to note that it plans to build on the successful implementation of the *Action Plan for a New Local Governance System in New Brunswick*, and will continue to work with stakeholders to modernize the *Municipalities Act* and the *Community Planning Act*.

In keeping with its commitment to enhance consumer protection, your government plans to introduce a new act to regulate the mortgage broker industry. The new legislation governing mortgage brokers will provide the necessary tools to regulate the industry and will bring New Brunswick in line with the majority of other Canadian provinces.

Your government plans to introduce amendments to unproclaimed legislation aimed at regulating payday loans to create an effective regulatory regime for payday lenders. Legislation will effectively control payday lending practices and enhance consumer protection.

It is your government's priority to ensure that those who least can afford it have access to justice. Your government will reform legal aid to ensure that it is managed as efficiently and as effectively as possible so that maximum resources can be directed to clients.

Incorporating input received through an extensive consultation process, your government will soon be finalizing its work on the renewal of the provincial Cultural Policy. The renewed policy will chart the course for cultural development priorities in our province for the next five years.

By establishing a Premier's Task Force on the Status of the Artist, your government will work towards recognizing and supporting the profession of artists in our province. This task force will provide recommendations that will improve the socio-economic status of professional artists.

Your government has made a commitment to preserve and maintain ownership of the parks system for the benefit of New Brunswickers and visitors alike, now and in the future.

A revision of the *Parks Act* which will form the basis of our parks' mandate for the coming years has been initiated by your government. Bearing in mind the feedback gathered and the evolving role of parks in our society, revised legislation will be brought forward.

To create a coastal connection between Saint John and Moncton, your government is continuing its investments in one of our province's key tourism attraction, the Fundy Trail Parkway.

Managing for our Future

Pension plans in Canada and across the world continue to face huge challenges, and our province is no different. The pension plan provided for in the *Public Service Superannuation Act* is facing a \$1-billion deficit today, and this figure is only expected to grow. We cannot place the burden of addressing this deficit entirely on the shoulders of taxpayers, current employees and future generations. This means that changes must be made to the plan today in order to make it sustainable and secure for current and future retirees. The status quo is not an option.

Last year, your government indicated its intention to move towards a shared risk model for public service pensions. During the last year, it has worked with retirees, unions and current employees to provide information and address their concerns.

During this session, your government will introduce legislation that will make public service pensions more affordable, fair, sustainable and secure for all public service retirees going forward. This legislation will also pave the way for Members of the Legislative Assembly to adopt a shared risk model for their pensions.

Your government will introduce fiscal accountability measures to facilitate the return to sustainable fiscal balance, place controls on overall government spending, require an annual multi-year fiscal plan including a deficit reduction plan should deficits be projected, and require the provincial Auditor General to report on the province's finances 60 days in advance of each fixed election date.

Your government will take measures to increase transparency and accountability in election commitments and make the costs of election promises clearer to New Brunswickers. This includes providing tools to voters to enable them to better understand the economic and fiscal outlook for the province leading up to an election.

Based on the Auditor General's recommendations, and to demonstrate proper accountability for more than \$500 million in annual health care spending, your government will take the necessary steps to report publicly on the remuneration paid to all medical practitioners, including fee-for-service payments, medical pay plan, sessional arrangements, alternate payments and alternate funding plans.

Last year, your government committed to creating a Smart Regulations system. The goal of this system is to reduce the numerous and complex regulatory burdens and difficulties faced by businesses, individuals and community organizations while maintaining tough regulations that safeguard personal health and safety, environmental integrity and the rules of business.

Throughout 2013, your government has worked with departments to reduce their regulations by 20 per cent. In early 2014, your government will introduce a new "1-in, 1-out" system where the introduction of new regulatory obligations will be offset by the elimination of existing ones.

Looking forward, your government will explore ways to modernize New Brunswick's regulatory system. This will include greater use of plain language to help New Brunswickers better understand their regulations, speedier resolution of issues related to red tape and the requirement that all new regulations be based on research, evidence or risk analysis.

Your government will continue on its path to work with its provincial and territorial partners as well as the federal government to pursue opportunities for collaboration aimed at a delivery of services of the highest possible quality and cost-efficiency. Initiatives such as the Atlantic Workforce Partnership, the Atlantic Procurement Agreement and the Health Innovation Working Group, which are all focused on delivering quality services for improved prices, are great examples of how your government already collaborates with its counterparts to better serve New Brunswickers.

Here at home, in moving towards a performance-based organization, New Brunswick's public service has undergone, since 2011, a deep culture shift and adopted the methodologies of a formal management system to increase accountability, improve productivity and processes, enhance service delivery, solve problems and reduce waste.

To date, close to \$11 million have been saved through Lean Six Sigma process improvement initiatives across government. More than 125 projects have been completed or are currently underway, involving more than 1,000 employees.

Through these projects, your government has generated real results, such as reduced wait times at customer service centres and hospitals, increased quality and efficiency of highway maintenance work, identification of inventory management efficiencies for pharmaceutical drugs and vehicle parts and reduced costs of printing and employee travel, just to name a few.

Your government is currently working on implementing this new management system to the last wave of departments completing all areas of the core public service. This new way of conducting government business is making a huge impact on the cost and the quality of 15 services being offered to the people of New Brunswick and your government is committed to building on the established success of this program to keep offering better services in a smarter and more cost-effective way, now and for the future.

Conclusion

Over the course of this session, ministers will provide more details regarding the initiatives and legislation contained in the Speech from the Throne.

Amendments to acts and regulations will be presented to move forward your government's plan to rebuild New Brunswick and invest in our greatest asset – our people.

As individuals, and collectively as a province, we need to innovate and seize on opportunities, focusing on the strengths of our human resource potential, traditional economic advantages and strategic growth in emerging sectors.

Together, we are establishing a solid foundation on which to rebuild, grow and prosper. And the future looks bright for our province as strong leadership focuses on priorities that matter and progress that is sustainable.

We are still not out of the trenches, but by strengthening our economy, investing in our families and communities and managing today for our province's future, we are positioned for responsible growth and have begun taking steps towards a brighter tomorrow.

May divine Providence continue to bless New Brunswick and its residents, and guide this Assembly in its deliberations.

His Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. David Alward, Premier, have leave to introduce a Bill entitled *An Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right*. (Bill 1)

He accordingly presented the Bill to the House and the same was receive and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker then informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed.)

On motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud,

RESOLVED, that the speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith taken into consideration.

Mr. Tait, a Member for the electoral district of Saint John East, proposed an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud, a Member for the electoral district of Miramichi Bay-Neguac, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And a debate arising thereon, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Gallant, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Kent, adjourned over.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.

And then, 4.08 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Speech from the Throne November 5, 2013

November 5, 2013

Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new Chaplain for the session, Rev. Daniel Walton, pastor of Jemseg Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Lindsay Hodd, Musquash; Connor Jay, Winsloe, Prince Edward Island; Phoebe Marmura Brown, Fredericton; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Québec.

The returning pages are: Brian Cooke, Back Bay; Julie Frigault, Moncton; Ben Graham, Jacksonville; Danielle LaPointe, Kars; Andrew MacDougall, Burton; Jack Simpson, Fredericton; Samuel Titus, Fredericton.

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents and visitors of Deer Island urging the government to upgrade the soon to be retired John E. Rigby 18 car ferry to a larger vessel with no less than a 24 car capacity. (Petition 1)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Guests.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, November 8, 2013, Bills 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 1)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Fridays shall be as follows:

Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Fourth Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 2)

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Doucet for Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, and the name of Mr. Albert for Mr. Fraser;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Boudreau for Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, the name of Mr. Kenny for Mr. D. Landry, and the name of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Mr. Doucet;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Health Care be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Doucet for Mr. Fraser;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Mr. D. Landry;

That the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Mr. Collins, and the name of Mr. Boudreau for Mr. Melanson;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Legislative Officers be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Albert for Mr. Kenny;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting the name of Mr. D. Landry for Mr. Haché;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Fraser for Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, and the name of Mr. Melanson for Mr. Albert;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Boudreau for Mr. Doucet, and the name of Mr. Collins for Mr. Bernard LeBlanc;

That the membership of the Select Committee on Point Lepreau be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Doucet for Mr. Collins, and the name of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Mr. Kenny; and

That the membership of the Select Committee on Legislative Reform be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Boudreau for Mr. Fraser.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 10.52 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 3

Thursday, November 7, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to His Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Hon. Mr. Fitch, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 1.48 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 4

Friday, November 8, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS Premier David Alward ordered \$90,000 of taxpayers' money to be spent on a television advertisement claiming economic improvement;

WHEREAS the advertisement was clearly aimed at seeking support for the Progressive Conservative Party;

WHEREAS these types of advertisements should be paid for by the political party that chooses to create them and be subject to rules for political advertising;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick to reimburse the taxpayers' money that was used, and disallow the future use of taxpayer dollars on party-promoting advertisements.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative party promised during the 2010 campaign that it would maintain the number of teachers in the province;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, avoided questions in relation to further cuts within his department;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development admitted to media that his department cut 40 teaching positions and that his government was unable to keep its campaign promise;

WHEREAS on August 23, 2013, a news story was published in regards to potential cuts to music and physical education specialists;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately release a complete list of any and all cuts made to teaching positions as well as other staff positions within all schools in the province's school districts.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS 12 public consultations were held between September 16 and October 9, leading to a renewal of *Overcoming Poverty Together - The New Brunswick Poverty Reduction Plan*;

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had the following objective: "*By 2015, New Brunswick will have reduced income poverty by 25% and deep income poverty by 50% and will have made significant progress in achieving sustained economic and social inclusion.*";

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had established specific priority actions, both immediate and over a five year period;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to table in the House within 30 days a detailed progress report on the province's Poverty Reduction Plan that demonstrates goals met and identifies remaining work and a timeline for achieving unmet goals.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House every position description questionnaire for each senior executive position with Vitalité Health Network, Horizon Health Network and FacilicorpNB, as well as a list of each position description questionnaire that was approved, all between January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2013.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House every position description questionnaire for each senior executive management position with Vitalité Health Network, Horizon Health Network and FacilicorpNB, as well as the list of each position description questionnaire that was approved, all between January 2, 2013 and the present day.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Bills 8 and 9 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Service New Brunswick

November 7, 2013

Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to our armed forces for their sacrifices on our behalf; and

WHEREAS armed forces personnel have been injured in the line of duty on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS federal government policy requires armed forces personnel to be ready to be deployed overseas for the entire ten years of their service to qualify for a pension; and

WHEREAS injuries prevent many of these armed forces personnel from being ready to be deployed overseas thereby disqualifying these brave men and women from a pension; and

WHEREAS successive Ministers of National Defense have recognized that this policy is unfair and have pledged to address the problem; and

WHEREAS the problem has still not been addressed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature of New Brunswick unanimously condemn that current policy and urge the federal government to make provision for armed forces personnel injured in the line of duty to be allowed to remain in the service for their full ten years to qualify for their pensions.

Hon. Ms. Shephard, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

New Brunswick Internal Services Agency

November 8, 2013

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Anglophone North School District, the Francophone sud school district, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding school closures in Kent County because of concerns about student safety following recent shale gas protests in the Rexton area.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Boudreau, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 14, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 3 and 4.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Mr. Macdonald, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Government Services

November 12, 2013

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 14, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Senator Percy Mockler, the former Progressive Conservative MLA for Madawaska South (1982-1987, 1993-1995), Madawaska-la-Vallée (1995-2006), and Restigouche-la-Vallée (2006-2008).

Mr. Gallant, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to upgrade (chip seal) the Saint Augustine Road between Adamsville and Beersville in Kent County. (Petition 2)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act.*

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the Alward government indicated that participation in the Shared Risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier initially told public servants and pensioners that the Shared Risk plan would not apply to vested benefits;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not engaged stakeholders in meaningful consultations;

WHEREAS the Alward government intends to impose the Shared Risk pension plan on public servants and retirees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to halt plans to introduce legislation that would impose the Shared Risk pension model and immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby government would sit down with bargaining, non-bargaining groups and other pension representatives to review all relevant financial information and discuss all possible options for pension reform.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all documentation, however stored, recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the Premier's Office, and Paul D'Astous in relation to auto insurance rates in New Brunswick between October 12, 2010 and the present day.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS Premier David Alward ordered \$90,000 of taxpayers' money to be spent on a television advertisement claiming economic improvement;

WHEREAS the advertisement was clearly aimed at seeking support for the Progressive Conservative Party;

WHEREAS these types of advertisements should be paid for by the political party that chooses to create them and be subject to rules for political advertising;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick to reimburse the taxpayers' money that was used, and disallow the future use of taxpayer dollars on party-promoting advertisements.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative party promised during the 2010 campaign that it would maintain the number of teachers in the province;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, avoided questions in relation to further cuts within his department;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development admitted to media that his department cut 40 teaching positions and that his government was unable to keep its campaign promise;

WHEREAS on August 23, 2013, a news story was published in regards to potential cuts to music and physical education specialists;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately release a complete list of any and all cuts made to teaching positions as well as other staff positions within all schools in the province's school districts.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 8

Friday, November 15, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to His Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Tait, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 5, 2013.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Higgs,

RESOLVED, that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and presented to His Honour by a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Honourable the Premier, Mr. Tait and Mr. S. Robichaud be the Committee to Wait upon His Honour with the Address and present the same.

And then, 9.50 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, Bill 11 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 6 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 4 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Werner Wnendt, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Canada.

Hon. Mr. Lifford laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Review of the Provisions and the Operation of the Credit Unions Act, October 2013*.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed in its efforts to address the economic challenges facing the province;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to stimulate job creation and tackle the problem of unemployment;

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have been forced to leave the province in search of employment elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Premier has not brought forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada figures reveal that nearly all New Brunswick economic indicators are well below the national average;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its lack of results in growing the economy, tackling unemployment, and creating jobs.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Boudreau, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 10, 4 and 5.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 11 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members that it was unparliamentary to question the honesty of their fellow Members, regardless of whether the Member was quoting from a letter.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 11

Thursday, November 21, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Wilson, Member for Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to amend the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* to provide more effective protection for animals in the province. (Petition 3)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Gallant,

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*.Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

WHEREAS, in 2008, the then Department of Transportation—DOT—implemented a new Asset Management Business Framework to better manage the long-term investment requirements of the province's aging highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Asset Management Business Framework—AMBF—was implemented to make the most efficient use of highway capital repair dollars and take the politics out of paving; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General observed that, in the first three years after adopting the Asset Management Business Framework with optimal funding in place, the department noted positive results; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has noted that the asset management methodology is sound; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has concluded that, although the department has the appropriate tools in place to identify and prioritize required highway maintenance projects, current funding levels do not allow for completion of an appropriate level of highway maintenance on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has expressed concern that this will result in deferring required maintenance to future periods at a greater overall cost to the province; and

WHEREAS it is reported in the Auditor General's report that 40% of capital maintenance projects chosen for completion are not recommended through the asset management capital planning process, and it was suggested that some of these are chosen for political reasons;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to return to the principles of asset management that have been implemented since 2008 to restore optimum long-term value to New Brunswick highway capital repairs.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the Alward government indicated that participation in the Shared Risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier initially told public servants and pensioners that the Shared Risk plan would not apply to vested benefits;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not engaged stakeholders in meaningful consultations;

WHEREAS the Alward government intends to impose the Shared Risk pension plan on public servants and retirees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to halt plans to introduce legislation that would impose the Shared Risk pension model and immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby government would sit down with bargaining, non-bargaining groups and other pension representatives to review all relevant financial information and discuss all possible options for pension reform.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 10 was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Melanson, as follows:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative party promised during the 2010 campaign that it would maintain the number of teachers in the province;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, avoided questions in relation to further cuts within his department;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development admitted to media that his department cut 40 teaching positions and that his government was unable to keep its campaign promise;

WHEREAS on August 23, 2013, a news story was published in regards to potential cuts to music and physical education specialists;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately release a complete list of any and all cuts made to teaching positions as well as other staff positions within all schools in the province's school districts.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS 12 public consultations were held between September 16 and October 9, leading to a renewal of *Overcoming Poverty Together - The New Brunswick Poverty Reduction Plan*;

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had the following objective: "By 2015, New Brunswick will have reduced income poverty by 25% and deep income poverty by 50% and will have made significant progress in achieving sustained economic and social inclusion.";

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had established specific priority actions, both immediate and over a five year period;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to table in the House within 30 days a detailed progress report on the province's Poverty Reduction Plan that demonstrates goals met and identifies remaining work and a timeline for achieving unmet goals.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Shephard, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 5 be amended:

By deleting the resolution clause and substituting the following:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick accepts as the most recent progress report, which was tabled in the House on June 14, 2013, and which identified the action items that have been completed to-date and identifies the work remaining."

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and then announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 12

Friday, November 22, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Gallant,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS the improper housing of exotic animals can result in serious public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

WHEREAS the housing of exotic animals is a highly specialized undertaking;

WHEREAS the problem with the current legislative and regulatory environment may result in the proliferation of unaccredited roadside zoos with attendant animal welfare, public safety and environmental concerns as well as the exploitation of exotic animals for profit;

WHEREAS accredited zoos and aquariums can bring significant economic, education and conservation benefits to their communities;

WHEREAS Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) wants to create a more uniform and adequately resourced policy, legislative, regulatory and enforcement regime governing exotic animals in the Atlantic provinces and in all other provinces and territories;

WHEREAS the Cities of New Brunswick Association passed a motion urging the government of New Brunswick to work with the other Atlantic provinces to create a joint task force to study the issue and report to the Council of the Federation with a recommended way forward;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the Alward Government to conduct a complete review of the provisions of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and other relevant legislation related to exotic animals and bring forward a detailed action plan to the Legislature including any recommended changes to the legislative and regulatory framework, prior to the closing of the current legislative session.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River were opened on April 14, 2010 as part of a 3 phase restoration project started under the former Liberal government;

WHEREAS the health of the Petitcodiac River has improved substantially, and life forms have returned to the river since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS a newly invigorated Petitcodiac River has attracted a number of tourists, including avid surfers, to the Moncton area since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project involves the construction of a bridge, to replace the causeway structure, that was due to open in 2013;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to move forward with its application for federal funding for the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project to allow for the project's completion.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 11.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

By Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, December 5, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS the health budget represents approximately 40% of the total provincial budget; and

WHEREAS according to the report *Modelling New Brunswick's Future Health Care Expenses and Resource Needs*, conducted by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries in conjunction with the New Brunswick Health Council, the health budget will increase by \$1 billion by year 2020; and

WHEREAS according to the aforementioned, smoking represents one of the three main and biggest factors influencing health care costs; and

WHEREAS Canadian Institute for Health Information statistics indicate that New Brunswick exceeds the Canadian average in smoking rates; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Wellness Strategy Action Plan only references smoking once, and only in relation to the workplace; and

WHEREAS smoking reduction with a focus on youth, should be a priority for every government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately develop a strategy and action plan aimed at reducing youth smoking in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 11.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 6, 7	November 20, 2013
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 9	November 21, 2013
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Farm Products Commission	November 25, 2013

Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Mr. Amin Mourad Meleika, the Consul General of Arab Republic of Egypt in Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 19, Motion 12 and Bill 18.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 11; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Betts rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Fraser used unparliamentary language when he used the phrase "not being honest" and "lied" in reference to the Premier. Mr. Deputy Speaker requested the Member to withdraw his comments, which he did.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Melanson, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

“Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Maritime Provinces Higher
Education Commission
Legislative Activities 2012

November 26, 2013
November 26, 2013

Daily sitting 15

Thursday, November 28, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted the Member's Statement delivered by Mr. Boudreau made unparliamentary comparisons of certain Ministers. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and advised Members against making such comparisons.

Mr. Tait gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Riordon:

THAT notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bill 11, which shall include the days spent considering said Bill from November 29, 2013 and onward, and at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bill; the order for consideration of the said Bill in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading of the said Bill; and where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to receive more than one reading or advanced more than one stage in one day.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the proposed amendment to Motion 5:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

On Thursday last, during consideration of Motion 5, the Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities moved an amendment to the motion at the end of the sitting day. As such, there was insufficient time to review the amendment in question before the adjournment of the House. Now that I have had an opportunity to review the acceptability of the amendment, I must advise the House that the amendment is not in proper form and, accordingly, I find the amendment to be out of order. When debate resumes on Motion 5, we will be debating the original motion and not the proposed amendment.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Arseneault withdraw the phrase "not bright" in reference to Mr. Steeves, which he did.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 12, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed in its efforts to address the economic challenges facing the province;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to stimulate job creation and tackle the problem of unemployment;

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have been forced to leave the province in search of employment elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Premier has not brought forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada figures reveal that nearly all New Brunswick economic indicators are well below the national average;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its lack of results in growing the economy, tackling unemployment, and creating jobs.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fitch used unparliamentary language when he alleged information provided by the Opposition was “incorrect”. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as the Member was commenting on the accuracy of the information, not on the honesty of a Member.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 16

Friday, November 29, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to make Kalydeco available to cystic fibrosis patient Alexander John Moore and three other patients in need of this medication. (Petition 4)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Bill 20 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 11; following which, with leave, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 11; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading; following which Bill 6 would be considered in Committee of the Whole.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time as follows:

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 13

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Haché
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Albert	
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny	

NAYS - 21

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Steeves	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Betts
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Killen	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Lifford	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Urquhart

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 20

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Steeves	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Killen	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Ms. Lynch	

NAYS - 13

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Haché
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Albert	
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny	

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Maine Legislators, State Representatives Katherine Cassidy, Larry Dunphy, Brian Duprey, Jeff Gifford, Paul Gilbert, Stacey Guerin, Erik Jorgensen, Don Marean, Catherine Nadeau, Robert Saucier, State Senator Roger Sherman, Representative Ken Theriault, State Senator Ed Youngblood; Maine State of Officials Jeff Bennett, Danny Deveau; Maine Business Representative Tim Walton; Canadian Consul General to New England and former Prince Edward Island Premier, Pat Binns, and his spouse, Carol Binns.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities.*

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Killen,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

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, however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Energy and Mines, the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of the Premier in relation to the costs associated with the use of RCMP services during the shale gas-related protests, blockades, etc., that occurred between October 1, 2012, and the present day.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

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 all funding projects approved for the NB Multimedia Initiative, through the Regional Development Corporation and/or the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, since March 31, 2011, including the names of those receiving funding, the amount of funding provided and a description of the projects.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, Bills 21, 22 and 23 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 11.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

At 4.24 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.34 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 5.23 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

5.32 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 2

November 29, 2013

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Paul Kenny, former Liberal MLA for Bathurst (1978-1991).

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Her Excellency Dienne Moehario, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the guests in the gallery that they are not permitted to participate in debate.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Macdonald,

Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick.*

By Mr. Tait,

Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 5, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 14, 12 and 8.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 17; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 11; following which Bill 11 would be called for third reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 17, Mr. Tait moved, seconded by Mr. Riordon:

THAT notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bill 11, which shall include the days spent considering said Bill from

November 29, 2013 and onward, and at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bill; the order for consideration of the said Bill in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading of the said Bill; and where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to receive more than one reading or advanced more than one stage in one day.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted Motion 17 was out of order as it was an abuse of the Standing Rules and infringed upon the rights of the minority. Mr. Fraser further submitted the motion amounted to closure and should only be moved after a lengthy debate has already occurred on the Bill. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud also spoke on the point of order.

At 11.37 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

12.05 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling with respect to Motion 17:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I will now rule on the point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader with respect to Motion 17.

The use of time allocation motions has been an accepted practice in this House for some time and such motions have been utilized in numerous other jurisdictions as well. A number of Canadian jurisdictions have specific rules that define the use of such motions. New Brunswick, however, does not. Therefore, we must rely on the practices that have been established in our House.

Generally, time allocation motions have been used to facilitate the efficient conduct of debate. A time allocation motion allows for specific lengths of time to be set aside for the consideration of one or more stages of a bill. It is different from a motion of closure, as it invokes the concept of time management as opposed to a motion of closure, which often takes effect immediately, without allowing for any further consideration.

Time allocation motions have been used in this House with some degree of regularity since 2008. In total, three time allocation motions have been passed by this House since that time. Specifically, on April 22, 2008; June 17, 2008, and April 14, 2010.

The wording of the motion currently before the House essentially mirrors that of the motions passed on June 17, 2008 and April 14, 2010, although those motions applied to multiple Bills, where the current motion applies to only one.

With respect to the submission that Motion 17 does not allocate sufficient time for the consideration of Bill 11: as I stated earlier, our Standing Rules do not address time allocation motions. As such, there is not a specific number of hours required before a time allocation motion can be moved, nor a specific number of hours or days that should be allocated in the motion itself.

With respect to protecting the rights of the minority to be heard, there is a suggestion that the Speaker could determine what might be considered a “reasonable” amount of time for consideration of a particular bill by the House. However, the question of how much time should be allocated to the consideration of a Bill - or any particular stage of a Bill - is not a procedural matter and not one to be determined by the Speaker. Speakers have been reluctant to intervene in such matters unless there are exceptional circumstances where it is clear that the rights of the minority are being infringed. I do not find that to be the case in this instance.

Although this motion is only being moved today, Members were given notice of same on Thursday last. Hence, the determination of how to best utilize the time spent considering Bill 11 since Thursday was a decision for Members to make, knowing that the time allocation motion was pending. I note that every Opposition Member had the opportunity to speak on second reading and that the Bill is currently being considered in Committee of the Whole.

The question of whether the overall time spent on the bill is adequate is not one for the Speaker to make but rather is a determination for the House as a whole. The chair has no discretionary power to refuse the motion as it is in keeping with the past practices of the House and is not contrary to the Standing Rules.

Accordingly, I will allow the motion to proceed.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to conclude the debate on Motion 17 prior to the expiration of the two hour time limit.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 17 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 33

Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Soucy	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Wilson	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Killen	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Betts
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. McLean	Mr. Urquhart

NAYS - 11

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

At 4.17 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, the Chair put the question on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be reported as amended, and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 32

Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Ms. Wilson	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Killen	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. McLean	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Soucy	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Malloch	

NAYS - 9

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Albert
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Bertrand
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Motion 17, Bill 11 was ordered for third reading forthwith.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 33

Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Ms. Wilson	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Killen	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. McLean	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Soucy	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Malloch	Mr. Urquhart

NAYS - 9

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Albert
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Bertrand
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, was read a third time and passed.

And then 6.10 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 19

Thursday, December 5, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 14, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS the improper housing of exotic animals can result in serious public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

WHEREAS the housing of exotic animals is a highly specialized undertaking;

WHEREAS the problem with the current legislative and regulatory environment may result in the proliferation of unaccredited roadside zoos with attendant animal welfare, public safety and environmental concerns as well as the exploitation of exotic animals for profit;

WHEREAS accredited zoos and aquariums can bring significant economic, education and conservation benefits to their communities;

WHEREAS Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) wants to create a more uniform and adequately resourced policy, legislative, regulatory and enforcement regime governing exotic animals in the Atlantic provinces and in all other provinces and territories;

WHEREAS the Cities of New Brunswick Association passed a motion urging the government of New Brunswick to work with the other Atlantic provinces to create a joint task force to study the issue and report to the Council of the Federation with a recommended way forward;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the Alward Government to conduct a complete review of the provisions of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and other relevant legislation related to exotic animals and bring forward a detailed action plan to the Legislature including any recommended changes to the legislative and regulatory framework, prior to the closing of the current legislative session.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Davis, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 14 be amended:

By deleting the words “the problem with” in the third WHEREAS clause;

By deleting the words “prior to the closing of the current legislative session” and the comma that precedes those words in the resolution clause and replacing the final period with a semicolon;

By adding the following after the resolution clause:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of this review, the Government consult with Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums, the Cities of New Brunswick Association, law enforcement and other appropriate stakeholders.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 14 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the improper housing of exotic animals can result in serious public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

WHEREAS the housing of exotic animals is a highly specialized undertaking;

WHEREAS the current legislative and regulatory environment may result in the proliferation of unaccredited roadside zoos with attendant animal welfare, public safety and environmental concerns as well as the exploitation of exotic animals for profit;

WHEREAS accredited zoos and aquariums can bring significant economic, education and conservation benefits to their communities;

WHEREAS Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) wants to create a more uniform and adequately resourced policy, legislative, regulatory and enforcement regime governing exotic animals in the Atlantic provinces and in all other provinces and territories;

WHEREAS the Cities of New Brunswick Association passed a motion urging the government of New Brunswick to work with the other Atlantic provinces to create a joint task force to study the issue and report to the Council of the Federation with a recommended way forward;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the Alward Government to conduct a complete review of the provisions of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and other relevant legislation related to exotic animals and bring forward a detailed action plan to the Legislature including any recommended changes to the legislative and regulatory framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of this review, the Government consult with Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums, the Cities of New Brunswick Association, law enforcement and other appropriate stakeholders.

And the question being put, Motion 14 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on Motion 12, moved by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Doucet, as follows:

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed in its efforts to address the economic challenges facing the province;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to stimulate job creation and tackle the problem of unemployment;

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have been forced to leave the province in search of employment elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Premier has not brought forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada figures reveal that nearly all New Brunswick economic indicators are well below the national average;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its lack of results in growing the economy, tackling unemployment, and creating jobs.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 12 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to our armed forces for their sacrifices on our behalf; and

WHEREAS armed forces personnel have been injured in the line of duty on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS federal government policy requires armed forces personnel to be ready to be deployed overseas for the entire ten years of their service to qualify for a pension; and

WHEREAS injuries prevent many of these armed forces personnel from being ready to be deployed overseas thereby disqualifying these brave men and women from a pension; and

WHEREAS successive Ministers of National Defense have recognized that this policy is unfair and have pledged to address the problem; and

WHEREAS the problem has still not been addressed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature of New Brunswick unanimously condemn that current policy and urge the federal government to make provision for armed forces personnel injured in the line of duty to be allowed to remain in the service for their full ten years to qualify for their pensions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 20

Friday, December 6, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. Mr. Harrison and Mr. McLean joined in this regard.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all documentation, however stored, recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Health, Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network, any elected member of the Legislative Assembly, and any member of the spiritual care committees at any hospital in New Brunswick including minutes of all meetings of the spiritual care committees, correspondence, and notes as it relates to providing spiritual care to clients of any of the hospitals or health care facilities in the Province between October 12, 2010 and the present day.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to establish a catastrophic drug plan before the fall of 2011;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to permanently freeze property tax assessments for all homeowners aged 65 and over;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to stabilize our public finances without raising taxes or reducing services;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to ensure that the annual budget of the Department of Health would increase by a minimum of 3% each and every year of his four-year mandate;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to reduce the small business tax rate by 50%;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward made several other promises that have not been kept;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to admit to the people of New Brunswick that he has not kept these promises.

Hon. Ms. Shephard, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 9; following which Bills 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 would be called for second reading; following which Bill 6 and, with leave, Bill 17 would be considered in Committee of the Whole.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. McLean in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. McLean, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 11.44 o'clock a.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

12.30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Tait in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Tait, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 1.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume I, 2013	December 5, 2013
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume II, 2013	December 5, 2013
Response to Petition 3	December 5, 2013

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Presentations of Petitions.

Mr. Harrison, Member for Hampton-Kings, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to initiate a consultative process to examine voting system options. (Petition 5)

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member's Statement by Mr. Killen was unparliamentary, as he used the terms "misleading" and "misleader" in reference to the Leader of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 13, 2013, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 1 o'clock p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Higgs, gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Bills 27 and 28 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 17, 23 and 20.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 3.35 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

3.42 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.19 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.46 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Betts in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Betts, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the point of order raised earlier in the day:

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

On the point of order raised earlier this afternoon by the Opposition House Leader, I have reviewed the transcript and am now prepared to make a ruling.

The Opposition House Leader submitted that the Member for Saint John Harbour used inappropriate language in his Member's statement. Upon reviewing the transcript it is clear that the Member for Saint John Harbour referred to the Leader of the Opposition by an inappropriate title, a title that is disrespectful and not in keeping with our parliamentary practices.

I will ask the Member for Saint John Harbour to use the appropriate title when referring to the Leader of the Opposition in the future. I also remind all Members to refrain from referring to Members by anything other than their appropriate title or constituency name.

And then, 5 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

Department of Public Safety

December 6, 2013

Daily sitting 22

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 8, 21 and 16.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 28 and 27 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 27 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 5.17 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, December 12, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker recognized the retirement of Cheryl Fulton Wade, who served in the Hansard Office of the Legislative Assembly for 33 years. Mr. Haché and Ms. Lynch joined in this regard.

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the SANB and members of the Forum de concertation des organismes acadiens urging the Legislative Assembly to end the cuts and make the necessary investments in education. (Petition 6)

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

December 12, 2013

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

Your Committee met on December 12, 2013, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bills:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick*,
Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick*,
Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes*,

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act.*

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, December 13, 2013, Bills 29, 24, 25 and 26 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on Motion 8, moved by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Collins, as follows:

WHEREAS all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to our armed forces for their sacrifices on our behalf; and

WHEREAS armed forces personnel have been injured in the line of duty on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS federal government policy requires armed forces personnel to be ready to be deployed overseas for the entire ten years of their service to qualify for a pension; and

WHEREAS injuries prevent many of these armed forces personnel from being ready to be deployed overseas thereby disqualifying these brave men and women from a pension; and

WHEREAS successive Ministers of National Defense have recognized that this policy is unfair and have pledged to address the problem; and

WHEREAS the problem has still not been addressed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature of New Brunswick unanimously condemn that current policy and urge the federal government to make provision for armed forces personnel injured in the line of duty to be allowed to remain in the service for their full ten years to qualify for their pensions.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 8 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Haché
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Riordon	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Killen	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Urquhart

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to establish a catastrophic drug plan before the fall of 2011;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to permanently freeze property tax assessments for all homeowners aged 65 and over;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to stabilize our public finances without raising taxes or reducing services;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to ensure that the annual budget of the Department of Health would increase by a minimum of 3% each and every year of his four-year mandate;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to reduce the small business tax rate by 50%;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward made several other promises that have not been kept;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to admit to the people of New Brunswick that he has not kept these promises.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 1

December 11, 2013

Daily sitting 24

Friday, December 13, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 24, 25, 26 and 29 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 8, 3, 4 and 27; following which, at 1.15 p.m., with leave of the House, Bills 3, 4 and 8 would be called for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.*

Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick.*

Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 24, 25 and 26 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.*

Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick.*

Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 3, 4 and 8 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities.*

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.*

Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick.*

Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 1.50 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

Department of Natural Resources	December 12, 2013
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 19	December 12, 2013

Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Higgs, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
February 4, 2014.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2015, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2012-2013, Volume 1*, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *2014-2015 Economic Outlook*; and *2014-2015 Budget, Putting our Resources to Work*.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Higgs, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 22, Hon. Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Higgs proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

On motion of Mr. Melanson, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that consideration of the motion on the budgetary policy of the government be resumed on Thursday next and then be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is dispatched.

And then, 2.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2012-2013 Research and Productivity Council	December 19, 2013
2011-2012 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	December 19, 2013
2012-2013 New Brunswick Community College	January 6, 2014
2012-2013 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	January 6, 2014
2012-2013 New Brunswick Forest Products Commission	January 13, 2014
2012-2013 Department of Energy and Mines	January 17, 2014
2012-2013 Vehicle Management Agency	January 23, 2014
2012-2013 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	January 30, 2014
2012-2013 Department of Justice and Attorney General	January 30, 2014
Annual Report on Fees, 2014	January 31, 2014
2011 Supervisor of Political Financing	January 31, 2014

Other

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2013, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 19, 2013
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists 2012-2013	December 19, 2013

Motions

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 11, 18	December 20, 2013
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Petitions

Response to Petition 4	January 6, 2014
Response to Petition 6	January 17, 2014

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Urquhart offered condolences to the family of the late retired Constable Jean Dufour, who served as a security officer at the Legislative Assembly (2009-2014). Mr. Arseneault joined in this regard.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

And then, 12.02 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 27

Thursday, February 6, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Melanson withdraw the term "lied" in reference to the government, which he did.

And after some time, on motion of Hon. Mr. Northrup, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 2.03 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 28

Friday, February 7, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
December 13, 2013.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Stewart referred to the Leader of the Opposition by name, and not by title. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the entry on page 31 of the 2014-2015 provincial Budget Multi-Year Capital Plan, entitled Public-Private partnerships - Restigouche Hospital Centre including, but not limited to, the request for proposals, proposal evaluations, contracts, contract revisions, design changes, budgets and financial information.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the situation at Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home regarding the loss of hot water including details on when the government was first notified, and what actions were taken to address the situation including any communication, in any form, between anyone affiliated with the nursing home, the Department of Social Development, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the public, any MLA and any other government employee.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the negotiations of any agreements, letters of intent, evaluations, assessments, safety concerns, between CN Rail, Via, the Federal Government, the Premier's Office, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, any government, employee, MLAs, and other stakeholders regarding the rail infrastructure in the Province of New Brunswick.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, February 21, 2014, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 11, 2014; and

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, March 28, 2014, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 22); following which, at noon, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 28; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allocated for debate on the Budget had expired.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 29

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 information and documentation regarding the decision to build a new K-8 school in Miramichi and to expand Gretna Green to a K-8 school including but not limited to all studies, evaluations, assessments, reports and recommendations including a copy of the recommendations submitted by the Anglophone North DEC. In addition, any correspondence however stored, electronically or otherwise, between MLAs, ministers, government employees, executive assistants and members or staff of the DEC in relation to the decision.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

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 information and documentation including all correspondence, however stored, electronically or otherwise, between MLAs, ministers, government employees, executive assistants, current and former employees of the Memramcook Institute, and any persons or corporations, companies or third parties with respect to personal service contracts, goods and service contracts, employment contracts in relation to the hiring of any employee (full-time, part-time, casual or contract), the provision of any goods or services by a contractor or company at the Memramcook Institute since the government assumed responsibility of the operation of that facility, including but not limited to any management, maintenance, cleaning and janitorial positions or services.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 information and documentation in relation to the community and stakeholder consultation process leading up to the finalization of the pending provincial forestry plan, including a list of public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and any other forms of consultation that may have been undertaken to gather input from stakeholders and the general public.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 22).

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 5.59 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 30

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act.*

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.*

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 information and documentation between the Premier's Office, the federal government, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and any MLA, or minister including, but not limited to any requests, reports, proposals, agreements, assessments and evaluations in relation to capital improvements to Highway 11, including but not limited to those related to twinning, maintenance, and the expansion of Highway 11 between Moncton and Campbellton.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 13 and 14.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 27; following which, at 4 p.m., the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 22).

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 27, Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And the debate continuing, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Riordon, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 31

Thursday, February 13, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including mobile to mobile device communication, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Energy, the Department of Finance and the Executive Council Office from November 15, 2010, to the present with respect to the Department of Energy - Saint John office, including but not limited to a detailed breakdown of all expenditures related to the office, any changes in staffing including the number of permanent, part-time and casual employees working out of the Saint John office and any changes to the organizational structure or mandate of the Saint John office.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including mobile to mobile device communication, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Energy, the Department of Finance, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Executive Council Office and all third parties from November 15, 2010, to the present with respect to renovations to the Department of Energy - Hugh John Flemming complex, including, but not limited to all tenders, RFPs, invitations to tender, contracts, agreements, project fees, estimates, and a detailed breakdown of all costs associated with renovations.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 32)

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 109.1(1), not more than 120 hours shall be allocated for the consideration of estimates and supplementary estimates during the Fourth Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates, which shall report those estimates back to the House for concurrence therein:

Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries;
Department of Economic Development;
Department of Energy and Mines;
Department of Environment and Local Government;
Invest New Brunswick;
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89.1, the estimates of the Department of Health shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Health Care, which shall report those estimates back to the House for concurrence therein without notice, debate or amendment unless circumstances exist as provided for in Standing Rule 78.2;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89.1, the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, which shall report those estimates back to the House for concurrence therein without notice, debate or amendment unless circumstances exist as provided for in Standing Rule 78.2;

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates, Standing Committee on Health Care, and Standing Committee on Education shall be televised and shall take place in the Legislative Assembly Chamber;

THAT not more than 40 hours shall be allocated for the consideration of estimates in the Standing Committee on Estimates and at the expiration of the 40 hours, all estimates remaining for consideration shall be referred back to the Committee of Supply for its consideration;

THAT not more than 40 hours in total shall be allocated for the consideration of estimates in the Standing Committee on Health Care and the Standing Committee on Education and at the expiration of the 40 hours, all estimates remaining for consideration shall be referred back to the Committee of Supply for its consideration;

THAT not more than 40 hours shall be allocated for the consideration of estimates in the Committee of Supply;

THAT the Standing Committee on Estimates, Standing Committee on Health Care, and Standing Committee on Education shall operate and conduct their proceedings in the same manner as the Committee of Supply, which operates largely as an Opposition forum where Members of the Official Opposition question Ministers on their departmental estimates.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, February 14, 2014, Bills 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 would be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

February 12, 2014

Daily sitting 32

Friday, February 14, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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, information, notes, memos, correspondence, however stored, electronically or otherwise, between the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Department of Government Services, any other department, any employees of the provincial government and any person or outside firm with regard to the disposal of the government executive flight service plane and any associated assets and also anything related to the purchase of flight service for members of the Executive Council and / or employees of the provincial government between June 1st, 2013 and today's date.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the number of Code Whites reported in each of the past twelve months at the Saint John Regional Hospital, Chalmers Hospital, Moncton City Hospital and Dr. Georges L. Dumont Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 27 and 21.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 10.45 o'clock a.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

10.56 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

At 12.10 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

12.48 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 27, Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 22 was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty forthwith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Urquhart moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of Estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 1.54 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Department of Health

February 17, 2014

Daily sitting 34

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Gallant rose and withdrew the term “misleading” in reference to the Premier.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including mobile to mobile device communication, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Premier’s Office, municipalities, first responders, volunteer fire departments, community service providers, relief agencies, local service districts, regional service commissions, NB Power, and other third parties from December 18, 2013, to January 16, 2014, inclusive, in relation to the emergency response to the ice storm in New Brunswick and related power outages including but not limited to all memos, directives, inquiries, agreements, planning documentation, orders, requests, and information updates.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including mobile to mobile device communications, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Department of Environment and Local Government, municipalities, the Premier’s Office, first responders, volunteer fire departments, community service providers, local service districts, regional service commissions, and other third parties in relation to the preparation of an emergency plan related to natural disasters and catastrophic weather events, including but not limited to flooding and ice storms, for Charlotte County since November 2010 to present, including but not limited to all

memos, directives, inquiries, agreements, planning documentation, orders, requests, and information updates.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Harper government has announced the closure of eight regional Veterans Affairs offices across Canada including two offices in Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS the regional offices provide much needed support services to Canadian veterans across the country; and

WHEREAS veterans and many veteran support groups have expressed concern that the move to close these offices and deliver veteran support services on-line and through Service Canada outlets, will result in a significant reduction of service; and

WHEREAS a concern has been raised that the lack of a dedicated service for veterans will result in many veterans having to travel great distances to receive the services and support they require; and

WHEREAS our veterans who have served and sacrificed on behalf of our country deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and many see this decision by the Harper government as a betrayal of trust;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously call upon the Harper government to reverse its decision to close the Veterans Affairs regional offices.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS on any given day, many animals are subjected to improper care and treatment which causes them to suffer;

WHEREAS a major issue of concern is the tethering of animals for extended periods or in severe weather conditions;

WHEREAS there is also a need to ensure animals have access to adequate food, water and shelter;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to bring forward amendments to the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* or its regulations to strengthen our animal protection laws and ensure these concerns are addressed.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 14, Motion 21 and 16, Bill 12.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 27, 21 and 22; following which, at 5.45 p.m., Royal Assent would take place.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Betts in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

3.22 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Betts resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 27, Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed a Bill at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 5.55 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, February 20, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Macdonald welcomed to the House the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Member of Parliament for Central Nova; and Mr. Robert Goguen, Member of Parliament for Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS CN Rail has announced it will abandon a 70 kilometer stretch of track between Miramichi and Bathurst; and

WHEREAS this rail line is used to provide passenger service by VIA Rail; and

WHEREAS if the line is abandoned, rail passenger service east of Quebec to the Maritimes will be in jeopardy and may cease to exist; and

WHEREAS this passenger service is an important transportation link as access to rail passenger service supports economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province; and

WHEREAS this service connects communities and provides greater social and economic benefits for New Brunswickers; and

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

WHEREAS the federal government is abandoning its responsibility to ensure the people of New Brunswick have access to a crucial national transportation link;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to call upon the Harper government to preserve passenger rail service in New Brunswick.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including mobile to mobile device communication, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Public Safety, the NB 911 Bureau, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Department of Finance and other third parties in relation to the monies collected by all telecommunications providers as a 911 fee since November 2010 to present, including the total amount collected, and a detailed breakdown of how these funds were expended.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Premier had promised after the floods of 2010 a two-year project to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Measures plan “to build a robust emergency program for the region”; and

WHEREAS this plan has failed its objective; and

WHEREAS this plan was to provide training for responders and exercises to validate the emergency plans; and

WHEREAS this plan failed this objective; and

WHEREAS local citizens involved in the discussions were told at a planning meeting in August 2012, that this planning was no longer needed; and

WHEREAS southwestern New Brunswick was hit with a serious ice storm that left thousands of New Brunswick citizens without power in freezing weather for up to 13 days; and

WHEREAS representatives from the Emergency Measures Organization arrived on the scene well after the fact and certainly added to the confusion without communicating a plan with anyone; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Emergency Measures Organization left rural New Brunswick people to fend for themselves, telling people to call their local fire department; and

WHEREAS people in rural Charlotte County were given no directions from the Emergency Measures Organization on what to do or where to go; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and government did not provide communications updates nor advisories to the public until well after the event; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and government excuses as to why there was a breakdown in communications, demonstrate the Emergency Measures Organization failure since these were issues that their planning was supposed to address; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and the government would not allow localized states of emergency to be called when subsection 10(2) of the *Emergency Measures Act* clearly allows this community responsibility; and

WHEREAS the role of the Emergency Measures Organization in the emergency demonstrated that no “robust” plan appeared to be in place to deal with the emergency; and

WHEREAS the document provided to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on request to the Department of Public Safety on October 29, 2013, and tabled on December 16, 2013, indicated in the Executive Summary that no “robust” plan was in place;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick ask the Auditor General to examine the Department of Public Safety and in particular the Emergency Measures Organization to determine if a comprehensive plan is in place for the next emergency and if staff are qualified and properly trained to protect the people of New Brunswick in this role and whether paying for these positions from the NB911 Service Fund is an appropriate use of the Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Measures Organization be brought to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts within 120 days for detailed questioning by the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Measures Organization be scheduled to appear at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts every year thereafter.

Hon. Mr. Fitch gave notice that on Friday, February 21, 2014, Bill 39 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on Motion 21, moved by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to establish a catastrophic drug plan before the fall of 2011;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to permanently freeze property tax assessments for all homeowners aged 65 and over;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to stabilize our public finances without raising taxes or reducing services;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to ensure that the annual budget of the Department of Health would increase by a minimum of 3% each and every year of his four-year mandate;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to reduce the small business tax rate by 50%;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward made several other promises that have not been kept;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to admit to the people of New Brunswick that he has not kept these promises.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 21 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 16, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS the health budget represents approximately 40% of the total provincial budget; and

WHEREAS according to the report *Modelling New Brunswick's Future Health Care Expenses and Resource Needs*, conducted by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries in conjunction with the New Brunswick Health Council, the health budget will increase by \$1 billion by year 2020; and

WHEREAS according to the aforementioned, smoking represents one of the three main and biggest factors influencing health care costs; and

WHEREAS Canadian Institute for Health Information statistics indicate that New Brunswick exceeds the Canadian average in smoking rates; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Wellness Strategy Action Plan only references smoking once, and only in relation to the workplace; and

WHEREAS smoking reduction with a focus on youth, should be a priority for every government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately develop a strategy and action plan aimed at reducing youth smoking in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Shephard, seconded by Mr. Riordon, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 16 be amended:

In the fifth WHEREAS clause, by replacing all the words following “Wellness Strategy Action Plan” with “addresses support for anti-smoking initiatives including the Smoker’s Helpline, the New Brunswick Anti-Tobacco Coalition and tobacco-free workplaces; and”

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick” with “recognise the valuable work currently underway under the Alward Government and urges the provincial government to build on these initiatives and further develop its strategy and action plan aimed at reducing youth smoking in New Brunswick”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 16 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the health budget represents approximately 40% of the total provincial budget; and

WHEREAS according to the report *Modelling New Brunswick’s Future Health Care Expenses and Resource Needs*, conducted by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries in conjunction with the New Brunswick Health Council, the health budget will increase by \$1 billion by year 2020; and

WHEREAS according to the aforementioned, smoking represents one of the three main and biggest factors influencing health care costs; and

WHEREAS Canadian Institute for Health Information statistics indicate that New Brunswick exceeds the Canadian average in smoking rates; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Wellness Strategy Action Plan addresses support for anti-smoking initiatives including the Smoker's Helpline, the New Brunswick Anti-Tobacco Coalition and tobacco-free workplaces; and

WHEREAS smoking reduction with a focus on youth, should be a priority for every government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognise the valuable work currently underway under the Alward Government and urges the provincial government to build on these initiatives and further develop its strategy and action plan aimed at reducing youth smoking in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, Motion 16 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 36

Friday, February 21, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Justice; and Finance.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

At 12.19 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

12.29 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$42,496,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration and Planning	3,537,000
Court Services	31,288,000
Legal Aid	7,874,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	150,000
Voted	42,496,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Justice 10,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Justice 20,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 37

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and advised the Leader of the Official Opposition that his questions were in contravention of Standing Rule 49(b)(i) as the matter in question was before the court.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Flemming used unparliamentary language in reference to the Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Bill 39, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 21, 22, 36, 37 and 38.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Betts in the chair.

At 3.14 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts declared a recess and left the chair.

3.18 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Betts resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 20	February 20, 2014
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 24	March 7, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Efficiency NB	February 21, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Department of Environment and Local Government	March 7, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Department of Human Resources	March 10, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Department of Social Development	March 10, 2014

Daily sitting 38

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to declare a moratorium on the exploration and development of shale gas and hydraulic fracturing and demanding that a referendum be held on the issue. (Petition 7)

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the point of order raised during the previous sitting day:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I would like to deal with the point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader following Question Period yesterday. The Member submitted that the Minister of Health and Attorney General used insulting language when he responded to the questions posed by the Leader of the Opposition. Having reviewed the transcript, I find the point of order well taken. I would tend to agree that some of the language used in responding to the questions was unnecessary. It is not in keeping with the practices of this House to attack the personal character of Members during Question Period or at any other time. I know the Honourable Minister is quite capable of raising the level of debate and I would ask him to do so in the future.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Lynch,

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 13, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 12, 16 and 15.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 27.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 38.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 3.20 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne

March 11, 2014

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 23

March 11, 2014

Daily sitting 39

Thursday, March 13, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Haché
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Albert	
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny	

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Soucy	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Betts
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Williams	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. McLean	

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 40

Friday, March 14, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reverse the policy change regarding seniors requiring 24 hour care at specialized nursing homes. (Petition 8)

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 42)

THAT, in addition to the estimates referred to certain Standing Committees by resolution of the House adopted February 13, 2014, the estimates of the Department of Social Development shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates, pursuant to Standing Rule 109.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, March 21, 2014, Bill 27 would be called for third reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Public Safety.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 10.17 o'clock a.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

10.28 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 26

March 13, 2014

Daily sitting 41

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Flemming withdraw the term “chicken little” in reference to Mr. Arseneault, which he did.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act.*

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Riordon,

Bill 43, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists.*

By Mr. Killen,

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Healthy and Inclusive Communities; and Human Resources.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 4.35 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

4.38 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHY AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$18,484,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate Administration	1,386,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,790,000
Healthy Living	14,361,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	18,484,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 28 March 17, 2014

Daily sitting 42

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Gallant, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Local Service Districts of Grande-Digue and Shediac Bridge urging the Department of Transportation to complete the work on certain roads in their region. (Petition 9)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

By Mr. Gallant,

Bill 46, *Government Advertising Accountability Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*

By Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

Motions 6, 7, 9, 11, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 26 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 20, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 15, Bill 16 and 46.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Jody Carr quoted from a document while responding to a question and should therefore be required to table the document. The Chair ruled that it was within the Minister's discretion whether to table the document in question, as it may not be in the public interest to do so.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 43

Thursday, March 20, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Higgs rose on a point of privilege in relation to comments made by Mr. Fraser, during Oral Questions the previous sitting day, concerning certain Ministerial expenses not being posted on-line on a timely basis. The Minister alleged the comments were deliberately misleading, as the expenses in question were recently posted on-line. In response to the point, Mr. Fraser rose and apologized to the House and acknowledged the error in his comments.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 43)

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted November 6, 2013, the House shall sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, and shall remain in effect until the adjournment of the House on Thursday, March 27, 2014.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, on behalf of Mr. Collins, moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River were opened on April 14, 2010 as part of a 3 phase restoration project started under the former Liberal government;

WHEREAS the health of the Petitcodiac River has improved substantially, and life forms have returned to the river since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS a newly invigorated Petitcodiac River has attracted a number of tourists, including avid surfers, to the Moncton area since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project involves the construction of a bridge, to replace the causeway structure, that was due to open in 2013;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to move forward with its application for federal funding for the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project to allow for the project's completion.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Williams, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 15 be amended:

By adding the following after the fourth WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS the year before the David Alward Government took office, spending grew by 5.9 per cent and the Province was facing annual deficits in the order of one billion dollars if spending was not curtailed;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition fails to recognise the fiscal challenges facing the Province and continues to advocate for irresponsible spending by Government without a plan to fund these initiatives without further increasing the debt and deficit;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick cannot afford this reckless spending without a plan that will ensure the sustainability of the Province's finances and the security of our future;

WHEREAS the David Alward Government has a plan that leads towards economic prosperity and balanced budgets;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition does not support the responsible development of our natural resources, including natural gas, that will be transformative to the economy of our Province, improve the standing of our people, permit New Brunswickers to stay with their families and provide the Government with significantly stronger fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS there are numerous priorities for federal and provincial spending in southeastern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the residents of southeastern New Brunswick should determine their spending priorities for their region, which may include such items as a Metro Centre;

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “Petitcodiac River Restoration Project” with “once the Province has the appropriate fiscal capacity to allow for the project’s completion and once the region has identified this project as their priority for federal and provincial funding”.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order as it introduced foreign elements into the original motion.

At 3.14 o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.25 o’clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

I have reviewed the original motion and the amendment proposed by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. I agree with the Opposition House Leader that the amendment proposes a number of significant changes, many of which are foreign to the original motion.

The subject matter of the original motion is the final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project and the construction of a bridge to replace the causeway structure. The motion asks the provincial government to move forward with its application for federal funding for the final phase of the project.

The proposed amendment introduces a number of elements unrelated to the main motion, such as annual provincial deficits; irresponsible spending; economic prosperity; balanced budgets; responsible development of natural resources, including natural gas; and a proposed Metro Center.

As stated in *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, paragraph 578: *An amendment setting forth a proposition dealing with a matter which is foreign to the proposition involved in the main motion is not relevant and cannot be moved.*

The same principle is cited on page 453 of the *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* which states: *An amendment is out of order procedurally if it is not relevant to the main motion or exceeds the scope of the motion.*

I find that the proposed amendment does exceed the scope of the main motion and, accordingly, I find the amendment to be out of order.

Debate resumed on Motion 15.

And after some time, Ms. Wilson, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 15 be amended:

By adding the following after the fourth WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick cannot afford spending commitments without a plan that will ensure the sustainability of the Province's finances and the security of our future;

WHEREAS there are numerous priorities for federal and provincial spending in southeastern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the residents of southeastern New Brunswick should determine their spending priorities for their region, which may include such items as a Metro Centre;

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “Petitcodiac River Restoration Project” with “once the Province has the appropriate fiscal capacity to allow for the project’s completion and once the region has identified this project as their priority for federal and provincial funding”.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order as it introduced foreign elements into the original motion.

At 3.52 o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

4.09 o’clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

I have reviewed the original motion and the amendment proposed by the Member for Petitcodiac, and I find this amendment to be in order, for the following reasons.

The subject matter of the proposed amendment is not foreign to the original motion. Both address spending and the priorities of government. As stated in *Beauchesne’s Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, paragraph 567: *The object of an amendment may be either to modify a question in such a way as to increase its acceptability or to present to the House a different proposition as an alternative to the original question.*

I also find that the amendment does not negative the intent of the original motion. Rather, it presents an alternative proposal for the consideration of the House. Accordingly, I find the amendment to be in order.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 15 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River were opened on April 14, 2010 as part of a 3 phase restoration project started under the former Liberal government;

WHEREAS the health of the Petitcodiac River has improved substantially, and life forms have returned to the river since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS a newly invigorated Petitcodiac River has attracted a number of tourists, including avid surfers, to the Moncton area since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project involves the construction of a bridge, to replace the causeway structure, that was due to open in 2013;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick cannot afford spending commitments without a plan that will ensure the sustainability of the Province's finances and the security of our future;

WHEREAS there are numerous priorities for federal and provincial spending in southeastern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the residents of southeastern New Brunswick should determine their spending priorities for their region, which may include such items as a Metro Centre;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to move forward with its application for federal funding for the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project once the Province has the appropriate fiscal capacity to allow for the project's completion and once the region has identified this project as their priority for federal and provincial funding.

And the question being put, Motion 15 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *Government Advertising Accountability Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 44

Friday, March 21, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Riordon rose on a point of privilege concerning remarks made by Mr. Fraser the previous sitting day regarding the reasons for the cancellation of an event. Mr. Arseneault spoke on the point of privilege. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling in relation to the point of privilege:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

A point of privilege was raised earlier today by the Member for Nepisiguit, concerning the reasons for the cancellation of an event. The Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East also spoke on the point. In my opinion, this is a matter of debate, not a matter of privilege.

It is not the role of the Speaker to ascertain whether something said in debate is factual or not. I would ask Members to keep this in mind when determining whether they should raise such matters. If a Member believes there is a valid point of privilege to be raised in the House, I would also ask that the Member follow the procedures outlined in the *Standing Rules*.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,
Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Thursday, March 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the government intends to implement new natural gas royalties effective April 1; and

WHEREAS the proposed royalties are much lower than were recommended in the LaPierre Report; and

WHEREAS the new natural gas royalties are poised to be the lowest in North America; and

WHEREAS the new royalties are structured to promote rapid, indiscriminate development of shale gas reserves without regard to any long term benefit from the resource; and

WHEREAS in this race for the bottom in resource value, the government is squandering the potential for any real wealth that might come to the province from these resources; and

WHEREAS these are non-renewable resources which, if squandered now, cannot be replaced; and

WHEREAS the government has not shared the advice papers on which these radically low royalty plans have been developed; and

WHEREAS this matter is vitally important to New Brunswick people and our future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to delay the implementation of the new royalties to allow for the proposed natural gas royalty regulations to be referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments along with the relevant studies and recommendations supporting the royalty plan, and provide a reasonable opportunity for New Brunswick citizens to review this information, provide feedback and receive responses from officials of the Department of Energy and Mines in regards to the rationale for the implementation of this particular royalty scheme.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, Bills 41, 42, 45, 47, 49 and 50 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 27 be called for third reading.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Arseneault
Hon. Mr. Alward	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Gallant
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Killen	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Albert
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Malloch	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Haché
Hon. Mr. Soucy	Mr. S. Robichaud	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Tait	
Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Savoie	

Accordingly, Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, was read a third time and passed.

And then 10.35 o'clock a.m. the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of
Motions 30, 31, 34

March 20, 2014

Daily sitting 45

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

March 25, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Second Report of the session.

Your Committee met on March 25, 2014, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and had under consideration the following Bills:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act*;
Bill 43, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists*;
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

At 2.18 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.27 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Honourable the Premier referred to the Leader of the Official Opposition as a "cartoon character" and that Hon. Mr. Leonard accused Mr. Doucet of spreading "false information". Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, April 3, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all documentation, including correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, in regards to the salary and expenses, including but not limited to office rental, travel, personnel, etc. of staff at Atlantic Education International (AEI) since April 1, 2010, as well as a list of all appointments and employees at AEI since April 1, 2010.

At 3.02 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.19 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Bill 50, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Public Safety; and Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 50 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 5.12 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bonenfant in the chair..

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bonenfant, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$292,328,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate Services	5,727,000
NB Public Libraries	14,914,000
Post-Secondary Education	165,272,000
Adult Learning	10,157,000
Labour and Planning	5,302,000
Employment Development	13,754,000
Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreement	11,364,000
Labour Market Development	89,151,000
Population Growth	3,298,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	26,558,000
Voted	292,328,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	274,873,000
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$140,224,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate Services and Planning	4,395,000
Public Security and Corrections	123,894,000
Safety Services	17,179,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	5,191,000
Voted	140,224,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Labour and Employment Board	621,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	360,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission:	
Deferred Maintenance Program	2,000,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$62,900,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Student Loan Advances	62,900,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
WorkSafe NB	
- Finance	360,000
- Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
- Health	515,000
- Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	30,000
Voted	1,065,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000
Public Safety	25,000
INVENTORIES	
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Public Safety	500,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 9.03 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 46

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Alward,
Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 27, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 46 and 15; Motion 44.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Private Bills 40, 43 and 44, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 50; following which, at noon, Royal Assent would take place; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Bill 50 until 3 o'clock p.m.; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Government Services; Human Resources; and, at 7 o'clock p.m., the Women's Equality Branch; and Human Resources.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act.*
Bill 43, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists.*
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 40, 43 and 44 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act.*
Bill 43, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists.*
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*.

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act*.

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*.

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists*.

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick*.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 12.15 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 4.41 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

5 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting past 6 o'clock p.m.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$54,908,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

General Services	9,238,000
New Brunswick Internal Services Agency (NBISA)	22,542,000
Service New Brunswick	23,181,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	54,908,000

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,461,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Human Resource Management	3,514,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	3,461,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Employee Benefit Plans	237,846,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted	237,844,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	363,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015

Voted

INVENTORIES

Government Services	2,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6.07 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

New Brunswick Police Commission

Response to Petition 7

March 25, 2014

March 25, 2014

Daily sitting 47

Thursday, March 27, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker recognized the retirement of Wendy Bergeron, who served in the Finance and Human Resources section of the Legislative Assembly.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud referred to the Leader of the Official Opposition as a “dictator”. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Tait,
Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act*.
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act*.
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, March 28, 2014, Bill 51 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider certain estimates.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 46, *Government Advertising Accountability Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

Mr. Riordon rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Boudreau was out of order as he used a wastebasket as a prop during his speech. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, at the request of Hon. Ms. Shephard, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Ms. Shephard, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance; and the Supplementary Estimates 2012-2013, Volume I.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 8.32 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

8.46 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 48

Friday, March 28, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Members' Statements delivered by certain Government Members contained personal attacks against his character. Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised the House that Members' Statements provide an opportunity for Members to place on the public record issues of concern to them or their constituents. Members' Statements are not to be used for making personal attacks against other Members. Mr. Speaker requested all Members to act accordingly when drafting their statements in the future.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. McLean,

Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Williams,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Stultz,

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

Hon. Mr. Williams gave notice that on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Bills 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Office of the Attorney General; and the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 11.09 o'clock a.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

11.30 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$18,178,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Attorney General 18,178,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Office of the Attorney General	5,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Office of the Attorney General	4,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, April 8, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bonenfant, from the Standing Committee on Health Care, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 8, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Health Care begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 27, 28, March 11, 13 and April 4, 2014, to consider the estimates of the Department of Health, referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 13, 2014.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report and recommends these estimates to the House.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Yvon Bonenfant, M.L.A.
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,587,248,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate and Other Health Services	296,663,000
Medicare	582,907,000
Drug Programs	214,677,000
Regional Health Authorities	1,494,061,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	1,007,000
Voted	2,587,248,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$22,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment	22,500,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Health	1,225,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Health	2,000
INVENTORIES	
Health	8,830,000

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and requested that Hon. Mr. Jody Carr refrain from reading from his Ipad while responding to questions, which he did.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act.*

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Office of the Premier; Executive Council Office; Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat; and Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons until 5 o'clock p.m.; following which the Committee would consider the estimates of the Department of Finance; and the Supplementary Estimates 2012-2013, Volume I.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 3.31 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.32 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$17,914,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Financial Resource Management	14,828,000
Office of the Comptroller	3,139,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	17,914,000

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,549,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	1,628,000
Less amounts authorized by law	79,000
Voted	1,549,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,212,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Service of the Public Debt	685,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	679,788,000
Voted	5,212,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes . . .	560,000
Consolidated Entities	228,514,000
Less amounts authorized by law	228,514,000
Voted	0
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	208,636,000
Less amounts authorized by law	156,000
Voted	208,480,000
Provision for Losses	21,700,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	37,600,000
Supplementary Funding Provision	64,627,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

General Government 100,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Other (small advances) 40,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2012-2013, VOLUME I

ORDINARY ACCOUNT Voted

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013: Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances 179,402,400.48

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$14,686,372.06 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013: Police, Fire and Emergency Services 14,686,372.06

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$14,660,507.50 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013: Administration 925,605.13 Maintenance 7,082,352.00 Winter Maintenance 6,652,550.37 Voted 14,660,507.50

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 5.42 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2013	
WorkSafe NB	April 1, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Kings Landing Historical Settlement	April 4, 2014
Report to the Legislative Administration Committee of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, Internal Review of the Expenditures Charged to the Constituency Office of Mr. Greg Davis, Member for Campbellton-Restigouche Centre, April 4, 2014.	April 4, 2014

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Wednesday, April 9, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud accused Mr. Boudreau of “deliberately making false statements”. Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1)*.

Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 63 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1)*.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1)*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 63 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1)*, was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 10, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 39, 41 and 37.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, April 11, 2014, Bill 62 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture; following which Bills 49, 53, 54, 55, 58, 47, 57, 51, 41, 42, 45, 59, 60 and 61 would be called for second reading; following which, at 2.45 o'clock p.m., the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 34 and 35; following which, at 4.45 o'clock p.m., the remaining Bills would be called for second reading.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Bonenfant took the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Bonenfant, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$40,240,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	2,783,000
Parks, Heritage and Culture	25,600,000
Marketing, Sales and Visitor Experience	12,835,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	925,000
Voted	40,240,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$750,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Capital Improvements 750,000

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WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Tourism, Heritage and Culture 500,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Tourism, Heritage and Culture 95,000

INVENTORIES

Tourism, Heritage and Culture 500,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 49 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 55 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 2.18 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.22 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 47 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 57 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 58 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 51 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Tait in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Tait, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 59 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 5.25 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2013

Firefighters' Compensation Act Disability Fund

April 8, 2014

Daily sitting 51

Thursday, April 10, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Prior to Oral Questions, Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that he had reviewed the Hansard from the previous sitting day, regarding the point of order raised by Mr. Fraser, and found that the language used could be viewed as unparliamentary and requested that all Members refrain from using such language in the future.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Williams accused Mr. Haché of making “false accusations”. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that the phrase in question does not question the honesty of the Member, only the accuracy of his information. Accordingly, Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Harrison,

Bill 64, An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 46)

THAT, in addition to the estimates referred to certain standing committees by resolutions of the House adopted February 13 and March 14, 2014, the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates, pursuant to Standing Rule 109.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 39, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS CN Rail has announced it will abandon a 70 kilometer stretch of track between Miramichi and Bathurst; and

WHEREAS this rail line is used to provide passenger service by VIA Rail; and

WHEREAS if the line is abandoned, rail passenger service east of Quebec to the Maritimes will be in jeopardy and may cease to exist; and

WHEREAS this passenger service is an important transportation link as access to rail passenger service supports economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province; and

WHEREAS this service connects communities and provides greater social and economic benefits for New Brunswickers; and

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

WHEREAS the federal government is abandoning its responsibility to ensure the people of New Brunswick have access to a crucial national transportation link;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to call upon the Harper government to preserve passenger rail service in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Williams, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 39 be amended:

By adding before the first WHEREAS clause:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has recently worked with Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to preserve freight service in northeastern New Brunswick, which includes a commitment to invest up to \$25 million dollars by the Province in rail infrastructure and CN will spend a comparable amount to maintain and operate the line, ensuring continued rail freight service for 15 years; and”;

In the first WHEREAS clause by replacing the word “will” with “intends to” and adding the word “further” before “70”;

By deleting the seventh WHEREAS clause;

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “Legislative Assembly urge the” with “Government of Canada to work with Canadian National Railway and VIA Rail to ensure the preservation of the Ocean passenger rail service in northern and eastern New Brunswick”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to observe a moment of silence on the passing of Hon. Mr. Jim Flaherty, former Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Whitby—Oshawa (2006-2014).

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 39 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has recently worked with Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to preserve freight service in northeastern New Brunswick, which includes a commitment to invest up to \$25 million dollars by the Province in rail infrastructure and CN will spend a comparable amount to maintain and operate the line, ensuring continued rail freight service for 15 years; and

WHEREAS CN Rail has announced it intends to abandon a further 70 kilometer stretch of track between Miramichi and Bathurst; and

WHEREAS this rail line is used to provide passenger service by VIA Rail; and

WHEREAS if the line is abandoned, rail passenger service east of Quebec to the Maritimes will be in jeopardy and may cease to exist; and

WHEREAS this passenger service is an important transportation link as access to rail passenger service supports economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province; and

WHEREAS this service connects communities and provides greater social and economic benefits for New Brunswickers; and

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to work with Canadian National Railway and VIA Rail to ensure the preservation of the Ocean passenger rail service in northern and eastern New Brunswick.

And the question being put, Motion 39 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 41, Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Premier had promised after the floods of 2010 a two-year project to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Measures plan “to build a robust emergency program for the region”; and

WHEREAS this plan has failed its objective; and

WHEREAS this plan was to provide training for responders and exercises to validate the emergency plans; and

WHEREAS this plan failed this objective; and

WHEREAS local citizens involved in the discussions were told at a planning meeting in August 2012, that this planning was no longer needed; and

WHEREAS southwestern New Brunswick was hit with a serious ice storm that left thousands of New Brunswick citizens without power in freezing weather for up to 13 days; and

WHEREAS representatives from the Emergency Measures Organization arrived on the scene well after the fact and certainly added to the confusion without communicating a plan with anyone; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Emergency Measures Organization left rural New Brunswick people to fend for themselves, telling people to call their local fire department; and

WHEREAS people in rural Charlotte County were given no directions from the Emergency Measures Organization on what to do or where to go; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and government did not provide communications updates nor advisories to the public until well after the event; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and government excuses as to why there was a breakdown in communications, demonstrate the Emergency Measures Organization failure since these were issues that their planning was supposed to address; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Measures Organization and the government would not allow localized states of emergency to be called when subsection 10(2) of the *Emergency Measures Act* clearly allows this community responsibility; and

WHEREAS the role of the Emergency Measures Organization in the emergency demonstrated that no “robust” plan appeared to be in place to deal with the emergency; and

WHEREAS the document provided to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on request to the Department of Public Safety on October 29, 2013, and tabled on December 16, 2013, indicated in the Executive Summary that no “robust” plan was in place;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick ask the Auditor General to examine the Department of Public Safety and in particular the Emergency Measures Organization to determine if a comprehensive plan is in place for the next emergency and if staff are qualified and properly trained to protect the people of New Brunswick in this role and whether paying for these positions from the NB911 Service Fund is an appropriate use of the Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Measures Organization be brought to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts within 120 days for detailed questioning by the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Measures Organization be scheduled to appear at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts every year thereafter.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Doucet requested the unanimous consent of the House to make certain amendments to Motion 41, and unanimous consent was denied.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2013

Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance

April 9, 2014

Daily sitting 52

Friday, April 11, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Trevors laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Government of New Brunswick Workforce Profile 2013*.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Canada Health Accord has expired;

AND WHEREAS the Harper government plans to transfer money to the provinces on a per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS this formula disadvantages smaller provinces like New Brunswick with a smaller population base and an aging population;

AND WHEREAS this change will result in the loss of millions of dollars desperately needed to fund quality health services in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Premier and the Health Minister have not stood up for the interests of New Brunswick as confirmed by the federal Health Minister who said she did not receive a letter from the Minister protesting the change;

AND WHEREAS the future of our healthcare system is at stake unless secure, long term funding is made available;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to vigorously object to the Harper government's changes to healthcare funding and fight for a secure, long term federal-provincial funding arrangement for healthcare in New Brunswick.

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS post-secondary education and training is crucial to the future growth and prosperity of our province;

WHEREAS the tuition at our post-secondary institutions has risen an average of over 10% in the past four years;

WHEREAS rising tuition costs represent a barrier to access for those wishing to enroll in post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to improve access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to address issues of student debt;

WHEREAS despite committing to a review of access issues, we have yet to see any positive changes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour to immediately bring forward a plan that will address barriers in access to post-secondary education.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS many factors contribute to economic growth;

WHEREAS a qualified workforce is critical to job creation and economic sustainability;

WHEREAS the business community has identified the lack of access to a qualified workforce as a significant roadblock to growth;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not addressed this issue by developing a fully integrated job creation plan that would include specific initiatives to meet this need;

WHEREAS the official opposition called for a provincial jobs summit in 2012, the Alward government has failed to act, and the province needs to take urgent action to engage the public in preparing for a provincial jobs summit;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to organize and facilitate a provincial jobs summit, which would bring together stakeholders from the business community, the nonprofit sector, and postsecondary institutions in order to understand the needs, identify the gaps, and propose a solution.

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

WHEREAS troubling allegations have been made public concerning the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries wherein both ministers are accused of discussing and interfering in the prosecution of the Deputy Premier's brother under a provincial statute;

WHEREAS these allegations are very serious;

WHEREAS the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries is not the subject of a judicial proceeding;

WHEREAS no authority is tasked with investigating or reporting on the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries regarding the prosecution of the Deputy Premier's brother in relation to such allegations;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers deserve to know the full truth as to whether these allegations are true and whether or not the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries acted improperly;

WHEREAS an independent third-party inquiry is one way for New Brunswickers to know whether or not the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries indeed acted improperly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Premier of New Brunswick to call an independent third-party inquiry into the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries as soon as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the third party that carries out this independent inquiry be tasked with establishing the truth of such allegations and determining whether the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries was improper or not;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the third party tasked with this independent inquiry be empowered to subpoena all documents and compel testimony from all persons it deems, at its discretion, necessary in order to reveal the truth regarding the conduct of the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the third party tasked with this independent inquiry prepare a report detailing its investigation, its findings, and its conclusions and release it to the public as soon as possible.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS, after four years of delay, the New Brunswick government finally announced a plan for the forestry sector on March 12, 2014;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government has not revealed several important details regarding its forestry plan, including details on its consultations, the scientific evidence upon which the decisions were based, the locations of conservation areas, and the forestry businesses with which the government met to discuss increased timber allocations, detailed contracts for Crown timber allocations, and the price charged to forestry businesses for Crown timber;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers deserve to know all the details concerning this government's forestry strategy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call upon the New Brunswick government to release all information about the preparation and release of its forestry plan, including, but not limited to, details on its consultations, the scientific evidence upon which the decisions were based, the locations of conservation areas, and the forestry businesses with which the government met to discuss increased timber allocations, detailed contracts for Crown timber allocations, and the price charged to businesses for Crown timber.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick; following which, at 12.30 p.m., Bill 56 would be called for second reading; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 5, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 39.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY OF
NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$8,699,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	871,000
Energy Efficiency Programs	7,828,000
Voted	8,699,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 56 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 2.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 53

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Official Opposition questioned the honesty of Hon. Mr. Higgs. Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Soucy,

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, April 24, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any information about projects announced by the Regional Development Corporation, Invest NB, and the Department of Economic Development, as well as investments in and grants to these projects and the number of jobs created as a result, between April 1, 2013, and April 1, 2014.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 53)

THAT, notwithstanding the resolutions of the House adopted February 13 and April 10, 2014, the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources shall be referred back to the Committee of Supply; and

THAT the unused time remaining from the 40 hours allocated for the consideration of estimates to the Standing Committee on Estimates shall be allocated to the Committee of Supply to be used at its discretion.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, Bills 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 3 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.10 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Economic Development

April 11, 2014

Daily sitting 54

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 16, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Education begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 18, 19, 26, March 18, April 1 and 15, 2014, to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 13, 2014.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report and recommends these estimates to the House.

I move, seconded by the Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair.

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,085,718,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate and Other Education Services	10,535,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	1,002,017,000
Early Childhood Development	73,219,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,085,718,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,306,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment	2,306,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	350,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
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Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tait, from the Standing Committee on Estimates, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 16, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 18, 20, 24, 25, March 12, 19, 20, 21, 27, April 2, 3, and 9, 2014, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House adopted February 13 and March 14, 2014.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Glen Tait, M.L.A.
Chair.

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$36,511,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Management Services	3,606,000
Industry Programs and Policy	20,156,000
Regional Development	12,802,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	36,511,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$97,236,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	2,888,000
Business and Trade Development	4,295,000
Local Development	9,800,000
Strategic Assistance	9,900,000
Regional Development Corporation	71,156,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	750,000
Voted	97,236,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$9,077,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	698,000
Policy Management and Business Development	3,797,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management	4,635,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	9,077,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$135,783,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate Services	4,412,000
Local Government	118,529,000
Environment	12,480,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	280,000
Community Funding	156,000
Local and Regional Governance	1,046,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	1,067,000
Voted	135,783,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$17,638,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Invest NB	4,913,000
Strategic Assistance	12,725,000
Voted	17,638,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,090,006,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate and Other Services	12,426,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	123,499,000
Long Term Care	590,908,000
Income Security	246,824,000
Housing Services	86,202,000
Other Benefits	32,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	2,000,000
Voted	1,090,006,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$253,708,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	15,780,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development	2,001,000
Maintenance	53,281,000
Winter Maintenance	60,200,000

Bridge and Highway Construction	1,540,000
Buildings Group	120,423,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	20,222,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,699,000
Less designated revenue	40,000
Voted	253,708,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$600,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Marshland Maintenance	400,000
Capital Equipment	200,000
Voted	600,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,125,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Regional Development Corporation:

Economic Development and Innovation	4,125,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Local Service Districts	500,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$480,665,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Permanent Bridges	48,911,000
Permanent Highways	85,642,000
Rural Road Infrastructure	47,500,000
Canada - New Brunswick National Highway System Program	31,244,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	298,110,000
Vehicle Management Agency	10,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	40,742,000
Voted	480,665,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
 Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,100,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$65,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000
Regional Development Corporation:	
Financial assistance under the Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	4,000,000
Financial assistance under the Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted	65,000,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Financial Assistance to Industry	30,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,905,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Housing	4,905,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$642,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Loans and Advances Program	642,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Environment and Local Government	5,000
Social Development	24,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Social Development	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member's Statement delivered by Mr. Malloch was out of order as it was a personal attack on Mr. Fraser. Mr. Speaker cautioned Members against making such statements, but ruled the statement to be in order as it did not specifically mention the Member in question.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 37, 48 and 47.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 54)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates, the Standing Committee on Education, and the Standing Committee on Health Care held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 18 to April 15, 2014, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolutions of the House adopted February 13, March 14, April 10 and 15, 2014, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources until 3 p.m.; following which, Bills 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 62 would be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 56, 49, 53, 54, 55, 42, 41 and 58.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 65 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 68 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 69 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 62 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act*.

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act*.

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*.

Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act*.

Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 55

Thursday, April 17, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Allison Delong, former Liberal MLA for Carleton Centre (1987-1995).

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings on a number of occasions to advise certain Members that they could no longer continue their statements, as the statements contained personal attacks against other Members.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 37, Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Harper government has announced the closure of eight regional Veterans Affairs offices across Canada including two offices in Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS the regional offices provide much needed support services to Canadian veterans across the country; and

WHEREAS veterans and many veteran support groups have expressed concern that the move to close these offices and deliver veteran support services on-line and through Service Canada outlets, will result in a significant reduction of service; and

WHEREAS a concern has been raised that the lack of a dedicated service for veterans will result in many veterans having to travel great distances to receive the services and support they require; and

WHEREAS our veterans who have served and sacrificed on behalf of our country deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and many see this decision by the Harper government as a betrayal of trust;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously call upon the Harper government to reverse its decision to close the Veterans Affairs regional offices.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 37 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 48, Mr. Boudreau moved, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS post-secondary education and training is crucial to the future growth and prosperity of our province;

WHEREAS the tuition at our post-secondary institutions has risen an average of over 10% in the past four years;

WHEREAS rising tuition costs represent a barrier to access for those wishing to enroll in post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to improve access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to address issues of student debt;

WHEREAS despite committing to a review of access issues, we have yet to see any positive changes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour to immediately bring forward a plan that will address barriers in access to post-secondary education.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 33

April 16, 2014

Daily sitting 56

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker offered condolences to the family of the late retired Constable Bernard Pilotte, who served as a security officer at the Legislative Assembly (2003-2014).

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Third Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 22, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Third Report of the session.

Your Committee met on April 22, 2014, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common*;

and reports that it has made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds.*

By Hon. Ms. Shephard,

Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Friday, April 25, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

WHEREAS a better future for New Brunswick depends on improved economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS a more prosperous New Brunswick will improve the standard of living of the province's residents; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Medical Association's consultation with Canadians about the social determinants of health has delivered a clear message: poverty is the main issue that must be addressed to improve the health of Canadians and eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS improvements to an individual's standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved health outcomes; and

WHEREAS improvements to the standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved literacy and numeracy outcomes; and

WHEREAS our future prosperity depends on providing quality opportunities to our young people and young families that will keep them in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the development of natural resources has been shown to create meaningful economic growth and employment in other Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS the creation of jobs in the oil and gas sector in our province will enable many New Brunswickers to end their commute to western Canada, improving their and their family's quality of life; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing serious fiscal challenges that could threaten the services provided to our residents; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick can leverage the province's natural resources to improve our economic prosperity and for the betterment of our society; and

WHEREAS the recent volatility in natural gas pricing has shown the importance for New Brunswick to develop a domestic supply of natural gas for the benefit of our residents and our industries; and

WHEREAS Public Health England has concluded that the risks to public health from exposure to emissions from shale gas extraction are low if operations are properly run and regulated; and

WHEREAS the rules and regulations New Brunswick has adopted for the oil and gas sector to ensure the protection of our water and environment are described by Deloitte, after studying several North American jurisdictions, as "more stringent and more demanding than all other markets examined"; and

WHEREAS researchers from institutions such as the University of Michigan, the US Geological Survey, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Syracuse University, University of California at Berkeley, Penn State, and the Royal Academy of Engineering along with regulators from the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas have all stated their opinion that properly regulated shale gas development using the hydraulic fracturing process is safe to groundwater and the environment; and

WHEREAS the environmental benefits of gas development using hydraulic fracturing have been confirmed by the International Panel on Climate Change in their recent Mitigation of Climate Change report which stated "the rapid deployment of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling technologies, which has increased and diversified

the gas supply and allowed for a more extensive switching of power and heat production from coal to gas; this is an important reason for the reduction of GHG emissions in the United States”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick declare its support for the Government of New Brunswick in proceeding with the immediate responsible expanded development of a natural gas industry, that includes the use of hydraulic fracturing, in our province.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Bills 70, 71, 72 and 73 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 68, 67 and 66.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*
Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act.*
Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$73,496,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	7,023,000
Forest Management and Protection	72,459,000
Fish and Wildlife Management	11,393,000
Land Management	4,100,000
Regional Management	6,121,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	27,547,000
Voted	73,496,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$965,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Musquash Watershed Infrastructure -	
Capital Improvements	765,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	200,000
Voted	965,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Natural Resources	29,000
INVENTORIES	
Natural Resources	510,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 4.10 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.28 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 29, 45 April 17, 2014

Daily sitting 57

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Stultz,

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 24, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 48, 47 and 38.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, April 25, 2014, Bill 74 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 52, 70, 71, 72 and 73 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 65, 45, 67, 59, 61, 60, 39, 69, 30, 31, 32, 33, 47, 51 and 57.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 52 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 70 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 71 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 72 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 73 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.19 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.24 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.03 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, April 24, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Memorandum of Agreement between J.D. Irving, Limited and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources*.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings on a number of occasions to advise certain Members that they could no longer continue their statements, as the statements contained personal attacks against other Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, April 25, 2014, Bills 75 and 76 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on Motion 48, moved by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Collins, as follows:

WHEREAS post-secondary education and training is crucial to the future growth and prosperity of our province;

WHEREAS the tuition at our post-secondary institutions has risen an average of over 10% in the past four years;

WHEREAS rising tuition costs represent a barrier to access for those wishing to enroll in post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to improve access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to address issues of student debt;

WHEREAS despite committing to a review of access issues, we have yet to see any positive changes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour to immediately bring forward a plan that will address barriers in access to post-secondary education.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 48 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 47, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Canada Health Accord has expired;

AND WHEREAS the Harper government plans to transfer money to the provinces on a per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS this formula disadvantages smaller provinces like New Brunswick with a smaller population base and an aging population;

AND WHEREAS this change will result in the loss of millions of dollars desperately needed to fund quality health services in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Premier and the Health Minister have not stood up for the interests of New Brunswick as confirmed by the federal Health Minister who said she did not receive a letter from the Minister protesting the change;

AND WHEREAS the future of our healthcare system is at stake unless secure, long term funding is made available;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to vigorously object to the Harper government's changes to healthcare funding and fight for a secure, long term federal-provincial funding arrangement for healthcare in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 47 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	Mr. Haché
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Doucet	Mr. Kenny	

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Blais	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Riordon	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Killen	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. MacDonald	
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. McLean	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 38, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS on any given day, many animals are subjected to improper care and treatment which causes them to suffer;

WHEREAS a major issue of concern is the tethering of animals for extended periods or in severe weather conditions;

WHEREAS there is also a need to ensure animals have access to adequate food, water and shelter;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to bring forward amendments to the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* or its regulations to strengthen our animal protection laws and ensure these concerns are addressed.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 59

Friday, April 25, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Jody Carr withdraw the phrase “you cannot trust this fellow” in reference to the Leader of the Official Opposition, which he did.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier used unparliamentary language in reference to a former Member, and that Hon. Mr. Leonard used unparliamentary language in reference to two current Members, alleging conduct of a criminal nature. Mr. Speaker ruled the first point not well taken, as the rules do not apply to former Members, and advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary on the second point.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Stultz,

Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, May 1, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Official Opposition has been calling upon the government to produce an education plan;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has repeatedly failed to produce one;

AND WHEREAS it has become obvious that there is no education plan to provide;

AND WHEREAS it is virtually unheard of that a province would not have an education plan to guide the direction of education;

AND WHEREAS an education plan is mandated by virtue of the *Education Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier and the Minister of Education to bring forward an education plan that will establish priorities, set goals, provide for the measurement of outcomes and chart a consistent course for the future of quality education in our province.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, May 1, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS while in Opposition, the Premier and the Conservative Caucus condemned the changes made by the previous government to the entry point for early French immersion;

AND WHEREAS prior to the provincial election of 2010, the Minister of Education also wrote several letters to local newspapers decrying the changes to the entry point for early French immersion;

AND WHEREAS in the 2010 PC Platform, Premier Alward committed to review the decisions to change the entry point for early French immersion and to implement new solutions, if required, in time for the 2012 school year;

AND WHEREAS in October 2011, the Alward government appointed a Task Force to review the entry point of early French immersion;

AND WHEREAS the Report of the French Second Language Task Force was released in February 2012;

AND WHEREAS the Report recommended changing the entry point for early French immersion to Grade 1;

AND WHEREAS the Alward government has not acted on the report recommendations;

AND WHEREAS the government has failed to produce any data or information in support of its decision not to change the entry point of early French immersion to Grade 1;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend that the government move to restore an early entry point to early French immersion.

Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, May 8, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS fire, police, ambulance services, and other traditional first responders provide essential emergency services to our province, and their members often do so at great personal risk;

WHEREAS members of the Canadian Armed Forces often respond to crisis, both in Canada and overseas, and put themselves selflessly in harm's way;

WHEREAS many agencies of government, including Public Safety, Natural Resources, Social Development, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Emergency Measures Organization provide help to our province in times of crisis;

WHEREAS search and rescue, amateur radio operators, lifeguards, and the Life Saving Society, Canadian Ski Patrol, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, and other groups provide essential services in times of crisis;

WHEREAS soup kitchens, food banks, sexual assault crisis centres, helplines, transition houses, emergency shelters, and many other volunteer organizations provide important front-line services to those in desperate need;

WHEREAS hospitals, clinics, doctors, nurses, and many other health care professionals provide emergency medical care;

WHEREAS many faith-based groups often provide crucial support to individuals in times of personal crisis; and

WHEREAS these members, family, and friends of our first-responder and other emergency services deserve a day to celebrate their successes and to be acknowledged for their service to our community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Saturday immediately preceding Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day be officially designated Emergency Services Day in New Brunswick.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, Bills 77, 78 and 79 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 74, 75 and 76 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 30, 31, 32, 33, 70, 62 and 71; following which, at 11.40 a.m., the House would consider Motion 55.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act*.

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 74 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 75 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 76 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Tait in the chair.

At 11.04 o'clock a.m., Mr. Tait declared a recess and left the chair.

11.10 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tait, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bills:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

At 11.42 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.48 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 55, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

WHEREAS a better future for New Brunswick depends on improved economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS a more prosperous New Brunswick will improve the standard of living of the province's residents; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Medical Association's consultation with Canadians about the social determinants of health has delivered a clear message: poverty is the main issue that must be addressed to improve the health of Canadians and eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS improvements to an individual's standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved health outcomes; and

WHEREAS improvements to the standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved literacy and numeracy outcomes; and

WHEREAS our future prosperity depends on providing quality opportunities to our young people and young families that will keep them in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the development of natural resources has been shown to create meaningful economic growth and employment in other Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS the creation of jobs in the oil and gas sector in our province will enable many New Brunswickers to end their commute to western Canada, improving their and their family's quality of life; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing serious fiscal challenges that could threaten the services provided to our residents; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick can leverage the province's natural resources to improve our economic prosperity and for the betterment of our society; and

WHEREAS the recent volatility in natural gas pricing has shown the importance for New Brunswick to develop a domestic supply of natural gas for the benefit of our residents and our industries; and

WHEREAS Public Health England has concluded that the risks to public health from exposure to emissions from shale gas extraction are low if operations are properly run and regulated; and

WHEREAS the rules and regulations New Brunswick has adopted for the oil and gas sector to ensure the protection of our water and environment are described by Deloitte, after studying several North American jurisdictions, as “more stringent and more demanding than all other markets examined”; and

WHEREAS researchers from institutions such as the University of Michigan, the US Geological Survey, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Syracuse University, University of California at Berkeley, Penn State, and the Royal Academy of Engineering along with regulators from the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas have all stated their opinion that properly regulated shale gas development using the hydraulic fracturing process is safe to groundwater and the environment; and

WHEREAS the environmental benefits of gas development using hydraulic fracturing have been confirmed by the International Panel on Climate Change in their recent Mitigation of Climate Change report which stated “the rapid deployment of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling technologies, which has increased and diversified the gas supply and allowed for a more extensive switching of power and heat production from coal to gas; this is an important reason for the reduction of GHG emissions in the United States”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick declare its support for the Government of New Brunswick in proceeding with the immediate responsible expanded development of a natural gas industry, that includes the use of hydraulic fracturing, in our province.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 12.13 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

12.19 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fraser rose on a question of privilege concerning certain comments made by Hon. Mr. Leonard earlier in the day during Oral Questions. The Member submitted that the comments alleged the misuse of funds and criminal activity by members of the opposition, which constitutes an attack on their integrity and on the Legislative Assembly itself. In accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), Mr. Fraser gave notice of his intention to move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Member for Fredericton-Lincoln by his actions on April 25, 2014, showed a gross contempt for the dignity of the House and the rights and privileges of its members;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that, in accordance with the Standing Rules, he would consider the matter in two hours' time, which, based on the time of day, would occur at the next sitting of the House on May 6, 2014.

Debate resumed on Motion 55.

And after some time, Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Boudreau, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 55 be amended:

By adding the following words in the resolution clause after the words "declare its support for the":

"need for industry to obtain a social license from the communities affected before";

By deleting the words "Government of New Brunswick in";

And by deleting the word "immediate".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 55 and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. McLean
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Soucy	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Steeves	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Killen	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. MacDonald	

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Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	Mr. Haché
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Doucet	Mr. Kenny	
Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	

And then, 2.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, May 6, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Fourth Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

May 6, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Fourth Report of the session.

Your Committee met on April 30, 2014, and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,

Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Stultz,

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act*.

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*.

By Mr. Steeves,

Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing*.

The required two hours' notice having been given the previous sitting day of April 25, 2014, Mr. Speaker invited Mr. Fraser and Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud to speak on the question of privilege. Having heard the arguments, Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 59)

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted November 6, 2013, the House shall sit on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, and remain in effect until the adjournment of the House on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Bills 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 77, 78 and 79 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 31, 32, 33, 47, 51, 57, 39, 69, 59, 62, 71, 76 and 70.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 77 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 78 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 79 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 5.28 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

5.34 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Betts in the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act.*
Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act.*
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act.*
Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*
Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds.*
Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as amended:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then 10 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 40	April 28, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	May 2, 2014

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Wednesday, May 7, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 8, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 56 and 51.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Thursday, May 8, 2014, Bill 87 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 64, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86 and 85 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 29, 73 and 61.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*.

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.

Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions*.

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*.

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*.

Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*.

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds*.

Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 64 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 80 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 81 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 82 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 83 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 86 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 84 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 85 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 2.22 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

2.35 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 3.08 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.23 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 8.24 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

8.26 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to consider Bills 77 and 75 in Committee of the Whole.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act.

Bill 61, An Act to Amend the Education Act.

Bill 73, An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.

Bill 77, An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013
Department of Finance
Response to Petition 9

May 6, 2014
May 6, 2014

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Thursday, May 8, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Leonard, Member for Fredericton-Lincoln, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to fully fund abortions at the Fredericton Morgentaler Clinic, and repeal the *Medical Services Payment Act* regulation restricting abortion payment. (Petition 10)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Macdonald,
Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Mr. D. Landry gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, May 15, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Alward government has indicated that participation in the shared risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier imposed the shared risk pension plan on civil servants and retirees without giving them an opportunity for negotiation;

WHEREAS the Alward government provided the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation with an opportunity to negotiate the reform of its pension plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to halt plans for implementation of the shared risk pension plan model and to immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby the government would meet with bargaining and non-bargaining groups as well as other pension plan representatives to review all relevant financial information, discuss all possible options for pension reform, and establish a process for negotiation.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, May 9, 2014, Bill 88 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons; Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat; and Executive Council Office.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 56, Mr. Arseneault, on behalf of Mr. Collins, moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Official Opposition has been calling upon the government to produce an education plan;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has repeatedly failed to produce one;

AND WHEREAS it has become obvious that there is no education plan to provide;

AND WHEREAS it is virtually unheard of that a province would not have an education plan to guide the direction of education;

AND WHEREAS an education plan is mandated by virtue of the *Education Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier and the Minister of Education to bring forward an education plan that will establish priorities, set goals, provide for the measurement of outcomes and chart a consistent course for the future of quality education in our province.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 56 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 51, Mr. Haché moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS, after four years of delay, the New Brunswick government finally announced a plan for the forestry sector on March 12, 2014;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government has not revealed several important details regarding its forestry plan, including details on its consultations, the scientific evidence upon which the decisions were based, the locations of conservation areas, and the forestry businesses with which the government met to discuss increased timber allocations, detailed contracts for Crown timber allocations, and the price charged to forestry businesses for Crown timber;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers deserve to know all the details concerning this government's forestry strategy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call upon the New Brunswick government to release all information about the preparation and release of its forestry plan, including, but not limited to, details on its consultations, the scientific evidence upon which the decisions were based, the locations of conservation areas, and the forestry businesses with which the government met to discuss increased timber allocations, detailed contracts for Crown timber allocations, and the price charged to businesses for Crown timber.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Stewart, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 51 be amended:

In the first WHEREAS clause by deleting the words “, after four years of delay,” and “finally”;

By deleting the second WHEREAS clause; and

In the resolution clause, by adding the words “, in accordance with the provisions of the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*,” after the words “release all information”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 9 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess.

Prior to leaving the chair it was agreed by unanimous consent that the duration of the recess count towards the time allocated for the consideration of estimates.

9.13 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 10.27 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

10.37 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 11.12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

11.19 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$15,852,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Executive Council Secretariat	3,278,000
Corporate Communications	1,157,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	336,000
Women's Equality Branch	2,974,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	5,336,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	2,771,000
Voted	15,852,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	1,395,000
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Intergovernmental Conferences	23,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	284,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 11.21 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, May 9, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to provide tougher sentencing for sex offenders, mandatory registration, a public sex offender registry, and aid to victims. (Petition 11)

Hon. Ms. Blais laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *The Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy, A Societal Project for the French Education System*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Flemming to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and requested that Mr. Melanson withdraw the phrase "the only factual thing you have said", in reference to the Premier, which he did.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,
Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Bill 89 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 72, 80, 81, 82, 86 and 85.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*.
Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.
Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*.

Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 11.35 o'clock a.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

11.45 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

During consideration of Bill 86, Mr. Steeves moved the previous question pursuant to Standing Rule 69 as follows: "That this question be now put".

At 12.28 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

12.39 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed and Mr. C. Landry delivered the following statement:

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I have reviewed the matter and Standing Rule 69. I have also reviewed the amount of debate that has taken place so far. Given that only a limited amount of time has been spent on the Bill, and only one Member has had the opportunity to question the Member proposing the Bill, I find that this motion is an infringement upon the rights of the minority and cannot be put at this time. We will now resume consideration of Bill 86.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act*.

Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act*.

Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2012-2013

Regional Development Corporation

May 8, 2014

Daily sitting 64

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to allow the Barbers' Association to introduce amendments to their private legislation in relation to dual licensing. (Petition 12)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,
Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act.*

Mr. Riordon gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Friday, May 16, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Malloch:

WHEREAS the Member for Kent is running an ad where he claims to have started two businesses;

WHEREAS the ad also claims that he "helped build a law firm";

WHEREAS questions have been raised about the extent of the Member for Kent's work experience; and

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick have the right to fully understand the experience that the Member for Kent brings to his job;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Member for Kent to table a detailed résumé indicating dates, the number of months and years that he has worked at each job that he has had and the specific duties of each job;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Member for Kent to table details of the two businesses that he started, including the names of the businesses, the start date, the location of the businesses, including the street address, the number of employees, the annual revenues and expenses, the current status of the businesses, the current involvement of the Member for Kent in these businesses, if they are no longer operating, when did they cease operations, and if they have been sold, the date of the sale and the purchaser's name and address;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Member for Kent to table details of the law firm he helped build, including its name, address, his responsibilities at the firm, the dates of his involvement, the number of cases tried and any other details of how he helped build the firm;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Member for Kent to table this information before the end of the sitting day on Friday, May 16, 2014.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud requested leave of the House to move a motion to sit this evening beyond the ordinary hour of adjournment, and leave was denied.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Bill 90 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 88, 89 and 87 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 85, 83, 60, 74, 78 and 79.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act*.

Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act*.

Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, at 5.30 p.m., to consider the estimates of the Legislative Assembly.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 88 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 89 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for second reading of Bills had expired.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them and had passed all remaining items.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	8,372,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,497,000
Voted	3,875,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,420,000
Office of the Auditor General	2,078,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties	1,578,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted	1,488,000
Elections New Brunswick	11,176,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	10,508,000
Office of the Ombudsman	902,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	902,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	506,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	470,000
Office of the Access to Information and	
Privacy Commissioner	597,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Wednesday, May 14, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Coulombe, Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Petit-Ouest Road urging the government to pave their road. (Petition 13)

Mr. Malloch, Member for Charlotte-Campobello, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to control and eradicate the plant species of giant hogweed in Charlotte County. (Petition 14)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,
Bill 91, *Appropriations Act 2014-2015*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 91 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 91, *Appropriations Act 2014-2015*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 91, *Appropriations Act 2014-2015*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 15, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 44, 60 and 51.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud requested leave of the House to move a motion to sit this evening beyond the ordinary hour of adjournment, and leave was denied.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 90 and 87 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 83, 60, 74, 78, 79, 89, 85, 2, 84 and 88.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 90 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling with respect to the question of privilege raised on April 25, 2014:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

On April 25, following Oral Questions, the Opposition House Leader rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister of Energy had made slanderous comments and had alleged criminal conduct on the part of the Opposition Members.

The Opposition House Leader subsequently rose on a question of privilege in relation to the same comments and gave notice of motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Privileges.

The Opposition House Leader submitted that the comments made by the Minister were unfounded and insinuated that Members of the Opposition had inappropriately misused funds. The Member submitted that this constitutes an attack on the integrity of the Opposition Members and on the Legislative Assembly itself.

The Government House Leader submitted that the matter did not involve the privileges of the House and that the Minister was exercising his right to freedom of speech in the House.

I have now had an opportunity to review the transcripts and the submissions made. I find that the matter involves a question of order, as opposed to privilege. It primarily concerns language used in debate.

I wish to quote *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* at page 619:

In dealing with unparliamentary language, the Speaker takes into account the tone, manner and intention of the Member speaking; the person to whom the words at issue were directed; the degree of provocation; and, most importantly, whether or not the remarks created disorder in the Chamber.

In addition, *Erskine May Parliamentary Practice*, Twenty-third edition, states at page 440:

Good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language. Parliamentary language is never more desirable than when a Member is canvassing the opinion and conduct of his opponents in debate.

In reviewing the comments made, I find the language and tone used by the Member to be inflammatory. The Member should have been aware that such comments were likely to cause disorder.

It has been stated many times that we must treat all Members as honourable and our choice of language in debate should reflect this. Members must refrain from using language that questions the honesty or integrity of fellow Members.

In this instance, the remarks made by the Minister did not specifically refer to any particular Member. At page 441, note 3 of *Erskine May*, it states:

Expressions that are unparliamentary when applied to individuals are not always so considered when applied to a whole party.

With respect to the matter before me, I find that although a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege has not been established, the matter had been validly raised as a point of order. Had the remarks referred to a particular Member of the House I would be asking that the comments be withdrawn.

However, in this instance I will caution the Minister to refrain from making remarks of this nature in the future. I will also ask all Members to refrain from making insinuations or casting aspersions on other Members of the House.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

Mr. McLean rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Bernard LeBlanc accused the Premier of “misleading” New Brunswickers. The Member withdrew the remark.

Mr. Riordon rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Boudreau accused the Progressive Conservative party of “lying” to New Brunswickers. Mr. Deputy Speaker cautioned Members against the use of such language.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 66

Thursday, May 15, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Riordon gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McLean:

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted November 6, 2013, the House sit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order come into effect immediately upon its adoption and remain in effect for the remainder of the Fourth Session of the Fifty-Seventh Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud requested leave of the House to move a motion to sit this evening beyond the ordinary hour of adjournment, and leave was denied.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 44, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the government intends to implement new natural gas royalties effective April 1; and

WHEREAS the proposed royalties are much lower than were recommended in the LaPierre Report; and

WHEREAS the new natural gas royalties are poised to be the lowest in North America; and

WHEREAS the new royalties are structured to promote rapid, indiscriminate development of shale gas reserves without regard to any long term benefit from the resource; and

WHEREAS in this race for the bottom in resource value, the government is squandering the potential for any real wealth that might come to the province from these resources; and

WHEREAS these are non-renewable resources which, if squandered now, cannot be replaced; and

WHEREAS the government has not shared the advice papers on which these radically low royalty plans have been developed; and

WHEREAS this matter is vitally important to New Brunswick people and our future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to delay the implementation of the new royalties to allow for the proposed natural gas royalty regulations to be referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments along with the relevant studies and recommendations supporting the royalty plan, and provide a reasonable opportunity for New Brunswick citizens to review this information, provide feedback and receive responses from officials of the Department of Energy and Mines in regards to the rationale for the implementation of this particular royalty scheme.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 44 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 60, Mr. D. Landry moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Alward government has indicated that participation in the shared risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier imposed the shared risk pension plan on civil servants and retirees without giving them an opportunity for negotiation;

WHEREAS the Alward government provided the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation with an opportunity to negotiate the reform of its pension plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to halt plans for implementation of the shared risk pension plan model and to immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby the government would meet with bargaining and non-bargaining groups as well as other pension plan representatives to review all relevant financial information, discuss all possible options for pension reform, and establish a process for negotiation.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 67

Friday, May 16, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, May 22, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

WHEREAS the Alward government promised it would balance the books of the province without raising taxes or cutting services;

WHEREAS the Alward government broke its three key promises as they failed to balance the books without raising taxes or cutting services;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has missed the financial targets established throughout the mandate of this Conservative government;

WHEREAS the Finance Minister is laying blame on “horrendous” demands by members of the Conservative Caucus;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has brought in a bill entitled *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act* which has been referred to by pundits as a gimmick;

WHEREAS the bill purports to fine Members of the Executive Council when budget targets are not met;

WHEREAS the Alward government would have missed its own targets in 2011 and 2013, and would miss them again this year;

WHEREAS, if the aforementioned provisions of this bill were in place when the Alward government came to power, and considering that they have missed their targets three times, the Premier and his Ministers would owe New Brunswickers \$135,000 in fines;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Premier and the members of the Executive Council to honour those provisions retroactively and remit pay the sum of \$135,000 to the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Finance Minister to reveal the aforementioned “horrendous” spending demands made by his caucus colleagues and clarify if they are the reason that past budget targets were missed.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Thursday, May 22, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS a decision was made to select a location for the Southern Carleton School in the Local Service District of Bedell, a community within the Premier's constituency, but outside the boundaries of the Town of Woodstock;

WHEREAS there was not a competitive process undertaken for the selection of the site;

WHEREAS the site was adjacent to a subdivision owned by a company whose owner was a friend of the Premier;

WHEREAS the province also entered into a land swap with this company without competitive process;

WHEREAS the site was selected without due consideration of the Department of Education policy related to the criteria for school site selections;

WHEREAS there were serious issues related to the availability of potable water at the site;

WHEREAS as a result of issues related to water, a decision was made that the Town of Woodstock would annex the property and both the province and the municipality would pay to bring water to the site;

WHEREAS the residents of Bedell were not provided the opportunity to have a say on the annexation of the property which impacted their tax base;

WHEREAS while the provision of water to the site created an additional burden for taxpayers, it created a tremendous benefit for the owner of the subdivision;

WHEREAS the Education critic attempted to obtain answers without success from the Minister of Education as to whether education policies and guidelines were followed on the selection of the school site;

WHEREAS the Opposition filed a Right to Information request for documentation related to the selection of the school's site including all documentation on environmental testing and documentation that would establish whether or not the Premier's Office interfered in the selection process;

WHEREAS the information obtained as a result of the Right to Information request was heavily redacted and incomplete;

WHEREAS as a result of a complaint to the Right to Information and Privacy Commissioner, additional documentation was released;

WHEREAS this information which contains e-mails from the Premier's Office to departmental staff is also incomplete;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the provincial government to disclose all documentation and information surrounding the circumstances related to the site selection for the Southern Carleton School, including but not limited solely to, any documentation, record or information regarding the role of the Premier and/or anyone employed in the Premier's Office with respect to the Southern Carleton School.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 87; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 90, 89 and 85.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 87 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 12.18 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

12.34 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*.

Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014*.

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then 2 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 68

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 88, 87, 60, 74, 78, 79, 83, 2 and 84.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act*.

Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014*.

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

At 2.53 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

2.59 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee of the Whole continue sitting past 6 p.m. to conclude consideration of Bills 2 and 84.

At 6.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

6.38 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 6.42 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

6.45 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*

Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act.*

Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as amended:

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.48 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 69

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 2014, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 2; following which, with leave, Bill 2 would be called for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*

Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act.*

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.*

Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 2 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*.

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

- Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act.*
Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions.*
Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*
Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act.*
Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*
Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act.*
Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*
Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act.*
Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1).*
Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common.*
Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act.*
Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act.*
Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*
Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds.*
Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act.*
Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*
Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*
Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act.*
Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act.*
Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*
Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*
Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*
Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*

Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act.*

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act.*

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act.*

Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing.*

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.*

Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014.*

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2014-2015*. (Bill 91)

His Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

His Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

His Honour was pleased to deliver the following message:

I have a few comments I want to offer to all members of this House. To the Speaker, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, and all honourable members present today.

I just want to offer a few comments, some of my thoughts. As you know, my term as New Brunswick's 30th Lieutenant-Governor is quickly coming to an end. This will likely be my last time with you in this historic Chamber and in this chair. You may recall that the last time I was here, I had to stand up, I had a bruised rib.

Throughout my life, I have always believed in doing what is for the greater good. I want to thank each of you for what you do to serve our province and our people, and for the greater good. I thank each of you for your service to this Assembly and to the voters of this province.

I believe you have entered a higher calling by entering political life and by serving those who have put you here.

To those of you who will be coming back, I offer you my best wishes. To those of you who have decided that, at this stage of your careers, of your political professions, you will be seeking other areas, my gratitude goes out to each and every one of you and your families. Thank you all for your service.

During my term, I have met some remarkable people in our province: ambassadors, royalty, Her Excellency, and His Holiness, but the people who have left their mark are the extraordinary people of our province who are doing amazing things, not for reward or acclaim, but because, in their hearts, they believe that it is the right thing to do.

There are so many, but I have made a short list. Of course, there is Flora Thibodeau of Rogersville, a beautiful woman who lived to be 113. There are also two brothers in Saint-Léolin who helped rebuild a community church; a couple in Edmundston who operate a community food and clothing bank service for those in need; and Daniel Collette, of Shediac, a young man who has overcome so much to beat the odds, not just to survive but also to live a meaningful life.

Also, in all corners of our province, we have so many seniors who have led outstanding lives. We have students who are willing to learn new things. As you will recall, at the time of my installation, I said I would try to visit every school in our province. This has not been possible; however, I was able to visit about 285 schools in our province.

Of course, I have always been impressed by the volunteers in every community, in all corners of our province, who give of themselves for the betterment of others. These are the stories of our province. These people are from your ridings. I have been privileged to meet them, to know them, and to hear their wonderful stories. I entreat you to continue to attend community events—it means so much to these people—not just because I am there, but, more importantly, so that people see you.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty to this office. The position of Lieutenant-Governor, of course, comes from our Constitution, and our people are very much attached to that as well. For whoever becomes my successor, I want to entreat that the same respect, devotion, and dedication be continued as well.

Thank you for the last five years. I love this province and its people, just as you do. As I always say, we are fortunate to live in this beautiful province.

Thank you very much.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 1.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault offered condolences to the family of the late Edmond Blanchard, former Liberal MLA for Campbellton (1987-2000).

Mr. Speaker recognized Rev. Daniel Walton on his last day serving as the Chaplain of the Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to subsection 19(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Memorandum of Agreement between Twin Rivers Paper Company Inc. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,
Bill 92, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that, with leave of the House, it was the intention of government that Bill 92 be ordered for second reading; following which, with leave, Bill 92 would be considered in Committee of the Whole; following which, with leave, Bill 92 would be ordered for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be ordered for second reading forthwith.

Mr. D. Landry rose on a point of order and submitted that the document tabled by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud was not in order as it was not in both official languages. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 92 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 2014, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Her Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed a Bill at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Administrator assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 4.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

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2013 Conflict of Interest Commissioner	July 28, 2014

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Pursuant to the <i>Fees Act</i> , proposed fee change for utility pole and anchor applications collected by the Department of Natural Resources	June 18, 2014

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Alfred R. Landry, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into Allegations by Mr. Victor Boudreau, MLA for Shediac–Cap-Pelé of Violations of the <i>Members’ Conflict of Interest Act</i> by Minister Craig Leonard, MLA for Fredericton-Lincoln and Minister of Energy and Mines	July 10, 2014
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Employment Standards Act,

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 77. Read first time, 218; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 229; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 234; read third time, 242. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 31. Read first time, 103; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 115; Committee of the Whole and progress reported, 222; agreed to, 230; read third time, 231. R.A., 262.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 68. Read first time, 192; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 202; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 211; read third time, 212. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 78. Read first time, 218; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 229; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 260; read third time, 261. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 47. Read first time, 139; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 176; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 230; read third time, 231. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 75. Read first time, 215; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 221; Committee of the Whole and agreed to as amended, 235; read third time, 242. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 28. Read first time, 79; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 82; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 99; read third time, 102. R.A., 118.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 66. Read first time, 192; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 202; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 211; read third time, 212. R.A., 263.

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An Act to Amend the, Bill 9. Read first time, 27; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 41; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 76; read third time, 80. R.A., 90.

Securities Act,

An Act to Amend the, Bill 49. Read first time, 139; motion for second reading debated and carried, read second time, 175; Committee of the Whole and agreed to, 203; read third time, 209. R.A., 263.

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Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act,

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