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* By-election October 5, 2015, vice David Alward resigned May 22, 2015.

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**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014-2015**

**THE HONOURABLE JOCELYNE ROY VIENNEAU,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Friday, October 24, 2014

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the fourth session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province was dissolved on the twenty-first day of August, 2014;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the first session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-fourth day of October, 2014 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Serge Rousselle, Q.C.
Attorney General

Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the oath having been already administered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as named in the roll, delivered to the Clerk of the House by the Chief Electoral Officer, the said Members took their seats in the House.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then addressed himself to the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that she doth not think fit to declare the causes for which she has summoned this Legislative Assembly until a Speaker thereof shall have been duly chosen.

It is therefore Her Honour's will that you, the Members of the Legislative Assembly do proceed forthwith to choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person so chosen to Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber for Her Honour's approbation.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 11.

The Clerk informed the House of the list of Members eligible for the first ballot as follows:

COLLINS, Chris
FLEMMING, Hugh

Pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(e), the Clerk then invited Members to cast their ballots.

The Clerk informed the House that all Members having voted, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Rules, the Clerks-at-the Table would retire and proceed with the counting of the ballots. Before suspending the sitting, the Clerk brought to the attention of the honourable Members that when the counting of the ballots was completed, the bells to call the Members back to the House would sound for not more than five minutes.

At 2.19 p.m. the sitting was suspended during the counting of the ballots.

At 2.31 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(g), the Clerk announced that Chris Collins, Member for the Electoral District of Moncton Centre, had been duly elected as Speaker of the House.

The Premier, the Honourable Mr. Gallant, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Fitch, escorted Mr. Collins to the dais where, standing on the upper step, he addressed the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I will begin my remarks by repeating the traditional words spoken by a Speaker following election to the office.

It is my pleasure today to express my grateful and humble acknowledgment to the House for the great honour you have been pleased to confer on me by choosing me as your Speaker.

Conscious as I am of my comparative inexperience in parliamentary procedure, I should have hesitated before accepting a position involving so much responsibility, were it not for the fact that I shall be able at all times to rely with confidence upon the courtesy, forbearance, and kindness of every Member of the Assembly.

Again, thanking you, I now submit myself to the House.

On a personal note, I want to thank my wife Lisette Richard for being with me here today as I embark on this new chapter of serving the people of New Brunswick. Since I first entered public life, running as a candidate in the 2003 provincial election, being elected a member of Moncton City Council in 2004 and being elected the MLA for Moncton East in 2007, she has remained my compass, offering her unwavering support and encouragement.

I thank the constituents in the riding of Moncton Centre for giving me the honour on September 22 of representing them in this Chamber. I also extend my gratitude to the constituents in the former riding of Moncton East for placing their trust in me.

I know that all honourable Members of our Legislature will join me in thanking my predecessor, Dale Graham, for presiding over the deliberations in this Chamber during the previous Legislature.

I thank the Clerk, Clerks Assistant, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and all staff members, who keep the work of the Legislative Assembly flowing smoothly. I will certainly be relying on them for support and guidance.

I thank all honourable Members for entrusting me with the role of maintaining decorum and order in the House, as we debate the issues and concerns that are priorities for New Brunswickers.

Today, as I assume my new role in this House, I invite all honourable Members to reflect on the expectations of the citizens of this great province, who have bestowed upon each of us the honor of representing them in this Chamber.

More than once, as I went door to door campaigning during the recent provincial election, I heard that it is time to restore the honour and integrity that comes with the privilege of being an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Citizens want and expect a higher level of debate. They expect and deserve decorum and conduct, which is fitting to our roles as their elected representatives. Honourable Members, that starts with how we conduct ourselves in this very Chamber where we are gathered today.

As your Speaker, I will require your respect for the rules of this House, not because they have been imposed upon us, but because we, as Members, have agreed to conduct our proceedings accordingly.

As your Speaker, I ask all honourable Members for the proper decorum, dignity, and respect in this Chamber that New Brunswickers are asking for.

The office of the Speaker demands fairness, firmness, and consistency. I will do my utmost to be fair and impartial in all my rulings while respecting the essential role of each honourable Member.

Thank you.

Thereupon Mr. Collins took the chair, and the mace was placed upon the Clerk's Table.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then entered the House and took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed Her Honour to the following effect:

May it Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having communicated your pleasure to the House, they proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honourable position, and I am now presented for Your Honour's approval.

The Clerk of the House then said:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that she is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the Legislative Assembly, and she doth readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May It Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having been pleased to approve the choice of the Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, especially freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in debate, access to Your Honour when they think the public service requires it, and that the most favourable construction be put on all their proceedings and on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly.

To which the Clerk of the House replied:

Mr. Speaker, Her Honour hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this Assembly of Her Majesty's person and government and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings, and she doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

With respect to yourself, Mr. Speaker, though Her Honour is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, Her Honour will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following message:

Mr. Speaker, honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, these are historic days for New Brunswick as you and I both assume new roles serving the people of this province.

On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I am pleased to offer my thanks for the work you are undertaking as eminent members of this Legislative Assembly and express my hope for your success in this endeavour. Though I want to inform you that my government is not prepared to commence a legislative session at this time, it will soon do so.

At that time, I ask you to remember that, while you are opponents, you are not enemies. May your work here be civil, friendly, and in the best interests of New Brunswickers.

It is my hope that Divine Providence will guide you in all your deliberations.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly communicated to the House the following message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that it is her pleasure that this Legislative Assembly attend before Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber at 3 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at which time Her Honour will formally open the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

Her Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 2.52 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 Reports

2013-2014 FacilicorpNB	July 30, 2014
2013-2014 Vitalité Health Network	August 18, 2014
2012-2013 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	August 26, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Health Council	August 28, 2014
2013 Recycle NB	September 22, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 29, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation	September 30, 2014
2013-2014 Financial and Consumer Services Commission	October 2, 2014
2012-2013 New Brunswick Power Corporation	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 New Brunswick Power Corporation	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 Labour and Employment Board	October 14, 2014
2013-2014 Ambulance New Brunswick	October 21, 2014
2013-2014 Vehicle Management Agency	October 23, 2014

Other

- Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, proposed fee change
for the revised Crown timber royalty rates
under the *Crown Lands and Forests Act*
(Regulation 86-160) July 30, 2014
- Report of the Ombudsman into the Department of
Environment's Management of the Provincial
Water Classification Program August 15, 2014
- Pursuant to the *Taxpayer Protection Act*, statement
by Mr. David Alward, Leader of the Progressive
Conservative Party of New Brunswick, regarding
proposed enabling legislation for the establishment
of a regional marketing levy entitled the
Tourism Marketing Fund (TMF) September 8, 2014
- Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, proposed fee change
with respect to impound fees for a seized
dog and the fee for multi-year dog licences
contained in the Provincial Dog Regulation
under the *Municipalities Act* September 26, 2014

Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the message of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor communicated to the House on October 24, and November 10, 2014, and subsequent to the Proclamation issued on October 15, 2014, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was announced and having been bidden to enter, took her seat upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to Open the Session with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests and all New Brunswickers. Welcome to the opening of the First Session of the 58th Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

New Brunswickers might be disappointed by the state of our economy, they might be discouraged by woeful unemployment statistics and they might be frustrated by the difficulties they face in building a life for themselves and their families within our province.

But New Brunswickers also have a fierce belief in what we can accomplish together. They believe that, if properly governed, our province can provide a quality of life without comparison for all our citizens.

In the months and years ahead, your government will work tirelessly to move New Brunswick forward.

A detailed plan has been put in place to do just that. In fact, it is already being acted upon. It is a plan that focuses, first and foremost, on putting more New Brunswickers to work.

On behalf of this Assembly, I welcome the Honourable Brian Gallant to his first Session as Premier of New Brunswick. I also welcome the newly-elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and extend best wishes to all those taking on new roles in this session. I also offer best wishes and thanks to those former members not returning to the Legislature.

I also want to take this opportunity to extend thanks and appreciation to former Premier David Alward for his years of dedicated service to his province. Mr. Alward has served the people of Woodstock and this province faithfully for the past 15 years. For this, we express our gratitude.

Your government thanks former Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Graydon Nicholas, for his exemplary work and dedication. His work promoting the importance of elders, lifelong learning and the diversity of our province has had a significant impact that will not be forgotten and will help shape future generations. As the first Aboriginal to be chosen as the Queen's representative in the province, his tenure is one of historic, social and cultural importance to New Brunswick.

Recognition

In October, our thoughts went out to the people of Ottawa, parliamentarians, and staff members on Parliament Hill and their families, following a brazen attack in our nation's capital. Together, as a country, we grieved the loss of yet another fine member of our Canadian Armed Services family. Our sorrow, however, was tempered by gratitude and pride as the full extent of the heroic actions of the House of Commons' security services became known. In particular, Sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, originally of Miramichi, merits our praise and admiration for his quick-thinking and extraordinarily brave leadership. Additional violence was likely averted due to his timely intervention.

I am also pleased to take the opportunity to recognize the following New Brunswickers who made important contributions to moving our province forward over the last year.

Communities in New Brunswick, Quebec and Maine have worked together since 2008 to prepare for the Congrès mondial acadien. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the pride, dynamism and vigor of the Acadian culture was celebrated and shared with thousands of visitors again in 2014.

On this, the United Nations International Day for Persons with Disabilities, we recognize the work being done each day throughout our province to remove barriers, improve inclusion and increase participation for New Brunswickers living with disabilities. Your government is proud to work in collaboration with the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons and other dedicated stakeholders to achieve these goals.

Roger Augustine, Wayne Curtis, Lorraine Diotte, Roxanne Fairweather, Ivan Hicks, Himanshu Kumar Mukherjee, Guy A. Richard, Cheryl Robertson, Claude Snow and Roch Voisine were named as members to the Order of New Brunswick.

On the national stage, Rina Arseneault of Fredericton, Salem Masry of Fredericton, Lucinda Flemer of Saint Andrews, James D. Irving of Saint John, Fawn Wilson White of Saint John, Allison McCain of Florenceville, Dennis Cochrane of Moncton and Aurel Schofield of Dieppe were invested into the Order of Canada this year.

A number of soldiers from New Brunswick received decorations for valour and meritorious service from His Excellency, the Governor General over the past year.

Warrant Officer Joseph Claude Camille Pelletier of Edmundston received the Meritorious Service Cross; and Brigadier-General Todd Nelson Balfe of Miramichi, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Lee Brown of Sackville and Captain (N) Ronald Gerald Pumphrey of Bath received the Meritorious Service Medal.

As well, Master Warrant Officer Rock Boucher, Master Warrant Officer Keith Dobbin, Chief Warrant Officer André Moreau and Warrant Officer Jody Tower all based in Oromocto were named members of the Order of Military Merit. Major Robert MacKay based in Oromocto was named officer of the Order of Military Merit.

Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Jane Fitch was named a member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces in recognition of her career of exceptional service.

Members of the RCMP Codiac Regional Detachment, the first responders and citizens of Moncton were presented with the Governor General's Commendation for Outstanding Service. This commendation was in recognition of their professionalism, collaboration and solidarity during the tragic events of June 4, 2014, when three RCMP constables were killed and two others wounded in the line of duty.

The entire City of Moncton and surrounding areas were also honoured by His Excellency with the Governor General's Caring Community Commendation—a special honour in light of the tragedy in June.

Gisèle Michaud of Edmundston was named the Silver Cross Mother for 2014-2015 by the Royal Canadian Legion. Her son, Master Corporal Charles-Philippe Michaud, was injured in the explosion of a roadside bomb during a foot patrol near Kandahar in 2009 and later succumbed to his injuries. On behalf of all Canadian mothers who have lost children in the service of their country, she placed a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

Chantal Thanh Laplante of Moncton received the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case for her community engagement and activism in the Canadian women's movement.

Jennifer Brown of Saint John, Barbara Phillips of Grand Bay-Westfield, Ronald Evans of Fredericton, Robert Thibault of Moncton, Anne Martin of Saint-Jacques and Normand Thériault of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska were recognized with the Governor General's Caring Canadian award.

The Office of the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to recognize excellence in a variety of fields and 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.

Stantec Architecture received the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Architecture.

Leanne Delaney and Michel Deschênes received the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra Award.

Manley Price received the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation.

Corinne Gallant received the New Brunswick Human Rights Award.

Father Stan Paulin received the Lieutenant-Governor's Dialogue Award.

Byron James received the Award for Excellence in Public Administration.

Arthur Ward and his late wife Audrey received the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Aging.

Dr. Philip Smith received the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award.

Igor Dobrovolskiy, Anne Compton and Anna Torma received the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for High Achievement in the Arts.

On the music scene, City Natives, Thom Swift, Suzie LeBlanc, Les Hay Babies, Becka deHaan, Forward Music Group, Jeff Boudreau and Alan Jeffries were recognized with 2014 East Coast Music Awards.

Christine Melanson of Moncton was awarded the Prix Volet Jeunesse Richelieu for her play *L'Accessible et le Véritable*.

Dominyka Taylor of Fredericton was awarded the Governor General's History Award. Cecile Proctor of Saint John received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Brain Injury Canada.

As well, Gary Lawson received the Canadian Red Cross 2014 Humanitarian Award for New Brunswick and Tara Brinston received the Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award.

Business leaders Dwight Fraser, Roxanne Fairweather and Robert Irving were named to the New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame this year. The Codiac RCMP, West Riverview School's Playground Pals, Rick Baker, Jay Jonah, Lesley Smyth, Sorcha Beirne and posthumously, Andy Scott, received YMCA Peace Medallions and Emma Dauphinee received the YMCA Youth Peace Certificate.

For a small province, New Brunswick has a long and remarkable history of achievement in sport. The following New Brunswickers' achievements have continued to contribute to this legacy.

Louis Fortin competed in cross-country skiing during the 2014 Sochi Winter Paralympics and Emily Baadsvik was an alternate for the women's bobsled team at the Winter Olympics. Nine other New Brunswickers were at the Olympics in various capacities, such as coaching, officiating and acting as mission staff.

New Brunswick athletes participated in the 2014 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games in June. All told, 43 athletes won 36 medals in various categories.

Athletes from communities across the province participated last July in the 2014 North American Indigenous Games. Team N.B., featuring a roster of 66 athletes, won 26 medals.

Sussex-born Christian Meier, a racing cyclist who participated in the 2014 Tour de France, is one of only a handful of Canadians to participate in this race. Catharine Pendrel of Harvey Station won a gold medal in women's mountain biking at the Commonwealth Games.

Olivia DeMerchant won a silver medal in August at the Women's Rugby World Cup in France, and Christel Robichaud brought home a silver medal in the discus at the World Junior International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports.

Most recently, Robert Kierstead won the 2014 Geoff Gowan Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his lifetime contributions to coaching development.

Condolences

Over the past year we have lost heroes, community builders and business leaders who have left legacies that continue to impact our province and our way of life.

We pause to remember RCMP Constables Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, David Joseph Ross and Douglas James Larche who tragically lost their lives protecting their community and country.

We also pay tribute to Corporal Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent who also died in the line of duty. We remember paramedic William Mallock and pilot Klaus Sonnenberg.

We celebrate the life of David Kelly, Fredericton city councillor, chair of the Canadian Tire Jump Start program and vice-chair of Jobs Unlimited Fredericton.

We remember Reuben Cohen and Purdy Crawford, businessmen, lawyers and philanthropists. We also pay tribute to artists Fred Ross and Molly Lamb Bobak.

We celebrate the life of Peter Wolters, Director of Finance and Human Resources for the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

We also remember Dorothy Lockhart, our first Senior Goodwill Ambassador, naturalist Mary Majka, and Flora Thibodeau, who, at age 112, had been the oldest-living Canadian.

We celebrate the life of Edmond Blanchard, former MLA, Cabinet Minister and judge. We also remember Jim Flaherty, former Federal Finance Minister, whose mother was born in Campbellton and whose father hailed from Loggieville.

A Focus on Jobs

Your government has a plan to move New Brunswick forward—a plan to create the right conditions for job growth, a plan to achieve fiscal balance and a plan that will put our families and communities back to work.

Your government's top priority is creating jobs, because more jobs is a necessary first step toward achieving our other goals—namely, to help get our finances in order and to generate the revenue we need to improve the lives of all New Brunswickers.

But raising revenue through new jobs isn't enough. We must also gain control of our expenses. Your government has a clear plan to do just that.

New Brunswick has been locked in a cycle of job losses, deficits and population decline in recent years. We need a new cycle, one filled with hope and promise—a cycle that begins with job creation and culminates in improved finances and better services for New Brunswickers.

The enormous potential of our province will be realized once we turn the page on old approaches that have not worked.

Your government has hit the ground running, guided by a focused job creation plan that is responsible, achievable and balanced.

Creating New Brunswick Jobs

If we are going to create more jobs, we need to change our traditional approach to economic development. For too long, our province has allowed politics and parochial interests to dictate our job creation efforts. Instead, we need to be guided by evidence and expertise.

We need to better understand the long-term implications of the decisions your government makes on behalf of New Brunswickers. Plans should be designed for the next generation, not the next election. A strategic and coordinated approach to investments and job creation can achieve this.

Our province needs to diversify its economy. We need to protect and strengthen our traditional sectors, but we also need to develop emerging ones. This will make our economy more resilient in hard times, better able to seize opportunities in good times and stronger overall.

This work will begin with the development of a new framework for job creation and economic development in New Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Jobs Board, chaired by the premier, will be accountable for all job creation work undertaken by the province. This new body will be responsible for establishing the right conditions for job growth in New Brunswick. It will also be charged with improving the coordination of the government's province-wide efforts in job creation, and with evaluating its successes and failures on this front.

With the New Brunswick Jobs Board providing the oversight in job creation, Opportunities New Brunswick will be busy on the ground, pursuing opportunities and supporting business growth in our province. This new arm's-length Crown Corporation will distinguish itself from its predecessors by adopting a client-focused approach, by actively seeking to eliminate silos, and by being nimble, accountable and data-driven.

Your government's efforts to create jobs must not stop here. Each and every government department will be recruited to the task. A new economic filter will help guide government decisions across departments. No longer will policies be enacted without first asking: what impact will this decision have on jobs in New Brunswick?

To create jobs in the long-term, we need to invest in the people of New Brunswick. That means addressing the skills gap. At the moment, there are too many people in New Brunswick without jobs. But the opposite is also true. There are too many jobs without people who possess the skills to fill them. We need to provide better skills training for the jobs we have today, but more importantly, we need to train people for the jobs that will come tomorrow.

With the right policies, your government is convinced that New Brunswick youth can stay in the province to find good work. Too many have had to leave our province to find opportunity.

It is for this reason that your government has created a new Youth Employment Fund. Starting in 2015, job placements under this fund will help 1,500 young New Brunswickers obtain valuable work experience and training every single year. It will also help businesses who are looking for young, skilled workers.

Early-learning and education are the foundation for strengthening New Brunswick's place in the world. By leveraging the vast potential of our learners and better supporting our educators and teachers, New Brunswick can move forward as an innovative, open and engaged province.

Your government will begin work on a new 10-year plan for education, one that builds on the tremendous success of recent exercises such as the development of the Linguistic and Cultural Development Policy in the francophone sector. The new 10-year education plan will encompass the early years as much as it does the later ones, creating an essential link in our system between schools, colleges, universities, and other training programs. The plan will be developed in an open and collaborative manner, with stakeholders and experts in early-childhood and education working together to develop a road map that will guide progress over the next 10 years.

Critical skills for the success of our students—from literacy in languages to literacy in the so-called STEM disciplines—continue to serve as the cornerstones for the public education system. Your government will ensure that students have access to the skills required to be successful in the knowledge economy. By focussing on innovation and technology, through initiatives such as the introduction of coding as an essential skill, New Brunswick can leverage its knowledge resources.

These measures are all part of your government's plan to create the most job-ready generation in New Brunswick history.

As part of its innovation agenda, your government will work to accelerate the growth of innovation-based entrepreneurship and create the conditions for the commercialization of current and future research in the province's universities and research centres.

Two of the largest venture capital deals in ICT in recent Canadian history happened here, in New Brunswick, yet our province's exports in information and communications technology remain below the national average. Your government recognizes the great opportunity that rests in the intersection between innovation and the economy. For this reason, the premier himself will lead the innovation file for the government of New Brunswick.

Your government recognizes that our energy and natural resource sectors are economic drivers for the province. In fact, New Brunswick is the most export-dependent province in Canada. In large part, this is due to our energy and natural resource sectors.

The global and North American energy landscapes are rapidly shifting. Your government is not satisfied by simply putting all our eggs in a single basket. A more diverse crop of energy and natural resource opportunities must be diligently pursued.

This is why your government supports the responsible development of our energy and natural resource opportunities.

Your government will provide ongoing support for and maximization of economic opportunities from the development of the Energy East Pipeline project.

Your government will provide ongoing support for the development of a proposed oil export terminal in Saint John.

Your government will provide ongoing support for the potential conversion of the Canaport LNG terminal in Saint John to an export facility. Your Premier has recently travelled to Alberta and Texas to explore this particular opportunity.

Finally, your government will provide ongoing support for the development of mining opportunities and projects such as the proposed Sisson tungsten mine project in central New Brunswick, the PCS Picadilly potash expansion project in the Sussex area and a re-start of the Trevali lead-zinc mine at Caribou.

The economic impact of these projects is far reaching. The jobs that are created will allow for a greater number of New Brunswick families to live comfortably and fully participate in our economy. The revenues to government that flow from these projects will also help address our financial situation.

Your government, however, recognizes that it must do a better job of engaging First Nations in discussions about energy and natural resource development.

Your government will also ensure that we never put our health, our environment, or the sustainability of our resources at risk through the development of these opportunities. Safety and sustainability must constantly guide efforts.

Your government recognizes the importance of small- and medium-sized businesses to job creation in our province. These entrepreneurs are among the hardest working people in New Brunswick. Together we will foster the right conditions for them to succeed.

To help develop an environment where small businesses can thrive and create jobs in their communities, your government will lower the small business corporate income tax to 2.5 per cent over the next four years, the lowest rate east of Manitoba.

Your government will also work to identify and freeze the various annual fees that hamper small-business growth, as well as eliminate any burdensome red tape that might slow them down.

Two initiatives undertaken by the previous administration were destined to have a detrimental impact on small business operators in our province. The New Brunswick Drug Plan and the New Brunswick Forestry plan will be re-evaluated by your government to ensure that they are as fair and as sustainable as possible given the constraints that have been imposed.

If no action is taken, the provincial drug plan will become mandatory for uninsured New Brunswickers in April of next year. Small businesses and average New Brunswickers will suddenly face hefty premiums in exchange for coverage. Your government will explore other, more equitable ways of delivering this service.

Similarly, the new provincial forestry plan has been roundly criticized by small independent operators in New Brunswick. To ensure that decisions were made based on scientific evidence your government will collect and release the documents that guided the development of this plan. As with the New Brunswick Drug Plan, the New Brunswick Forestry plan will be re-examined to ensure that it is as sustainable and as fair as possible given the constraints that have been inherited by your government.

Your government recognizes that investments in infrastructure are a great way to boost a struggling economy, both in the short-term through immediate job creation, and in the long-term through the building of strategic resources. Your government will therefore look to invest in assets that can help grow our economy over the long-term. This could include infrastructure that facilitates new opportunities in emerging sectors, such as ICT, or that supports the expansion of our traditional industries.

There are additional reasons to invest in our infrastructure. New Brunswick's roads, bridges and other public infrastructure are in deplorable shape. The auditor general has made this clear. The safety of New Brunswickers is at stake. Furthermore, it makes good financial sense to undertake these upgrades now, instead of waiting for heftier repair bills later.

To these ends, your government will create an Infrastructure Investment Fund. In order to be approved, projects will have to meet at least one of the following criteria: Does the project create jobs, either immediately or in the long-term? Does the project make us safer? Does the project save us money in the long-term?

The first initiatives to receive financing under this special fund will be announced as part of your government's capital budget, to be presented in the weeks to come.

Your government recognizes that northern New Brunswick faces unique challenges and, as a result, has higher unemployment than the rest of the province. Your government will renew and refocus the Northern and Miramichi Economic Development Funds to provide strategic assistance to this region.

These funds will assist municipalities in upgrading infrastructure that is critical to creating jobs in their regions and assist businesses in establishing the assets they need to attract jobs and people.

To help working New Brunswickers make ends meet and to re-inject more of our collective earnings back into the New Brunswick economy, your government will increase the minimum wage to \$10.30 per hour by the end of 2014.

This 30-cent increase marks the first increase to the minimum wage in New Brunswick since April 2012.

This increase will help make life more affordable for the nearly 28,000 New Brunswickers who currently earn the minimum wage and will provide an overall boost to our economy by putting more money in the pockets of low-wage earners.

A higher minimum wage also leads to lower employee turnover and better employee performance overall.

This initial increase to the minimum wage will be followed by subsequent increases in the years ahead.

Your government plans to introduce other initiatives this year, similarly designed to boost equality and the economy at the same time.

Your government believes that our seniors deserve to retire with dignity and respect after working hard their entire lives. To help our seniors stay in their homes longer, a program will be developed that provides tax breaks on renovations costing up to \$10,000. This will also, in turn, create many jobs.

Your government will also reinstate the home energy efficiency retrofit program to reduce energy use and lower costs for consumers. The program will focus particularly on helping low-income New Brunswickers make their homes more energy efficient and will be available starting in April, 2015.

This measure has the added benefit of creating jobs in the short and medium term as New Brunswickers hire contractors to complete this work.

Some of the world's top performing economies enjoy the highest proportion of women on decision-making bodies. The underrepresentation of women in the New Brunswick Legislature, and on other governing bodies, is detrimental to the quality of services that all New Brunswickers receive.

To help make our government smarter and our economy stronger, steps will be taken to ensure that the voices of women are heard on policy-making bodies, including the appointment of more women to provincial agencies, boards and commissions.

Investing in Jobs by Getting our Fiscal House in Order

To maintain and generate the resources we need to invest in job creation, we need to tackle our fiscal problems. This will be a shared endeavour.

In the early days of its mandate, your government has sought to lead by example.

For instance, Cabinet has been shrunk to its smallest size in generations, allowing for both increased efficiency and reduced expenses. As well, the process to approve travel by all government employees has been considerably tightened, leading to further savings.

Your government is focused on governing smarter to control expenses. To this end, common functions will be centralized across government including communications, information technology, policy development, human resources and financial services.

These services—none of which are offered directly to the public—are duplicated across each department of government. This re-alignment of services will produce savings as early as your government's first budget. It will also streamline decision-making, moving away from the inefficient approaches of the past.

Other measures will be undertaken this year to increase government revenues. These include raising income taxes paid by the richest one per cent of New Brunswickers and rescinding a tax break previously granted to large corporations.

Without question, further efficiencies must be found if we are truly to address our financial situation. Difficult choices and tough decisions lie ahead. Your government will make these decisions, but not in isolation. We will make them together. Your government is ready to listen and eager to have an open dialogue.

A comprehensive review of all government programs, services, and processes will be launched this year. Your government wants New Brunswickers to get involved in this initiative. The goal is to identify at least \$250 million in savings across government.

In the 1990s, the federal government stared down a far graver financial situation and was able to right it in short order. Their process continues to be written about nearly 20 years later as a model for the world. It is this model that your government will use to balance New Brunswick's books. It is an approach that will leave no stone unturned to ensure that our fiscal situation is stable, allowing us to make further investments in job creation and families.

The findings of this review will be implemented, at the latest, in your government's second budget.

Conclusion

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

This session will also include Capital Budget Estimates and, over the coming days, amendments to a variety of Acts of the Legislative Assembly will be introduced and debated in order to ensure your government continues to improve services offered to the public.

Your government will also provide details on additional policy and program matters of importance to the people of New Brunswick.

The plan is now in place to get New Brunswick moving forward again.

It is a plan that will create more jobs through better policy and coordination.

It is a plan that will create sustainable jobs through a diversified approach.

And, it is a plan that will create better jobs by investing in our people.

Overcoming the challenges we face will require more than changes to legislation and policy.

The work needed to move New Brunswick forward will happen beyond the walls of this Chamber.

We have a great challenge ahead of us. It is important that we face this challenge together.

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

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. Brian Gallant, 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 received and read the first time.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the returns of votes polled in the several electoral districts of the province in the general election held September 22, 2014, and the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Saint John East in the by-election held November 17, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, that the returns be entered in the *Journals* of the House.

And they are as follows:

RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR
MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014

RESTIGOUCHE WEST # 1

Martine Coulombe	PC	1710
Gilles LePage	L	4940 E
Gilles Cyr	NDP	351
Charles Thériault	IND	1514
Louiselle Bastille		
Returning Officer		

CAMPBELLTON-DALHOUSIE # 2

Joe G. Elias	PC	1879
Donald Arseneault	L	4820 E
Jamie O'Rourke	NDP	762
Heather Wood	PVNBGP	282
Scott Chedore		
Returning Officer		

RESTIGOUCHE-CHALEUR # 3

Gilberte Boudreau	PC	1120
Daniel Guitard	L	4069 E
Ray Godin	NDP	2198
Mario Comeau	PVNBGP	160
Gérald Mallais		
Returning Officer		

BATHURST WEST-BERESFORD # 4

Anne Bard-Lavigne	PC	1778
Brian Kenny	L	4367 E
Etienne Arseneau	NDP	564
Catherine Doucet	PVNBGP	252
Philippe Hachey		
Returning Officer		

BATHURST EAST-NEPISIGUIT-SAINT-ISIDORE # 5

Ryan Riordon	PC	1894
Denis Landry	L	4431 E
Benjamin Kalenda	NDP	559
Gerry J. Aubie	PVNBGP	314
Nancy Jubinville-Guerette Returning Officer		

CARAQUET # 6

Suzanne Morais-Vienneau	PC	1814
Hédard Albert	L	4716 E
Mathieu Chayer	NDP	1579
Sophie Chiasson-Gould	PVNBGP	191
Aurélien Lanteigne Returning Officer		

SHIPPAGAN-LAMÈQUE-MISCOU # 7

Paul Robichaud	PC	3970
Wilfred Roussel	L	4014 E
Juliette Paulin	NDP	497
Tony Mallet	PVNBGP	226
Monique Noël Returning Officer		

TRACADIE-SHEILA # 8

Claude Landry	PC	2195
Serge Rousselle	L	5916 E
François Rousselle	NDP	861
Nancy Benoit	PVNBGP	121
Donald Thomas	IND	64
Murielle Saulnier Returning Officer		

MIRAMICHI BAY-NEGUAC # 9

Serge Robichaud	PC	3307
Lisa Harris	L	4199 E
Curtis Bartibogue	NDP	785
Filip Vanicek	PVNBGP	240
Raymond Gallant Returning Officer		

MIRAMICHI # 10

Robert B. Trevors	PC	2743
Bill Fraser	L	3974 E
Roger Vautour	NDP	328
Patty Deitch	PVNBGP	307
Michael (Tanker) Malley	IND	596
Cyril Donahue Returning Officer		

SOUTHWEST MIRAMICHI-BAY DU VIN # 11

Jake Stewart	PC	3837 E
Norma Smith	L	2951
Douglas Mullin	NDP	361
Kevin W. Matthews	PVNBGP	214
Wes Gullison	PANB	694
Naomi Stewart Returning Officer		

KENT NORTH # 12

Nancy Blanchard	PC	1559
Bertrand LeBlanc	L	4699 E
Allan Marsh	NDP	1294
Rébéka Frazer-Chiasson	PVNBGP	1707
Raven-Chanelle Arsenault-Augustine	PANB	135
Michel Vautour Returning Officer		

KENT SOUTH # 13

Claude Williams	PC	3216
Benoît Bourque	L	4637 E
Paul Musgrave	NDP	535
Tina Beers	PVNBGP	953
Joël MacIntosh	PANB	188
Andrea Leger Returning Officer		

SHEDIAC BAY-DIEPPE # 14

Dolorès Poirier	PC	1678
Brian Gallant	L	5661 E
Agathe Lapointe	NDP	803
Stephanie Matthews	PVNBGP	620
Raoul Leger Returning Officer		

SHEDIAC-BEAUBASSIN-CAP-PELÉ # 15

Carmel Brun	PC	1718
Victor Boudreau	L	5496 E
Bernice Boudreau	NDP	1175
Charles Thibodeau	PVNBGP	743
Conrad Grant Returning Officer		

MEMRAMCOOK-TANTRAMAR # 16

Michael Olscamp	PC	2037
Bernard LeBlanc	L	3515 E
Hélène Boudreau	NDP	972
Megan Mitton	PVNBGP	1178
Denise Martin Returning Officer		

DIEPPE # 17

Normand Léger	PC	1360
Roger Melanson	L	4866 E
Sandy Haquail	NDP	736
Françoise Aubin	PVNBGP	414
Raoul Charest Returning Officer		

MONCTON EAST # 18

Jane Mitton-MacLean	PC	2521
Monique LeBlanc	L	3443 E
Roy MacMullin	NDP	1105
Matthew Ian Clark	PVNBGP	567
Joceline Donaghy Returning Officer		

MONCTON CENTRE # 19

Marie-Claude Blais	PC	1589
Chris Collins	L	3339 E
Luc Leblanc	NDP	866
Jeffrey McCluskey	PVNBGP	508
O'Neil Arseneau Returning Officer		

MONCTON SOUTH # 20

Sue Stultz	PC	2247
Cathy Rogers	L	2903 E
Elisabeth French	NDP	757
Rish McGlynn	PVNBGP	530
Boyd Anderson		
Returning Officer		

MONCTON NORTHWEST # 21

Ernie Steeves	PC	3012 E
Brian Hicks	L	2773
Jason Purdy	NDP	783
Mike Milligan	PVNBGP	436
Carl Bainbridge	PANB	142
Floyd Graves		
Returning Officer		

MONCTON SOUTHWEST # 22

Sherry Wilson	PC	2523 E
Tyson Milner	L	2274
Charles Doucet	NDP	1129
Mathieu Pierre LaPlante	PVNBGP	392
Lucy Goguen	PANB	184
William Kingston		
Returning Officer		

RIVERVIEW # 23

R. Bruce Fitch	PC	3751 E
Tammy Rampersaud	L	2097
Danie Pitre	NDP	723
Linda Hardwick	PVNBGP	542
Ron Berry		
Returning Officer		

ALBERT # 24

Brian Keirstead	PC	3163 E
Terry A. Keating	L	2190
Kelly-Sue O'Connor	NDP	880
Ira Wilbur	PVNBGP	929
Bill Brewer	PANB	594
Reta Carson		
Returning Officer		

GAGETOWN-PETITCODIAC # 25

Ross Wetmore	PC	3352 E
Barak Stevens	L	2499
Anthony Crandall	NDP	978
Fred Harrison	PVNBGP	709
Lelanda Paterson		
Returning Officer		

SUSSEX-FUNDY-ST. MARTINS # 26

Bruce Northrup	PC	3677 E
Heike MacGregor	L	1710
William Carter	NDP	652
Stephanie Coburn	PVNBGP	570
LeRoy Armstrong	PANB	766
Nancy McLeod		
Returning Officer		

HAMPTON # 27

Gary Crossman	PC	2679 E
John D. Cairns	L	1618
Bev Harrison	NDP	1796
John Sabine	PVNBGP	554
Joan K. Seeley	PANB	269
Richard Thorne		
Returning Officer		

QUISPAMISIS # 28

Blaine Higgs	PC	3884 E
Mary Schryer	L	2390
Angela-Jo (AJ) Griffin	NDP	938
Patrick Kemp	PVNBGP	238
Brandon Gardner	PANB	114
Joanne Nice		
Returning Officer		

ROTHESAY # 29

Hugh J. (Ted) Flemming	PC	3034 E
Stephanie Tomilson	L	1838
John Wilcox	NDP	1559
Ann McAllister	PVNBGP	282
Danny Corcoran		
Returning Officer		

SAINT JOHN EAST # 30

Glen Savoie	PC	2323
Gary Keating	L	2332 E
Phil Comeau	NDP	1167
Sharon Murphy	PVNBGP	353
Jason Inness	PANB	124
Kathy Dalling Returning Officer		

PORTLAND-SIMONDS # 31

Trevor A. Holder	PC	2782 E
Michael Butler	L	1905
Tony Sekulich	NDP	743
Sheila Croteau	PVNBGP	259
David Keirstead Returning Officer		

SAINT JOHN HARBOUR # 32

Carl Killen	PC	1615
Ed Doherty	L	1686 E
Gary Stackhouse	NDP	1120
Wayne Dryer	PVNBGP	701
Arthur Watson	PANB	115
John Campbell Returning Officer		

SAINT JOHN LANCASTER # 33

Dorothy Shephard	PC	2619 E
Peter McGuire	L	2162
Abel LeBlanc	NDP	1535
Ashley Durdle	PVNBGP	283
Mary Ellen Carpenter	IND	85
Heather Chetley Returning Officer		

KINGS CENTRE # 34

Bill Oliver	PC	2431 E
Shannon Merrifield	L	2110
Daniel Anderson	NDP	1642
Mark Connell	PVNBGP	311
Colby Fraser	IND	323
Elaine Reid Returning Officer		

FUNDY-THE ISLES-SAINT JOHN WEST # 35

Jim (Doc) Parrott	PC	1828
Rick Doucet	L	4498 E
Terry James	NDP	558
Krysta Oland	PVNBGP	316
Jeanette Mitchell Returning Officer		

CHARLOTTE-CAMPOBELLO # 36

Curtis Malloch	PC	2982
John B. Ames	L	3176 E
June Greenlaw	NDP	515
Derek Simon	PVNBGP	453
Joyce Wright	PANB	484
Mary Casement Returning Officer		

OROMOCTO-LINCOLN # 37

Jody Carr	PC	2827 E
Trisha Hoyt	L	2354
Amanda Diggins	NDP	857
Jean Louis Deveau	PVNBGP	379
Jeff Langille	PANB	318
Ian Andrews Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON-GRAND LAKE # 38

Pam Lynch	PC	2403 E
Sheri Shannon	L	2330
Bronwen Mosher	NDP	879
Dan Weston	PVNBGP	358
Kris Austin	PANB	2377
Elaine Hoyt Returning Officer		

NEW MARYLAND-SUNBURY # 39

Jeff Carr	PC	3391 E
Michael Pearson	L	2595
Aimée Foreman	NDP	1787
Kelsey Adams	PVNBGP	508
Patti Nason Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON SOUTH # 40

Craig Leonard	PC	1938
Roy Wiggins	L	1601
Kelly Lamrock	NDP	1465
David Coon	PVNBGP	2272 E
Courtney Mills	IND	130
Doug Pond		
Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON NORTH # 41

Troy Lifford	PC	2445
Stephen Horsman	L	2589 E
Brian Duplessis	NDP	1560
Madeleine Berrevoets	PVNBGP	791
Patricia Wilkins	PANB	320
Kathy MacDonald		
Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON-YORK # 42

Kirk Douglas MacDonald	PC	2887 E
Randy McKeen	L	2365
Sharon Scott-Levesque	NDP	1695
Dorothy Diamond	PVNBGP	583
Rick Wilkins	PANB	379
Gerald Bourque	IND	240
Andrew Wood		
Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON WEST-HANWELL # 43

Brian Macdonald	PC	2971 E
Bernadine Gibson	L	2384
Dominic Cardy	NDP	2502
Gayla MacIntosh	PVNBGP	582
Virginia Stairs		
Returning Officer		

CARLETON-YORK # 44

Carl Urquhart	PC	3662 E
Ashley Cummings	L	2203
Jacob Elsinga	NDP	816
Terry Wishart	PVNBGP	602
David Graham	PANB	587
Barbara Allen Returning Officer		

CARLETON # 45

David Alward	PC	4061 E
Tom Reid	L	1588
Jeremiah Clark	NDP	580
Andrew Clark	PVNBGP	750
Steven Love	PANB	174
Lori Ann Tweedie Returning Officer		

CARLETON-VICTORIA # 46

Colin Lockhart	PC	3049
Andrew Harvey	L	3131 E
Joe Gee	NDP	683
Garth Farquhar	PVNBGP	464
Carter Edgar	IND	216
Terrence (Terry) Ritchie	IND	125
Debbie Miller Returning Officer		

VICTORIA-LA VALLÉE # 47

Danny Soucy	PC	3056
Chuck Chiasson	L	3969 E
Joe Bérubé	NDP	546
Daniel Zolondek	PVNBGP	428
Francine Mulherin Returning Officer		

EDMUNDSTON-MADAWASKA CENTRE # 48

Madeleine (Mado) Dubé	PC	3666 E
Michel LeBlond	L	3423
Alain Martel	NDP	523
Joanne Plourde Returning Officer		

MADAWASKA LES LACS-EDMUNDSTON # 49

Yvon Bonenfant	PC	2616
Francine Landry	L	4106 E
Widler Jules	NDP	560

Maurice Pelletier
Returning Officer

RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION FOR
A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014

SAINT JOHN EAST # 30

Shelley Rinehart	L	1398
Glen Savoie	PC	2225 E
Dominic Cardy	NDP	1099
Sharon Murphy	PVNBGP	262
Arthur Watson	PANB	38

Kathy Dalling
Returning Officer

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

On motion of Mr. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris,

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

Mr. Roussel, a Member for the electoral district of Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Ms. Harris, 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.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
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. Fitch, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Riverview, adjourned over.

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

RESOLVED, that Bernard LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Memramcook-Tantramar, and Lisa Harris, Member for the electoral District of Miramichi Bay-Neguac, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

And then, 12.40 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 2013-2014	
New Brunswick Human Rights Commission	October 28, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014	
New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission	October 30, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014	
New Brunswick Liquor Corporation	October 30, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014	
RPC Science and Engineering	November 4, 2014
Report by the Minister of Finance on Members' Expenses, pursuant to section 30(3) of the <i>Legislative Assembly Act</i>	November 12, 2014
Annual Report 2012-2013	
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	November 12, 2014
Accountability Report 2013-2014	
Atlantic Lottery Corporation	November 26, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014	
Department of Environment and Local Government	December 1, 2014

Annual Report 2013-2014

Department of Finance

December 1, 2014

Annual Report 2013-2014

Department of Social Development

December 1, 2014

Annual Report 2013-2014

Department of Healthy and

Inclusive Communities

December 2, 2014

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Department of Public Safety

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Thursday, December 4, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new Chaplain for the session, Father Donald Savoie, pastor of Paroisse Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Daniel Curwin, Moncton; Kate Deveau, Fredericton.

The returning pages are: Julie Frigault, Moncton; Ben Graham, Jacksonville; Jack Simpson, Fredericton; Lindsay Hodd, Musquash; Phoebe Marmura Brown, Fredericton; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Quebec.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that certain Congratulatory Messages be delivered during Statements by Ministers.

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. Melanson,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, December 11, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS the Province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS the Liberal government made a promise to create 5,000 jobs by the end of the first year of its mandate;

WHEREAS the natural resources sector is a major economic generator;

WHEREAS the natural gas industry has been well established in a safe and responsible way in New Brunswick for a number of years;

WHEREAS the safe, responsible development of natural gas and a stable domestic supply thereof are key opportunities for the province;

WHEREAS the government's intention to introduce a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing puts New Brunswick and its economy at risk;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly supports the safe, responsible development of natural gas and urges the government not to introduce barriers to its development.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, December 11, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the President of the Riverview Liberal Association sent an email on November 10, 2014, advising that government road contracts would be made available to supporters of the government, and that the Executive Assistant to the Minister of Social Development had enquired with respect to Liberal companies and individuals to be awarded road work contracts;

WHEREAS the Minister of Health, on November 21, 2014, terminated the employment of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Vitalité Health Network;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Vitalité Health Network issued a statement on November 25, 2014, to indicate that it did not question the qualifications of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, that to the best of its knowledge, the former President and Chief Executive Officer met all the requirements of his mandate, that it was not consulted prior to the termination, and that if it had been consulted, it would have indicated that there were no reasons for the dismissal of the former President and Chief Executive Officer;

AND WHEREAS these instances fall short of the government's commitment to do things differently;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the government for its failure to live up to its commitment to increase transparency and accountability in government.

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, December 11, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS it was revealed on or before September 3, 2014, that criminal charges had been laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria, who was then the Liberal candidate in that riding in the September 22, 2014, general election;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party and its candidates made comments that referred to the laying of the criminal charges as “suspicious” and “very troubling” and that questioned the timing of the release of the news;

WHEREAS those comments also called into question whether the Member for Carleton and the Member for Rothesay, who were then candidates in those ridings in the September 22, 2014, general election, in their then capacities as Premier and Attorney General, respectively, were involved inappropriately in the process to determine whether criminal charges should be laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria were dropped on or about September 12, 2014;

WHEREAS the Premier, who was then running for the office he now holds, then called for an independent review of the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party also set out a series of questions with respect to the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS those questions remain unanswered;

WHEREAS those unanswered questions bring into question the integrity of the administration of justice in the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to have those unanswered questions answered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint a commission under the *Inquiries Act* to investigate whether there was any political or other interference whatsoever in the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Bills 2 and 3 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 4)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

The Legislative Administration Committee be composed of Hon. Mr. Collins, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Ms. Harris, Hon. Mr. Melanson, Hon. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Albert, Mr. Guitard, Mr. Oliver, Mr. B. Macdonald and Mr. Coon.

The Standing Committee on Procedure be composed of Mr. Albert, Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Hon. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Guitard, Ms. Harris, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Ms. Dubé, Mr. B. Macdonald, Mr. Jody Carr and Mr. Holder.

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

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the definition of “recognized party” in the Standing Rules be suspended for the duration of the 58th Legislative Assembly, and that the Member for Fredericton South be afforded the same rights and privileges under Standing Rules 40 and 40.1, with respect to Statements by Members and replies to Statements by Ministers, as other members of recognized parties in the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, December 5, 2014, at 11 a.m.

And then, 3.09 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 4

Friday, December 5, 2014

11 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 Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

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

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
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 Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 12 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fitch welcomed to the House former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Dale Graham, Progressive Conservative MLA for Carleton North (1993-1995), and Carleton (1995-2014); Mr. Mike Olscamp, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Tantramar (2006-2014); Mr. Claude Williams, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Kent South (2001-2014).

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 1)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

Hon. Mr. Fraser, 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. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

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And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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.

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed development of a 750-site campground in Shediac. (Petition 2)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 3)

Mr. Albert, from the Standing Committee on Procedure, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 10, 2014

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

Mr. Speaker:

I present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 92, all Standing Rules and practices of the House, together with any matter referred by the Speaker, stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure.

Further to its permanent order of reference, your Committee held a meeting on December 5, 2014, to review the Standing Rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly.

Your Committee's Report contains several recommendations for changes and improvements to the Standing Rules and practices of the House.

And your Committee asks leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

(Sgd. :) Hédard Albert, M.L.A.
Committee Chair.

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

December 10, 2014

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Pursuant to Standing Rule 92, all Standing Rules and practices of the House, together with any matter referred by the Speaker, stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure. Further to its permanent order of reference, your Committee held a meeting on December 5, 2014, to review the Standing Rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Mr. Albert was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Guitard, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Hon. Mr. Fraser was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick were adopted in 1986. Your Committee is of the opinion that the Rules should be modernized to become more efficient and to reflect the current practices in other jurisdictions, including the House of Commons and other provincial legislatures. The changes being proposed will ensure the efficient, effective and orderly flow of business in the House and various standing committees.

The following is a summary of the recommended amendments to the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick:

I. Government House Leader

The Standing Rules require the Government House Leader to be a Minister of the Crown. In order to allow a Government Private Member to undertake the responsibilities of Government House Leader, it is recommended that certain amendments be made to the Standing Rules. The amendments would only permit the specific Private Member designated as Government House Leader, or a Minister of the Crown, to undertake the responsibilities of Government House Leader. The existing time limits prescribed for debate on bills and motions introduced by a Government Private Member would not apply if the Private Member is the Government House Leader.

II. Routine Business of the House

The following is the list of routine items of business called by the Speaker at the commencement of each sitting day: Prayers; Condolences and Messages of Sympathy; Introduction of Guests; Messages of Congratulation and Recognition; Presentations of Petitions; Answers to Petitions and Written Questions; Presentations of Committee Reports; Tabling of Documents; Statements by Ministers; Statements by Members; Oral Questions; Introduction of Bills; Notices of Motions; Notice of Opposition Members' Business; Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House; Orders of the Day.

These routine items of business are called in the order in which they are listed. Many of these items are without time limits, or the existing time limits are not routinely enforced. This results in the House devoting a considerable amount of time at the start of each sitting day to the consideration of these items, as opposed to other business before the House, such as legislation or departmental estimates. To allow the House to operate in a more efficient manner, it is recommended that certain items be combined and moved to the end of the day, be provided with a maximum time limit, be limited in their nature, or be moved to an earlier time in the day for consistency purposes.

Condolences and Congratulations

Members are permitted to offer condolences and messages of sympathy to the family of those who have passed away. In addition, Members are permitted to offer congratulations and recognition to those deserving of such acknowledgment. It is recommended that Condolences and Messages of Sympathy and Messages of Congratulation and Recognition be combined to form statements of condolence or statements of congratulation. This item would no longer be a routine item of business. Instead, it would be called by the Speaker, statements of condolence first, followed by statements of congratulation, prior to the adjournment of the House. This new item of business would be allocated a maximum time limit of ten minutes, and sixty seconds per Member.

Introduction of Guests

Members are permitted to introduce a guest in the House under this item of business. Depending on the number of guests present each day, this item may take several minutes. It is recommended that Introduction of Guests be allocated a maximum time limit of ten minutes, and that the existing limit of sixty seconds per Member be enforced.

Statements by Members

This routine item of business allows a Member, other than a Minister of the Crown, to make a statement for not more than sixty seconds. The Standing Rules are silent as to the nature of the statement. As such, it is recommended that the statement be required to relate to matters in the constituency of a Member. It is also recommended that the order in which this item of business is called be revised, to allow Statements by Members to be called earlier in the list, following Prayers and Introduction of Guests.

Oral Questions

Oral Questions, commonly referred to as Question Period, allows Members to pose questions to Ministers of the Crown. This routine item of business is often highly anticipated by the public, but can only commence after several other items of business have been completed, some of which vary greatly in duration. As such, there is not a predictable time of day when the House can commence Question Period. In order to provide the House and the public with a predictable time for the commencement of Question Period, it is recommended that the order in which this item of business is called be revised, to allow Oral Questions to be called earlier in the list, following Prayers, Introduction of Guests, and Statements by Members. Tabling of Documents and Statements by Ministers would follow Oral Questions.

III. Recorded Divisions

A recorded division may be requested on any vote in the House, if two Members stand in their places. Before the vote is taken, the Speaker allows ten minutes to pass to provide all Members with sufficient time to be in their seats. If several recorded divisions are requested in a sitting day, the time provided to Members can accumulate, which may result in an inefficient use of time. As such, it is recommended that the Government House Leader or Whip have the option to defer a recorded division to the next sitting day. The vote would be held under a new routine item of business entitled “Deferred Recorded Divisions.” This deferral option would not extend to requests for recorded divisions in standing or select committees.

IV. Sitting Hours

The Standing Rules provide for the following sitting hours in the House: Tuesday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.; Wednesday 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.; Thursday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.; Friday 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. In recent years, however, the House has routinely sat late into the evening to ensure legislation and departmental estimates are

thoroughly considered. In certain sessions, motions extending the sitting hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to 10.00 p.m. or later were common practice.

In order to ensure the House still has sufficient time to conduct its business in an efficient and thorough manner, while allowing Members to spend more time with family or on ministerial or constituency business outside of the House, it is recommended that the sitting hours be varied to allow the House to commence sitting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with only an hour break at noon. It is anticipated that the increased sitting hours in the day will allow the House to sit less frequently at night.

The recommended change in sitting hours requires an additional amendment to the Rules to indicate that Opposition Members' Business commences at 2.30 p.m. on Thursdays, to ensure there is not a change to the amount of time the Opposition is provided under this item of business.

V. Standing Committees

The Standing Rules provide for the following standing committees: Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; Standing Committee on Education; Standing Committee on Estimates; Standing Committee on Health Care; Standing Committee on Law Amendments; Legislative Administration Committee; Standing Committee on Legislative Officers; Standing Committee on Private Bills; Standing Committee on Privileges; Standing Committee on Procedure; Standing Committee on Public Accounts. It is recommended that certain changes be made to the committee structure and the mandate of certain committees.

Consideration of Government Bills

Following second reading, Government Bills stand referred to the Committee of the Whole House, which is comprised of all Members of the House except for the Speaker. In order to allow for a more thorough and specialized consideration of Government Bills, it is recommended that the Minister introducing a Bill, or the Government House Leader, be provided with the option to refer the Bill to one of three standing committees dedicated to the consideration of legislation of an economic, social or fiscal nature. The Committee of the Whole House would still exist, but would be used on a limited basis. The House would retain the ability to refer a Government Bill to the Committee of the Whole House, following its consideration by one of the three standing committees.

The standing committees created to consider, including the option to amend, Government Bills would be as follows: Standing Committee on Economic Policy; Standing Committee on Social Policy; Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy. These committees would function in the same manner as the Committee of the Whole House and all meetings would be held in public and televised. As is the current practice, if the House found it necessary to consult the public on a proposed Bill prior to second reading, the subject matter of the Bill would be referred to the existing Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Reorganization

With the addition of three new standing committees with broader mandates, it is recommended that the Standing Committee on Education and the Standing Committee on Health Care are no longer required. In addition, it is recommended that the Standing Committee on Estimates become the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy. To maximize the resources of the remaining standing committees, it is recommended that the Standing Committee on Procedure, the Standing Committee on Privileges, and the Standing Committee on Legislative Officers be combined to form the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers.

Consideration of Estimates

The Standing Rules require that following the transmittal to the House of estimates or supplementary estimates, such estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, which is comprised of all Members of the House except for the Speaker. In order to allow for a more thorough and specialized consideration of estimates, it is recommended that following the transmittal of estimates or supplementary estimates to the Committee of Supply, the Government House Leader have the option to refer these estimates to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy. When considering estimates, the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy would function in the same manner as the Committee of Supply and all meetings would be held in public and televised.

Membership

The Standing Rules allow any Member to take part in the proceedings of a standing committee, even if the Member is not a member of the Committee. The Member may not, however, vote, move any motions, or be part of a quorum. In order to allow a Minister to move an amendment to a Bill or departmental estimate referred to a Standing Committee, it is recommended that the Minister who introduces the Bill or is responsible for the estimate

be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the item. The Minister would have the ability to vote, move any motion, and be part of a quorum.

Motions of Concurrence

Motions for concurrence in the reports of the Committee of the Whole House, Committee of Supply, and certain standing committees are excluded from the two days' notice requirement pursuant to the Standing Rules. It is recommended that this exclusion be extended to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, Standing Committee on Social Policy, and Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy. As well, it is recommended that the Standing Rule that allows for the concurrence motion in these reports to be deemed to be before the House, decided without debate or amendment unless moved by a Minister, be extended to the reports of the three new standing committees.

Sitting Concurrently

The Standing Rules allow for the Standing Committee on Estimates and the Standing Committee on Law Amendments to sit concurrently with the House. It is recommended that this allowance be removed from the Rules.

VI. Other

The Standing Rules refer to a special Appropriations Act introduced pursuant to subsection 34(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*. This citation is no longer accurate, as the *Financial Administration Act* has been revised. Accordingly, it is recommended that the citation of subsection 34(4) be removed. This will not have any effect on the requirement of the specific Standing Rule.

Amendments to the Standing Rules

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following amendments to the Standing Rules:

- 1 Standing Rule 1 is amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:

“Government House Leader” means the Member designated as House Leader by the recognized party forming Government pursuant to Standing Rule 5, or a Minister acting in that capacity;

- 2 Standing Rule 9(2) is amended by striking out “Standing Committee on Privileges” and substituting “Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers”.
- 3 Standing Rule 29(1) is repealed and the following is substituted:

29(1) Unless otherwise provided by Standing or Special Order of the House, the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Thursday	10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Friday	10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

- 4 The Standing Rules are amended by adding after Standing Rule 30(1) the following:

30(1.1) Notwithstanding subrule (1), when the Speaker rises at the ordinary time of daily adjournment, before the Speaker adjourns the House the Speaker may recognize a Member to make a statement of condolence or a statement of congratulation.

30(1.2) A Member making a statement of condolence or a statement of congratulation shall speak for no more than sixty seconds.

30(1.3) A maximum of ten minutes shall be allocated for statements of condolence and statements of congratulation.

- 5 Standing Rule 35 is repealed and the following is substituted:

35 The ordinary daily routine of business in the House shall be:

Prayers.
Introduction of Guests.
Statements by Members.
Oral Questions (30 minutes).
Tabling of Documents.
Statements by Ministers.
Presentations of Petitions.
Answers to Petitions and Written Questions.
Presentations of Committee Reports.

Introduction of Bills.
Notices of Motions.
Notice of Opposition Members' Business.
Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.
Deferred Recorded Divisions.
Orders of the Day.

6 Standing Rule 35.1 is repealed.

7 Standing Rule 35.2 is repealed and the following is substituted:

35.2(1) A maximum of ten minutes shall be allocated to the item of routine business "Introduction of Guests".

35.2(2) A Member introducing a guest shall speak for no more than sixty seconds.

8 Standing Rule 35.3 is repealed.

9 Standing Rule 40.1 is amended by adding after subrule (3) the following:

40.1(4) Statements shall relate to the constituency of a Member.

10 Standing Rule 42.1 is amended

(a) in subrule (1) by striking out "the Minister acting as";

(b) in subrule (2) by striking out "the Minister acting as";

(c) by repealing subrule (4) and substituting the following:

42.1(4) A Government Bill introduced by a Minister of the Crown and given second reading shall stand referred to the Committee of the Whole House or other Committee designated by the sponsor of the Bill or Government House Leader.

(d) by repealing subrule (5) and substituting the following:

42.1(5) When a Government Bill has received second reading and is reported from a Committee other than the Committee of the Whole House, it may be referred to the Committee of the Whole House by the Government House Leader, otherwise the Government Bill shall stand ordered for third reading at the next sitting of the House unless third reading of the Bill is deferred to a subsequent day by the Government House Leader.

- (e) in subrule (6) by striking out “the Minister acting as”.
- 11 Standing Rule 42.2 is amended
- (a) in subrule (1) by striking out “the Minister acting as”;
- (b) by adding after subrule (2) the following:
- 42.2(2.1) Subrule (2) shall not apply during any debate of a Public Bill introduced by a Government Private Member if the sponsor of the Bill is the Government House Leader.
- (c) in subrule (3) by striking out “the Minister acting as”;
- (d) in subrule (4) by striking out “the Minister acting as”;
- (e) in subrule (7) by striking out “the Minister acting as”.
- 12 Standing Rule 42.3(3) is amended by striking out “subsection 34(4) of”.
- 13 Standing Rule 43 is amended by striking out “the Minister acting as”.
- 14 Standing Rule 44(1) is repealed and the following is substituted:
- 44(1) Commencing on the second Thursday of the session, “Opposition Members’ Business” shall begin at 2.30 p.m. and shall have precedence over all other business of the House.
- 15 Standing Rule 44.1 is amended
- (a) in subrule (1) by striking out “the Minister acting as”;
- (b) by adding after subrule (4) the following:
- 44.1(5) Subrules (2) and (4) shall not apply to the consideration of a motion introduced by a Government Private Member if the mover of the motion is the Government House Leader.
- 16 The Standing Rules are amended by adding after Standing Rule 62(4) the following:
- 62(5) Notwithstanding subrule (2), if a recorded division is requested, the Speaker or the Chair shall defer the recorded division to the next sitting day under the item of routine business “Deferred Recorded Divisions” if requested to do so by the Government House Leader or Government Whip.

17 Standing Rule 66(i) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(i) for concurrence in the Reports of the Committee of the Whole House, the Committee of Supply, the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, the Standing Committee on Social Policy, and the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy;

18 Standing Rule 78.1 is repealed and the following is substituted:

78.1 On the presentation of a report from the Committee of the Whole House, the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, the Standing Committee on Social Policy, the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, or the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, a motion that the report be concurred in shall be deemed to be before the House. The motion to concur in the report shall be put forthwith by the Speaker and decided without debate and no amendment shall be received unless it is moved by the Government House Leader for the purpose of reinstating a Bill, a clause of a Bill or an amendment to a Bill. If the Government House Leader moves an amendment as provided herein, the debate on such amendment shall be limited to one hour and no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes. The debate having been concluded, the question shall be put on any amendment so moved, then in the concurrence of the report, be it amended or not.

19 Standing Rule 78.2 is repealed and the following is substituted:

78.2 On the presentation of a report from the Committee of Supply or the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, a motion that the report be concurred in shall be deemed to be before the House. The motion to concur in the report shall be put forthwith by the Speaker and decided without debate and no amendment shall be received unless it is moved by the Government House Leader for the purpose of reinstating some estimate or estimates reduced or negatived in Committee. If the Government House Leader moves an amendment as provided herein, the debate on such amendment shall be limited to one hour and no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes. The debate having been concluded, the question shall be put on any amendment so moved, then in the concurrence of the report, be it amended or not.

20 Standing Rule 89 is repealed and the following is substituted:

89 The Standing Committees shall be appointed on motion at the commencement of each House and shall be:

- (a) the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations;
 - (b) the Standing Committee on Economic Policy;
 - (c) the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy;
 - (d) the Standing Committee on Law Amendments;
 - (e) the Legislative Administration Committee;
 - (f) the Standing Committee on Private Bills;
 - (g) the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers;
 - (h) the Standing Committee on Public Accounts;
 - (i) the Standing Committee on Social Policy.
- 21 The Standing Rules are amended by adding after Standing Rule 89.1 the following:
- 89.2 When a Bill is considered by a Committee established under Standing Rule 89, the Chair shall inquire whether any comments, questions or amendments are to be offered and to which sections, and will call only those sections. If no sections are so designated, the Bill shall be reported as a whole.
- 22 Standing Rule 91 is amended by striking out “Standing Committee on Legislative Officers” and substituting “Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers”.
- 23 Standing Rule 92 is amended by striking out “Committee on Procedure” and substituting “Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers”.
- 24 Standing Rule 97 is repealed and the following is substituted:
- 97 A standing or select committee shall not, except by order of the House, sit concurrently with the House.
- 25 Standing Rule 100 is repealed and the following is substituted:
- 100 Any Member may request a recorded vote in Committee. If a recorded vote is requested, the Chair shall put the question forthwith. The Chair of a Committee shall vote only when there is an equality of votes.

26 Standing Rule 102 is repealed and the following is substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee, may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee, but may not vote nor move any motion, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion, and be part of a quorum.

27 Standing Rule 105(2) is amended by striking out “a Minister of the Crown” and substituting “the Government House Leader”.

28 Standing Rule 109 is repealed and the following is substituted:

109(1) On motion of the Government House Leader, the House may refer any departmental estimate to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy which shall report those Estimates back to the House for concurrence therein.

109(2) A motion to refer a departmental estimate to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy shall be put forthwith by the Speaker and decided without amendment or debate.

29 Standing Rule 109.1(3) is amended by striking out “Standing Committee on Estimates” and substituting “Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy”.

30 Standing Rule 114(2) is amended by striking out “Standing Committee on Procedure” and substituting “Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers”.

31 Standing Rule 120 is amended by striking out “Minister leading the House” and substituting “Government House Leader”.

All of which is respectfully submitted and the Committee asks leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Hédard Albert, M.L.A.
Committee Chair

Hon. Mr. Landry laid upon the table of the House certain documents in relation to the Forestry Agreements signed as a result of the 2014 Forestry Management Strategy on Crown Land.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,
Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, Bills 4 and 5 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 5; following which Bills 2 and 3 would be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the definition of “recognized party” in the Standing Rules be suspended for the duration of the 58th Legislative Assembly, and that the Member for Fredericton South be afforded the same rights and privileges under Standing Rules 40 and 40.1, with respect to Statements by Members and replies to Statements by Ministers, as other members of recognized parties in the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 5 was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Ms. Dubé, reverted to Opposition Members' Business.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 11, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 1, 3 and 2.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.30 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, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Albert	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. LePage

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Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Alward	
Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore	

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, 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. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

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

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate on behalf of the Honourable the Premier.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the motion to adjourn the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne on behalf of the Premier, who would then close the debate on Friday, was not in order as there were still members of the Official Opposition who wished to participate in the debate. Ms. Dubé cited the Standing Rules that require the debate to not exceed six sitting days and noted that Friday would only be the fourth day of debate. Hon. Mr. Fraser spoke on the point of order.

At 6.12 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

6.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. Fraser withdrew the motion to adjourn the debate on behalf of the Honourable the Premier.

And then, 6.32 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, December 11, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed development of a 750-site campground in Shediac. (Petition 4)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 5)

Hon. Mr. Melanson laid upon the table of the House a letter addressed to Mr. Marc Devlin, President of Brun-Way Highways Operations Inc., from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; and the response thereto.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,
Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 8)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, December 12, 2014, shall be 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Friday, December 12, 2014, Bills 4, 5 and 6 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS the Province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS the Liberal government made a promise to create 5,000 jobs by the end of the first year of its mandate;

WHEREAS the natural resources sector is a major economic generator;

WHEREAS the natural gas industry has been well established in a safe and responsible way in New Brunswick for a number of years;

WHEREAS the safe, responsible development of natural gas and a stable domestic supply thereof are key opportunities for the province;

WHEREAS the government's intention to introduce a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing puts New Brunswick and its economy at risk;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly supports the safe, responsible development of natural gas and urges the government not to introduce barriers to its development.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Ames, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended:

In the second "whereas" clause, after the word "create" insert "conditions that a consultant suggested could yield", and

In the final "whereas" clause, delete "New Brunswick and its economy at risk" and replace with "the health and safety of New Brunswick people at the forefront", and

In the resolution clause, after the word "gas" delete "and urges the government not to introduce barriers to its development" and replace with ", after conditions of health, safety, environmental concern and social licence have been met".

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 1 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS the Liberal government made a promise to create conditions that a consultant suggested could yield 5,000 jobs by the end of the first year of its mandate;

WHEREAS the natural resources sector is a major economic generator;

WHEREAS the natural gas industry has been well established in a safe and responsible way in New Brunswick for a number of years;

WHEREAS the safe, responsible development of natural gas and a stable domestic supply thereof are key opportunities for the province;

WHEREAS the government's intention to introduce a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing puts the health and safety of New Brunswick people at the forefront;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly supports the safe, responsible development of natural gas, after conditions of health, safety, environmental concern and social licence have been met.

And the question being put, Motion 1 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS it was revealed on or before September 3, 2014, that criminal charges had been laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria, who was then the Liberal candidate in that riding in the September 22, 2014, general election;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party and its candidates made comments that referred to the laying of the criminal charges as "suspicious" and "very troubling" and that questioned the timing of the release of the news;

WHEREAS those comments also called into question whether the Member for Carleton and the Member for Rothesay, who were then candidates in those ridings in the September 22, 2014, general election, in their then capacities as Premier and Attorney General, respectively, were involved inappropriately in the process to determine whether criminal charges should be laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria were dropped on or about September 12, 2014;

WHEREAS the Premier, who was then running for the office he now holds, then called for an independent review of the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party also set out a series of questions with respect to the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS those questions remain unanswered;

WHEREAS those unanswered questions bring into question the integrity of the administration of justice in the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to have those unanswered questions answered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint a commission under the *Inquiries Act* to investigate whether there was any political or other interference whatsoever in the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris 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 8

Friday, December 12, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed development of a 750-site campground in Shediac. (Petition 6)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 7)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 7, An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle,

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.

Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, December 18, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

WHEREAS TransCanada Corporation has filed a formal project application for the Energy East crude oil pipeline project with the National Energy Board of Canada;

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should not create unnecessary barriers to the Energy East crude oil pipeline project by imposing additional processes and conditions that are not within their constitutional authority;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick re-affirms its unanimous support for the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project to bring western crude oil to Saint John;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick calls on Ontario and Quebec to recognize the National Energy Board as the appropriate body to review the Energy East crude oil pipeline project.

Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 18, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cause any changes to abortion services that it has adopted or intends to adopt to be the subject of a debate in the House, and to delay implementation of those changes until that debate has occurred.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 2, 5 and 3 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Bill 4 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income 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 5, *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 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *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 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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 Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

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

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

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

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

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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 Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

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

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
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 the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

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Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Alward	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	

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

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

Ordered that the Honourable the Premier, Mr. Roussel and Ms. Harris be the Committee to Wait upon Her Honour with the Address and present the same.

And then, 1.45 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 2013-2014

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

December 12, 2014

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 8)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed development of a 750-site campground in Shediac. (Petition 9)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House a *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. Dominic Cardy, Leader of the New Brunswick New Democratic Party of Violations of the Members' Conflict of Interest Act by Mr. Greg Davis, MLA for Campbellton-Restigouche Centre.*

Mr. Bourque gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Harris:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be two days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 2, 3 and 5, which shall include the days spent considering said Bills from December 17, 2014, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said two 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 consideration of the said Bills in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills, and, where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 18, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 3, 10 and 9.

Hon. Mr. Melanson, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her 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 17, 2014.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2013-2014, Volume I*, required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Hon. Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Melanson proceeded to deliver the 2015-2016 capital budget speech.

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

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting 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 Ms. Harris in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Harris, 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 she was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ms. Harris 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. Fraser, 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.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Friday, December 19, 2014, Bills 7 and 8 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, 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 3, 2 and 5; following which Bills 4 and 6 would be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Harris in the chair.

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

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard LeBlanc in the chair.

At 4.29 p.m., Mr. Bernard LeBlanc declared a recess and left the chair.

4.37 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 Bills:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 15, 2014
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists	December 15, 2014

Daily sitting 11

Thursday, December 18, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Harvey welcomed to the House Mr. Fred Harvey, former Liberal MLA for Carleton North (1987-1993).

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 10)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the term "lied" in relation to the Premier, which he did.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Friday, December 19, 2014, Bill 9 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that on Friday, December 19, 2014, following routine proceedings, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for 90 minutes to take into consideration Bills 2, 3 and 5; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to open the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; the Department of Health; and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, in that order. For each department the estimates would be opened with the speech by the Minister and then set aside. Following which, the House would consider Motion 11, following which the House would proceed with the passage of Bills 2, 3 and 5 at all remaining stages and Royal Assent.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, December 19, 2014, at 9 a.m.

Debate resumed on Motion 3, moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Ms. Shephard, as follows:

WHEREAS it was revealed on or before September 3, 2014, that criminal charges had been laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria, who was then the Liberal candidate in that riding in the September 22, 2014, general election;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party and its candidates made comments that referred to the laying of the criminal charges as “suspicious” and “very troubling” and that questioned the timing of the release of the news;

WHEREAS those comments also called into question whether the Member for Carleton and the Member for Rothesay, who were then candidates in those ridings in the September 22, 2014, general election, in their then capacities as Premier and Attorney General, respectively, were involved inappropriately in the process to determine whether criminal charges should be laid against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria were dropped on or about September 12, 2014;

WHEREAS the Premier, who was then running for the office he now holds, then called for an independent review of the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party also set out a series of questions with respect to the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria;

WHEREAS those questions remain unanswered;

WHEREAS those unanswered questions bring into question the integrity of the administration of justice in the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to have those unanswered questions answered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint a commission under the *Inquiries Act* to investigate whether there was any political or other interference

whatsoever in the processes to determine whether to lay and to withdraw the criminal charges against the Member for Carleton-Victoria.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 21

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Alward
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Fitch	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Albert	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Ms. Shephard moved, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cause any changes to abortion services that it has adopted or intends to adopt to be the subject of a debate in the House, and to delay implementation of those changes until that debate has occurred.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 10 be amended:

In the resolution clause after the word “House” delete “and to delay implementation of those changes until that debate has occurred” and add the words “part of which is currently underway”.

Insert a new resolution clause at the end as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Speaker determine whether there is unanimous consent to dedicate the entire question periods remaining in the calendar year to the topic of reproductive health.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the amendment was not in order as it exceeded the scope of the original motion and introduced foreign elements.

At 4.34 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

4.58 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I have reviewed the proposed amendment. The original motion as proposed by the Member for Saint John Lancaster urges the government to cause any changes to abortion services that it has adopted or intends to adopt to be the subject of a debate in the House, and to delay implementation of those changes until the debate has occurred.

The proposed amendment does change some elements of the original motion. However, the amendment would retain an essential element of the main motion, namely that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cause any changes to abortion services to be the subject of a debate in the House.

Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms 6th Edition states at paragraph 567: *The object of an amendment may be to either 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.*

Although the proposed amendment does not retain all of the elements of the original motion, I find that it retains a sufficient portion so as not to amount to a direct negative of the original question. The proposed amendment is clearly relevant to the original motion and seeks to modify the question in such a way as to make it more acceptable to the House.

The proposed amendment, if agreed to, would also expand on the original proposal by causing the Speaker to ascertain whether there is the unanimous consent of the House to devote the remaining question periods in this calendar year to the topic of reproductive rights.

In my opinion this does not introduce a foreign element to the motion but simply expands on the original proposal.

I should emphasize, Honourable Members, that even if the amendment was adopted and the motion was carried as amended, before future question periods were to proceed as proposed, the Speaker would first have to determine whether there was indeed the unanimous consent of the House to proceed in this manner and devote the remaining question periods to the topic of reproductive rights.

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 10 as amended as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cause any changes to abortion services that it has adopted or intends to adopt to be the subject of a debate in the House, part of which is currently underway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Speaker determine whether there is unanimous consent to dedicate the entire question periods remaining in the calendar year to the topic of reproductive health.

And the question being put, Motion 10 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 9, Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

WHEREAS TransCanada Corporation has filed a formal project application for the Energy East crude oil pipeline project with the National Energy Board of Canada;

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should not create unnecessary barriers to the Energy East crude oil pipeline project by imposing additional processes and conditions that are not within their constitutional authority;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick re-affirms its unanimous support for the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project to bring western crude oil to Saint John;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick calls on Ontario and Quebec to recognize the National Energy Board as the appropriate body to review the Energy East crude oil pipeline project.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and requested that Mr. Stewart withdraw the term “hypocritical”, which he did.

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 2013-2014 Department of Natural Resources	December 17, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014 Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	December 17, 2014

Daily sitting 12

Friday, December 19, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Motion 10, adopted as amended on December 18, 2014, Mr. Speaker asked the House whether there was unanimous consent to dedicate Oral Questions to the topic of reproductive health, and unanimous consent was denied.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 8 be called for second reading; following which, in accordance with the agreement of the House adopted by unanimous consent the previous day, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 5, 2, 3 and, with leave, 8; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development; Health; and Transportation and Infrastructure; following which the House would take into consideration Motion 11; following which the House would proceed with the passage of Bills 2, 3, 5 and, with leave, 8, at all remaining stages and Royal Assent.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 12)

THAT pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be composed of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Albert, Mr. Ames, Mr. Bourque, Mr. Guitard, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Ms. Dubé, Mr. Jeff Carr, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Northrup and Mr. Coon; and

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts be composed of Mr. Bourque, Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Guitard, Ms. Harris, Mr. Harvey, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. LePage, Mr. Albert, Mr. Holder, Ms. Shephard, Mr. Steeves, Mr. Flemming and Mr. Coon.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the International Interests in Mobile Equipment 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 International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 8 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 Bills:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax 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 to continue sitting through the noon recess.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. Harris in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Harris, 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.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. Bourque moved, seconded by Ms. Harris:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be two days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 2, 3 and 5, which shall include the days spent considering said Bills from December 17, 2014, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said two 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 consideration of the said Bills in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills, and, where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 11 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 22

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Alward	

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
 Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*
 Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
 Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 8 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 20

Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Alward	

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

At 3.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.35 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker address Her 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 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, 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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 4 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 2013-2014 Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	December 18, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014 Government Services	December 18, 2014
Annual Report 2013-2014 Invest New Brunswick	December 18, 2014

Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the family of the late Honourable Gilbert Finn, former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick (1987-1994).

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to increase the amount of nursing home beds in Miramichi. (Petition 11)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 12)

Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *New Brunswick Police Commission Annual Report 2013-2014*.

Ms. Dubé requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions, and unanimous consent was denied.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that certain members of the Opposition were not directing their questions through the Speaker and that Mr. Holder's supplementary questions were not related to his original question. Mr. Speaker ruled the points well taken.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House the Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology) and Member of Parliament for London West.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 7; following which Bills 7, 4, 9 and 6 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following "THAT" and substituting the following:

"recommendations 1 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum."

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

At 3.01 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.17 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

“102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.”

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

At 3.57 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

4.14 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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:

Annual Reports

2013-2014 Office of the Attorney General	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Department of Justice	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	January 5, 2015
2013-2014 New Brunswick Community College	January 5, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	January 12, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	January 22, 2015
2014 Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume 1, Financial Audits	January 22, 2015
2014 Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume 2, Performance Audits	January 22, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Human Resources	January 23, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Health	January 28, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Energy and Mines	January 29, 2015
Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance, January 2015	January 30, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Economic Development	February 2, 2015
Legislative Activities 2013	February 10, 2015

Other

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 Paul Robichaud, MLA for Lamèque-Shippagan- Miscou and Deputy Premier	January 13, 2015
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 Ms. Marie-Paule Martin, of Violations of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> by Mr. Victor Boudreau, MLA for Shediac–Cap-Pelé as he then was	February 5, 2015

Petitions

Response to Petitions 2, 4, 6, 9	December 22, 2014
Response to Petitions 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10	January 26, 2015

Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Bertin LeBlanc, the former Liberal MLA for Kent South (1978-1982).

Mr. LePage, Member for Restigouche West, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to install moose fencing on Route 17, between Glen Levit and Squaw Cap. (Petition 13)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 14)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that when posing questions, the supplementary questions must be related to the subject matter of the original question.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,
Bill 11, *Local Food Security Act*.

Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS this government has created much uncertainty with regard to the future of several schools in New Brunswick, especially those in rural regions;

WHEREAS this government committed to implementing a 10-year plan for all grade levels;

WHEREAS the 10-year education plan could greatly influence and impact the future and the use of several schools in the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge this government and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development not to close any schools in the province nor to carry out department policy 409 until the new 10-year plan promised by the government has been implemented.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 12, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 9 and 2.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 4, 7, 9 and 6 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12.30 p.m., Madam 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, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

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 Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance 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 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick*, 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 Oil and Natural Gas Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

"Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House consider Motion 7.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

“102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.”

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

And after some further 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 15

Thursday, February 12, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 15)

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 15)

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 First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Bourque gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc:

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1), the House sit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order come into effect immediately upon its adoption and remain in effect for the remainder of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

Debate resumed on Motion 9, moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Alward, as follows:

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

WHEREAS TransCanada Corporation has filed a formal project application for the Energy East crude oil pipeline project with the National Energy Board of Canada;

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should not create unnecessary barriers to the Energy East crude oil pipeline project by imposing additional processes and conditions that are not within their constitutional authority;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick re-affirms its unanimous support for the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project to bring western crude oil to Saint John;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick calls on Ontario and Quebec to recognize the National Energy Board as the appropriate body to review the Energy East crude oil pipeline project.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 9 be amended:

In the second “whereas” clause, after the word “largest” delete “crude carrying vessels” and replace with “oil tankers”;

In the third “whereas” clause, after the word “export” delete “crude” and replace with “oil”; after the words “our producers” insert “better”;

Delete the fifth whereas clause;

In the seventh “whereas” clause, after the word “refinery” delete “would” and replace with “could” and after the word “costs” insert “per barrel”;

Insert a new “whereas” clause before the last one:

“WHEREAS the Energy East project is working to earn social license in the communities through which it will pass”;

In the last “whereas” clause, after the word “Quebec” delete “should not create unnecessary barriers to” and replace with “have expressed their concerns regarding” and after the word “project” delete “by imposing additional processes and conditions that are not within their constitutional authority”;

In the final resolution clause, after the words “New Brunswick” delete “calls on Ontario and Quebec to recognize the National Energy Board as the appropriate body to review the Energy East crude oil pipeline project” and replace with “urge the government to work collaboratively with Quebec, Ontario and all other provinces to ensure that this project proceeds successfully in a responsible manner”.

Madam 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 9 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest oil tankers;

WHEREAS the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project is in the national interest, as the ability to export oil from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers better access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery could decrease production costs per barrel and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

WHEREAS TransCanada Corporation has filed a formal project application for the Energy East crude oil pipeline project with the National Energy Board of Canada;

WHEREAS the Energy East Project is working to earn social license in the communities through which it will pass;

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec have expressed their concerns regarding the Energy East crude oil pipeline project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick re-affirms its unanimous support for the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project to bring western crude oil to Saint John;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to work collaboratively with Quebec, Ontario and all other provinces to ensure that this project proceeds successfully in a responsible manner.

And the question being put, Motion 9 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the President of the Riverview Liberal Association sent an email on November 10, 2014, advising that government road contracts would be made available to supporters of the government, and that the Executive Assistant to the Minister of Social Development had enquired with respect to Liberal companies and individuals to be awarded road work contracts;

WHEREAS the Minister of Health, on November 21, 2014, terminated the employment of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Vitalité Health Network;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Vitalité Health Network issued a statement on November 25, 2014, to indicate that it did not question the qualifications of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, that to the best of its knowledge, the former President and Chief Executive Officer met all the requirements of his mandate, that it was not consulted prior to the termination, and that if it had been consulted, it would have indicated that there were no reasons for the dismissal of the former President and Chief Executive Officer;

AND WHEREAS these instances fall short of the government's commitment to do things differently;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the government for its failure to live up to its commitment to increase transparency and accountability in government.

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 16

Friday, February 13, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to maintain the Dorchester Island Road in Westmorland County. (Petition 16)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 17)

Hon. Mr. Rousselle laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Annual Report 2015, Statute Repeal Act, Office of the Attorney General*.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Macdonald accused the Minister of Health of stating a “half truth” and that Mr. Stewart compared Government Members to “war lords”. Mr. Speaker ruled both points well taken and cautioned both Members against the use of such language.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS alcohol ignition interlocks are an effective tool in the ongoing fight to stop impaired driving;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick ignition interlock program, administered by the Department of Public Safety, is a voluntary program in which persons convicted of impaired driving must request to participate;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the only Canadian jurisdictions where an ignition interlock program exists but is not mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving;

WHEREAS stakeholders concerned with the continued societal problem of impaired driving have called for the New Brunswick ignition interlock program to be made mandatory;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make the changes necessary to the New Brunswick ignition interlock program such that it become mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 9 and 6 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, be now read a second time as follows:

AMENDMENT

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

“Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House consider Motion 7.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

“102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.”

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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 17

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Arseneault rose on a matter of privilege to correct an article published in the *Telegraph Journal* on February 13, 2015, concerning the demolition plans of the Dalhousie Generating Station.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members that Messages of Congratulation and Recognition are not to be political in nature.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*.

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Friday, February 20, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the consideration of Motion 7 to concur in the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, and any amendments thereto, which shall include the days spent considering Motion 7 from February 17, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of Motion 7 and any amendments thereto, which shall be decided without further amendment or debate.

Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, February 26, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in the custody of or under the control of the Office of the Premier, the Premier, the Department of Finance, the Minister of

Finance, the Department of Health, the Horizon Health Network, the Vitalité Health Network, the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, the Minister of Health and any other relevant government employee, department, agency, board or commission, and any correspondence or other communication, whether by electronic means or otherwise, between or amongst those entities and persons or with the federal, other provincial, territorial or municipal governments, relating to capital expenditures and planned capital improvements, including budget figures, tables, projections and planned future budget figures, together with all reports and studies relating to the capital infrastructure of the Horizon Health Network and the Vitalité Health Network, including but not limited to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, for the years from 2010 to 2020, inclusive.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, Bill 12 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 6 and 9 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House consider Motion 7.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

“102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.”

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 7, moved by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following “THAT” and substituting the following:

“recommendations 1 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum.”

And after some time, Mr. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By adding after the proposed Standing Rule 102(2) as it is set out in the amendment, the following:

“AND THAT the Standing Rules are amended by adding after the heading “PART V SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND QUORUM” the following:

28.01(1) The Speaker of the House shall, by October 30, after consultation with the House Leaders, table in the House a calendar for the following year setting out the sitting and non-sitting weeks between the last Tuesday in November and the Friday before Christmas Day, and between the second Tuesday in March and the last Friday in June.

28.01(2) If there is no Speaker on October 30, the Speaker shall, within two weeks of being elected, table in the House the calendar described in subrule (1).

28.01(3) If the House is not sitting when the Speaker has prepared the calendar in accordance with subrule (1) or (2), the Speaker shall provide the calendar to the House Leaders forthwith upon its preparation and shall table the calendar in the House at its next sitting.

28.01(4) The Speaker shall prepare the calendar described in subrule (1) such that, during the periods mentioned in subrule (1), at no time shall the number of consecutive non-sitting weeks exceed two.

28.01(5) The House shall follow the calendar described in subrule (1), and the House may decide to schedule its sittings notwithstanding the calendar only where there is agreement amongst the government, the Official Opposition, and the other recognized parties to do so.”

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

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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:

Annual Report 2013-2014

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture February 13, 2015
Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, change in the fee structure
of Regulation 2009-24 relating to the registration
and operation of casinos in New Brunswick February 13, 2015

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 18)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 13, *An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Relating to Wood Supply and Forest Management.*

Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, February 26, 2015, 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.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 14, 17 and 2.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, 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 7 and 4; following which Bills 9 and 6 would be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Bernard LeBlanc declared a recess and left the chair.

12.10 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 3.20 p.m., Mr. Bernard LeBlanc declared a recess and left the chair.

3.33 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 7, An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.

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. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House consider Motion 7.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that, in order to protect the minority and allow the Opposition a full opportunity to debate Motion 7, the Speaker should not permit the government to resume debate on Motion 7 at this late time in the day, given that the motion may be subject to a time allocation motion on Friday, which would limit debate on Motion 7 to three days, including today. Hon. Mr. Fraser also spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as it is the government's prerogative to call items for debate and the Speaker is not in a position to determine the amount of debate that the House may allocate to Motion 7 in the coming days, nor whether that amount is sufficient.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Mr. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By adding after the proposed Standing Rule 102(2) as it is set out in the amendment, the following:

“AND THAT the Standing Rules are amended by adding after the heading “PART V SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND QUORUM” the following:

28.01(1) The Speaker of the House shall, by October 30, after consultation with the House Leaders, table in the House a calendar for the following year setting out the sitting and non-sitting weeks between the last Tuesday in November and the Friday before Christmas Day, and between the second Tuesday in March and the last Friday in June.

28.01(2) If there is no Speaker on October 30, the Speaker shall, within two weeks of being elected, table in the House the calendar described in subrule (1).

28.01(3) If the House is not sitting when the Speaker has prepared the calendar in accordance with subrule (1) or (2), the Speaker shall provide the calendar to the House Leaders forthwith upon its preparation and shall table the calendar in the House at its next sitting.

28.01(4) The Speaker shall prepare the calendar described in subrule (1) such that, during the periods mentioned in subrule (1), at no time shall the number of consecutive non-sitting weeks exceed two.

28.01(5) The House shall follow the calendar described in subrule (1), and the House may decide to schedule its sittings notwithstanding the calendar only where there is agreement amongst the government, the Official Opposition, and the other recognized parties to do so.”

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 19

Thursday, February 19, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 19)

Hon. Mr. Fraser laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Policy # 38: Larry's Gulch Lodge*.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, March 12, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

WHEREAS all members of the Legislative Assembly are elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the public;

AND WHEREAS it would be helpful for Members of the Legislative Assembly to have guidelines to aid them in the conduct of their duties;

AND WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee recommended the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs in its report to the Legislative Assembly tabled April 3, 2003;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended by adding after Standing Rule 123:

PART IX

124(1) The Legislative Assembly shall establish a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of Members and a Code of Conduct, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Code".

124(2) The Code shall be printed in the Appendices of the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly and in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick Members' Orientation Manual.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the adoption of Motion 9 on February 12, 2015:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

It has come to my attention that the vote on Motion 9, held Thursday last, was not unanimous in nature. I have now reviewed the Hansard recording of the vote on Motion 9 and while the motion was carried as amended by the House, the Leader of the Third Party voted in the negative on the motion. As Motion 9 states that the Legislative Assembly re-affirms its "unanimous" support for the construction of the Energy East Pipeline, and as we did not have the unanimous support, I wish to advise the House that the word "unanimous" will be removed from Motion 9. This action is supported by an earlier precedent of this House, when similar circumstances occurred on March 26 of 2010. In addition, going forward, I would caution all Members against the use of the term "unanimous" in their debatable motions, as it may result in their motions being altered in a similar manner.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 14, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS this government has created much uncertainty with regard to the future of several schools in New Brunswick, especially those in rural regions;

WHEREAS this government committed to implementing a 10-year plan for all grade levels;

WHEREAS the 10-year education plan could greatly influence and impact the future and the use of several schools in the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge this government and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development not to close any schools in the province nor to carry out department policy 409 until the new 10-year plan promised by the government has been implemented.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Rousselle referred to the absence of a Member from the House. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 14 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 17, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS alcohol ignition interlocks are an effective tool in the ongoing fight to stop impaired driving;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick ignition interlock program, administered by the Department of Public Safety, is a voluntary program in which persons convicted of impaired driving must request to participate;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the only Canadian jurisdictions where an ignition interlock program exists but is not mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving;

WHEREAS stakeholders concerned with the continued societal problem of impaired driving have called for the New Brunswick ignition interlock program to be made mandatory;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make the changes necessary to the New Brunswick ignition interlock program such that it become mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. LePage, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 17 be amended as follows:

At the end of the fourth “Whereas” clause, add the words

“as part of a broader legislative package that includes additional impaired driving countermeasures”;

In the resolution clause, delete all words after “urge the government” and replace them with “to complete its consultations with key stakeholders, including police forces and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, and develop legislation to better address impaired driving in New Brunswick, potentially to include mandatory ignition interlock for all persons convicted of impaired driving offenses”.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and 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.

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:

Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, a proposed fee change
for the resident moose draw application at SNB
Centres under the Moose Hunting Regulation February 18, 2015

Daily sitting 20

Friday, February 20, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 20)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*.

By Mr. Wetmore,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Bill 14 would be called for second reading.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motions 18 and 7.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that, given the fundamental nature of the Standing Rules of the House, Motion 18 should not be allowed to proceed, as it would limit the debate on the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules. She further submitted that the Standing Rules should not be amended by a government majority vote after a limited debate, but rather by consensus, after all parties in the House have been consulted. Hon. Mr. Fraser spoke on the point of order and submitted that the government followed the established practice required to amend the Standing Rules and that the time allocation motion should be allowed to proceed.

At 11 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.52 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I wish to now rule on the point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader. Specifically, the Member submitted that the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly are fundamental to its operations. They ensure the rights of all parties, whether they be the majority or the minority, are protected and respected. The Member submitted that the process that the House has followed to amend the rules, and the possibility that a time allocation motion may be adopted to limit further debate, is not in order and I, as Speaker, should not permit the time allocation motion to proceed.

The Deputy Government House Leader also spoke on the point of order, and submitted that the proper process has been followed and that it is now within the government's prerogative to introduce a motion to limit further debate.

The Honourable Opposition House Leader referred to Standing Rule 15 which states as follows:

“Whenever the Speaker is of the opinion that a motion offered to the House is contrary to the rules or privileges of the Legislature, the Speaker shall apprise the House thereof immediately, and may reserve any decision and subsequently state the reasons therefor, before putting the question.”

I am familiar with the provisions of this Standing Rule. With respect to the proceedings in this House relating to the proposed implementation of certain changes to the Standing Rules, I have not been of the opinion that any motion offered to the House is contrary to the rules or privileges of the Legislature.

There is indeed a long-established process that has been followed in this House with respect to putting forward, considering and perhaps implementing changes to the Standing Rules.

First, such proposed changes should emanate from the Standing Committee on Procedure.

This is outlined in Rule 92 which states:

“All Standing Rules and practices of the House, together with any matter referred by the Speaker, stand permanently referred to the Committee on Procedure.”

This practice was indeed followed in this instance. To my understanding, there were two separate meetings of this committee to consider the proposed rule changes.

Secondly, the Procedure Committee must present these proposed rule changes in a report to the House, clearly outlining the specific wording of the changes to be considered.

Thirdly, there must be a motion of concurrence in the recommendations contained in the committee report. Such a motion of concurrence was brought forward in Motion 7. Indeed, there must also be debate on this motion following the ordinary rules of debate as followed in this House.

With respect to Motion 7, there was, I believe, five separate days to-date on which this motion was debated and considered by the House, encompassing over eight hours of debate. Various Members from all three sides spoke on the motion.

With respect to the amount of time to be spent considering the motion of concurrence, a time allocation motion was introduced by a government Member. As noted by the Honourable Opposition House Leader, there is ample precedent in this House, and many other Legislatures, with respect to the use of time allocation motions.

It is not the duty of the Speaker to substitute my opinion as to how much time should be considered sufficient to consider Motion 7. A time allocation motion was put forward to facilitate the efficient conduct of debate and, as noted, this has been an accepted practice in this House for some time. I should also note that time allocation motions have also been used in other jurisdictions, specifically Ontario, to amend their Standing Rules when consensus could not be reached.

Accordingly, I find that the practices that have been followed in the past with respect to implementing proposed changes to the Standing Rules have been followed. Further, I do not find that any specific Standing Rule has been infringed in putting forward and considering the proposed changes.

Therefore, I will permit the Member for Restigouche-Chaleur to move his motion.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 18, Mr. Guitard moved, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the consideration of Motion 7 to concur in the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, and any amendments thereto, which shall include the days spent considering Motion 7 from February 17, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of Motion 7 and any amendments thereto, which shall be decided without further amendment or debate.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser was not debating the subject matter of Motion 18. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 18 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 23

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Alward	

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

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 21)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 22)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 23)

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 14 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Mr. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Fitch as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By adding after the proposed Standing Rule 102(2) as it is set out in the amendment, the following:

“AND THAT the Standing Rules are amended by adding after the heading “PART V SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND QUORUM” the following:

28.01(1) The Speaker of the House shall, by October 30, after consultation with the House Leaders, table in the House a calendar for the following year setting out the sitting and non-sitting weeks between the last Tuesday in November and the Friday before Christmas Day, and between the second Tuesday in March and the last Friday in June.

28.01(2) If there is no Speaker on October 30, the Speaker shall, within two weeks of being elected, table in the House the calendar described in subrule (1).

28.01(3) If the House is not sitting when the Speaker has prepared the calendar in accordance with subrule (1) or (2), the Speaker shall provide the calendar to the House Leaders forthwith upon its preparation and shall table the calendar in the House at its next sitting.

28.01(4) The Speaker shall prepare the calendar described in subrule (1) such that, during the periods mentioned in subrule (1), at no time shall the number of consecutive non-sitting weeks exceed two.

28.01(5) The House shall follow the calendar described in subrule (1), and the House may decide to schedule its sittings notwithstanding the calendar only where there is agreement amongst the government, the Official Opposition, and the other recognized parties to do so.”

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 7, moved by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following “THAT” and substituting the following:

“recommendations 1 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum.”

And after some time, Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

In the first clause, by deleting “1 to 25” and substituting “1 to 8, 10 to 25”;

By adding after the first clause the following:

“THAT recommendation 9 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;”

And the question being put, the sub-amendment was adopted.

Debate resumed on the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7.

And after some time, Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

- (a) in the first clause, deleting “1 to 8, 10 to 25 and 27 to 31”, and substituting “1 to 3, 7, 10(a) to 10(c), 10(e), 11 to 15, 17 to 20, 22 to 24 and 27 to 31”;
- (b) in the second clause, deleting “recommendation 9”, and substituting “recommendations 4 to 6, 8, 9, 10(d), 16, 21 and 25”; and
- (c) adding after the second clause the following:

“THAT Standing Rule 35 be repealed and the following substituted:

35 The ordinary daily routine of business in the House shall be:

Prayers.

Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (prior notice to Speaker).

Introduction of Guests (10 minutes).

Messages of Congratulation and Recognition (10 minutes).

Presentations of Petitions.

Answers to Petitions and Written Questions.

Presentations of Committee Reports.

Tabling of Documents.

Statements by Ministers.

Introduction of Bills.

Notices of Motions.

Notice of Opposition Members' Business.

Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Orders of the Day.

At the Designated Hour:

Statements by Members.

Oral Questions (30 minutes).

THAT the Standing Rules be amended by adding after Standing Rule 35 the following:

35.01(1) On Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 1:00 p.m., the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and the House shall proceed to the orders for “Statements by Members” followed by “Oral Questions”.

35.01(2) At the conclusion of “Oral Questions”, the House shall resume consideration of the order that was under consideration when the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to subrule (1).

35.01(3) If it is resolved that the House adjourn, but the orders for “Statements by Members” and “Oral Questions” have not yet been called on the sitting day in question, the Speaker, before declaring the House adjourned, shall call the orders for “Statements by Members” followed by “Oral Questions”, after which the House shall stand adjourned.

THAT the Standing Rules be amended by adding after Standing Rule 35.3(2) the following:

35.4(1) A maximum of ten minutes shall be allocated to the item of routine business “Condolences and Messages of Sympathy”.

35.4(2) A member making a statement of condolence or a message of sympathy shall speak for no more than sixty seconds.

THAT Standing Rule 100 be repealed and the following substituted:

100 Any Member may request a recorded vote in Committee. If a recorded vote is requested, the Chair shall, ten minutes after directing that the Members be called in, put the question. The Chair of a Committee shall vote only when there is an equality of votes.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-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 sub-amendment was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7 as follows:

That Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following “THAT” and substituting the following:

“recommendations 1 to 8, 10 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 9 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum.”

And the question being put, the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7 was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 7 as amended and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

 NAYS - 17

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	

And then, 6.06 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:

Response to Petitions 12, 14, 15, 17, 18	February 27, 2015
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: Thirty-Eighth General Election	
September 22, 2014	March 3, 2015
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Saint John East By-election of November 17, 2014	March 3, 2015

Daily sitting 22

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 24)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 25)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 26)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Mr. Ames gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Conservative Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest, John Williamson, recently made public statements that were both racially charged and demeaning;

WHEREAS these statements showed contempt for people of different racial origins who work hard for our New Brunswick companies, pay taxes and make an important contribution to our provincial economy;

WHEREAS these statements also showed contempt for New Brunswick workers who are, for their own legitimate reasons, drawing Employment Insurance;

WHEREAS the statement shows a complete disregard by the Conservative Member of Parliament for the important contribution to our provincial economy of workers of all origins;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has long recognized an urgent and pressing need to grow its population in order to experience stronger economic growth;

WHEREAS the racial remarks of the Conservative Member of Parliament, stated so blatantly and publicly, seriously impede the ability of New Brunswick to attract immigrants to help this province grow the economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick condemn the views of the Conservative Member for New Brunswick Southwest, and affirm that the Government of New Brunswick denounces such demeaning remarks and opinions.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Savoie, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 12, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Third Party item; Motion 17, 2 and 13.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 10.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, March 12, 2015, Bill 16 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, 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 7 and 4; following which Bills 6, 12 and 14 would be called for second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Harris in the chair.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Ms. Harris left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

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

Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.*

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.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, be now read a second time.

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, *Opportunities New Brunswick 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 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*, 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 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, March 12, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 27)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 28)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 29)

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 16, 14 and 9 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 Executive Council 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 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Jody Carr, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

"Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Elections 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. 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 defeated.

And the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 17, moved by Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. LePage, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 17 be amended as follows:

At the end of the fourth “Whereas” clause, add the words “as part of a broader legislative package that includes additional impaired driving countermeasures”;

In the resolution clause, delete all words after “urge the government” and replace them with “to complete its consultations with key stakeholders, including police forces and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, and develop legislation to better address impaired driving in New Brunswick, potentially to include mandatory ignition interlock for all persons convicted of impaired driving offenses”.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 17 be amended as follows:

Deleting the words “potentially to include” and replacing them with “which should include”; and

Adding after the words “impaired driving offenses” the following:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to complete the said consultation and to develop the said legislation within two (2) months of the date this resolution is adopted by the Legislative Assembly.”

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and it was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 17 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS alcohol ignition interlocks are an effective tool in the ongoing fight to stop impaired driving;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick ignition interlock program, administered by the Department of Public Safety, is a voluntary program in which persons convicted of impaired driving must request to participate;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the only Canadian jurisdictions where an ignition interlock program exists but is not mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving;

WHEREAS stakeholders concerned with the continued societal problem of impaired driving have called for the New Brunswick ignition interlock program to be made mandatory as part of a broader legislative package that includes additional impaired driving countermeasures;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to complete its consultations with key stakeholders, including police forces and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, and develop legislation to better address impaired driving in New Brunswick, potentially to include mandatory ignition interlock for all persons convicted of impaired driving offenses.

And the question being put, Motion 17 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Ms. Wilson, as follows:

WHEREAS the President of the Riverview Liberal Association sent an email on November 10, 2014, advising that government road contracts would be made available to supporters of the government, and that the Executive Assistant to the Minister of Social Development had enquired with respect to Liberal companies and individuals to be awarded road work contracts;

WHEREAS the Minister of Health, on November 21, 2014, terminated the employment of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Vitalité Health Network;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Vitalité Health Network issued a statement on November 25, 2014, to indicate that it did not question the qualifications of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, that to the best of its knowledge, the former President and Chief Executive Officer met all the requirements of his mandate, that it was not consulted prior to the termination, and that if it had been consulted, it would have indicated that there were no reasons for the dismissal of the former President and Chief Executive Officer;

AND WHEREAS these instances fall short of the government's commitment to do things differently;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the government for its failure to live up to its commitment to increase transparency and accountability in government.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 2 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 13, Mr. Jeff Carr moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

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, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 24

Friday, March 13, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 30)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 31)

Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 24)

That, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

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

Mr. Albert, 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 16, 12 and 6; following which Bills 14 and 9 would be called for second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Harris in the chair.

Mr. MacDonald rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Albert, despite his status as Government House Leader, should not be permitted to defend Bill 16 in Committee of the Whole, as it is a government Bill and he is not a Minister of the Crown.

At 10.45 a.m., Ms. Harris declared a recess and left the chair.

10.58 a.m.

The Committee resumed.

Hon. Mr. Fraser advised the Committee that he would be defending Bill 16 in Committee of the Whole, as a Minister of the Crown and Deputy Government House Leader.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

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

Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick 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.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

Prior to adjourning the House, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that there is a one minute time limit on introduction of guests, and props and electronic devices are not to be used while delivering a speech in the House.

And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc welcomed to the House Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Member of Parliament for Beauséjour, New Brunswick.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 32)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 33)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,
Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 25)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Policy be composed of Mr. LePage, Mr. Ames, Mr. Albert, Mr. Chiasson, Ms. Harris, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. K. MacDonald, Ms. Shephard, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Coon;

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be composed of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Bourque, Mr. Albert, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Jody Carr, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Higgs, and Mr. Wetmore;

The Standing Committee on Law Amendments be composed of Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Mr. Albert, Mr. Ames, Mr. Guitard, Ms. Harris, Mr. Harvey, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Keirstead, Mr. Northrup, and Mr. Wetmore;

The Standing Committee on Private Bills be composed of Mr. Roussel, Mr. Guitard, Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Mr. LePage, Mr. Jeff Carr, Mr. K. MacDonald, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Savoie;

The Standing Committee on Social Policy be composed of Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. LePage, Mr. Albert, Mr. Ames, Mr. Bourque, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Ms. Dubé, Mr. Keirstead, Ms. Lynch, and Ms. Wilson;

THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, appointed by resolution of the House adopted December 4, 2014, be now referred to as the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, in accordance with the amendments to the Standing Rules adopted March 10, 2015; and

THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be composed of the same membership as the former Standing Committee on Procedure.

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

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 14 and 9 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 34)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 35)

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 19, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 15, Motion 13.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 9, 14 and 17 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, be now read a second time as follows:

AMENDMENT

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

"Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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, Ms. Harris, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Harris 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, 6.10 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:

Response to Petitions 13, 19, 20

March 17, 2015

Daily sitting 27

Thursday, March 19, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 36)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 37)

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

By Mr. LePage,
Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 14, 9 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed to the House Mr. Jack Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for New Maryland-Sunbury West (2008-2014).

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

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

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Wetmore withdraw the term “pissed off”, which he did.

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 Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on Motion 13, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder, as follows:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 13 was resolved in the negative.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 28

Friday, March 20, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser accused the Opposition of “not being honest”. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the remark, which he did.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 38)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 39)

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, March 26, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be two days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 9 and 14, which shall include the days spent considering said Bills from March 24, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said two 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 Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills, and, where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, March 26, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding to stay active over the winter months;

WHEREAS skiing and snowboarding are activities that should be enjoyed safely;

WHEREAS head injuries are the leading cause of death among skiers and snowboarders of all ages;

WHEREAS helmet use reduces the risk that people who ski or snowboard will suffer a traumatic brain injury, and can save the lives of participants;

WHEREAS there have been numerous traumatic brain injuries attributed to people skiing or snowboarding without a helmet in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS members of the public have advocated for New Brunswick to make helmets mandatory for all people who ski or snowboard;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, March 26, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS adoption is a very important personal matter;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has maintained adoption records for over 100 years;

WHEREAS the *Family Services Act* provides that adoption records are sealed and the identities of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents are protected;

WHEREAS societal views of adoption have varied over the years, and attitudes among New Brunswickers about adoption are changing;

WHEREAS the Department of Social Development proposed in April 2014 to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry, based on research into best practices and a jurisdictional review;

WHEREAS the Department proposed to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other if certain criteria are met;

WHEREAS the Department sought public input on these proposals, including the publication of a discussion paper, a series of regional public meetings, and a stakeholders' forum;

WHEREAS the Department published a Public Response Paper in August 2014 that outlined the input received during the said citizen engagement process;

WHEREAS the feedback received by the Department, as reported in the Public Response Paper, overwhelmingly supported the opening of sealed adoption records and agreed that there are benefits to doing so;

WHEREAS it is worthwhile for the government to implement the Department's proposals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement the proposals of the Department of Social Development to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry and to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other where appropriate criteria are met.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 9, 14 and 17 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, be now read a second time as follows:

AMENDMENT

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

"Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 19

Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Fitch	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Alward	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wetmore	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Crossman	

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 29

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 40)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 41)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 42)

Mr. Albert, 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 9 and 14; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

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

At 4 o'clock p.m., Mr. Bernard LeBlanc declared a recess and left the chair.

4.14 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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, 6.10 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 16

March 23, 2015

Daily sitting 30

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Dr. Robert Pichette, who assisted with the creation of the flag of New Brunswick, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the flag's dedication. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

At 10.55 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.04 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 43)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 44)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 45)

Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, April 2, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the former Liberal government granted in excess of seventy million dollars of financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies in 2008 and 2009;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the former department of Business New Brunswick had advised Cabinet that Atcon was showing signs of insolvency;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the former department of Business New Brunswick had recommended that further assistance not be given to Atcon and assessed the risk as “high”;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the New Brunswick Industrial Development Board, a body composed of Deputy Ministers, concurred with the recommendation against providing further financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS, despite the clear signs that Atcon was in serious financial difficulty, and against the recommendations of government officials, the then Minister of Business New Brunswick offered fifty million dollars in further assistance on March 27, 2009;

WHEREAS, almost immediately thereafter, Atcon went out of business and is now insolvent;

WHEREAS the vast majority of the funds advanced by the Government of New Brunswick have not been recovered and represent a still undefined loss to the taxpayers of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is unclear whether the Atcon group of companies made use of the financial assistance from the Province, and the funds it borrowed that were secured by the further assistance of the Province, for the purposes for which they were advanced and borrowed;

WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner recommended, during the 57th Legislature, that the House consider requesting the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and his Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly requested on June 12, 2013, that the Auditor General of New Brunswick conduct an audit of all the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and the Atcon group of companies, including recommendations on how to improve the performance of the Department of Economic Development, formerly known as Business New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Auditor General reported her findings of the said audit on March 24, 2015;

WHEREAS the said report included findings that:

- (a) the former Liberal government displayed a very troubling disregard for taxpayers' money;
- (b) approval for funding was granted by the former Liberal government despite significant risks of loss and numerous objections from senior officials;
- (c) a number of terms and conditions intended to mitigate the Province's risk were put in place, only to be later removed by Cabinet;
- (d) amendments to the security agreements on the \$50 million loan guarantee granted to the Atcon group of companies were approved that negatively affected the Province's security position on the Atcon guarantee;
- (e) the said amendments had a substantial effect on the security held by the Province, and that therefore Cabinet and the then Minister of Business New Brunswick did not comply with Regulation 82-197, Section 4(c), and did not have the authority to make the said amendments;
- (f) the said *ultra vires* amendments were approved despite objections from senior officials;
- (g) it was known the impact of the said *ultra vires* amendments would weaken the Province's security position by millions of dollars; and
- (h) nothing encountered during the said audit by the Auditor General indicates decisions taken by the former Liberal government in this regard were reasonable in the circumstances;

WHEREAS the said report of the Auditor General noted that it was prepared in response to the request of this House of June 12, 2013, and that it therefore may not have answered all remaining questions regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS, in preparing the said report, the Auditor General did not conduct a forensic audit, carry out an inquiry, or put anyone under oath during the audit process;

WHEREAS the said report stated further that the Auditor General is prepared to pursue future direction on this matter if requested by the Legislative Assembly, and that to do so would be possible with additional financial assistance for that purpose;

WHEREAS questions remain unanswered regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies, including but not limited to the ultimate loss or recovery to the Province, and whether the Atcon group of companies made use of the financial assistance from the Province, and the funds it borrowed that were secured by the further assistance of the Province, for the purposes for which they were advanced and borrowed;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest that all said remaining questions be answered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly request the Auditor General of New Brunswick to conduct a forensic audit and an inquiry into all the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and the Atcon group of companies, in order to answer all remaining questions regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies, including but not limited to the questions set out above, and urge the government to provide financing for such forensic audit and inquiry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend that all the evidence and information in the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's inquiry into allegations by Mr. Claude Williams, the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for the former constituency of Kent South, of violations of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the above matter, be further preserved and continue to be made available to the Auditor General of New Brunswick to assist her in the forensic audit and inquiry.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, April 2, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS ensuring the rights and interests of children and youth are protected in our Province is a high priority for all New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate is responsible for ensuring that the rights of children and youth are protected and that the views of children and youth are heard pursuant to section 2 of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*;

WHEREAS the Child and Youth Advocate currently does not report to a Legislative Committee to ensure his reports and recommendations are acted upon;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend that a Standing Committee on Children and Youth be appointed to which the Child and Youth Advocate would report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointed committee would be tasked with the following:

- receive and review annual and special reports from the Child and Youth Advocate;
- meet with the Child and Youth Advocate at least twice a year; and,
- act in conjunction with the Child and Youth Advocate to ensure that the needs of children and youth in New Brunswick are being met.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 26, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 28 and 27.

Mr. Albert, 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 14 and 9; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Harris in the chair.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Ms. Harris left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1.19 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 1.40 p.m., Ms. Harris declared a recess and left the chair.

1.44 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Nicolas Chapuis, the French Ambassador to Canada; Mr. Vincent Hommeril, Consul General for the Atlantic Provinces at the French Consulate in Moncton; and Mr. Fabrice Blazquez, Consul at the French Consulate in Montreal. Mr. MacDonald joined in this regard.

At 2.37 p.m., Ms. Harris declared a recess and left the chair.

3.02 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.14 p.m., Ms. Harris declared a recess and left the chair.

4.30 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*.

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

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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, 6.10 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:

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick,

Volume 1, Performance Audit, 2015

March 24, 2015

Daily sitting 31

Thursday, March 26, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Flemming withdraw certain unparliamentary remarks, which he did.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 46)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 47)

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 26; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 9; following which Bills 9 and 14 would be called for third reading; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 26, Mr. Guitard moved, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be two days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 9 and 14, which shall include the days spent considering said Bills from March 24, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said two 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 Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills, and, where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 26 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 22

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Alward	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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 being read for third reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 21

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Alward	Mr. Urquhart

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 21

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Alward	Mr. Urquhart

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 28, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS adoption is a very important personal matter;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has maintained adoption records for over 100 years;

WHEREAS the *Family Services Act* provides that adoption records are sealed and the identities of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents are protected;

WHEREAS societal views of adoption have varied over the years, and attitudes among New Brunswickers about adoption are changing;

WHEREAS the Department of Social Development proposed in April 2014 to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry, based on research into best practices and a jurisdictional review;

WHEREAS the Department proposed to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other if certain criteria are met;

WHEREAS the Department sought public input on these proposals, including the publication of a discussion paper, a series of regional public meetings, and a stakeholders' forum;

WHEREAS the Department published a Public Response Paper in August 2014 that outlined the input received during the said citizen engagement process;

WHEREAS the feedback received by the Department, as reported in the Public Response Paper, overwhelmingly supported the opening of sealed adoption records and agreed that there are benefits to doing so;

WHEREAS it is worthwhile for the government to implement the Department's proposals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement the proposals of the Department of Social Development to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry and to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other where appropriate criteria are met.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Harris, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 28 be amended:

By deleting the 9th and 10th "Whereas" clauses and substituting the following:

"WHEREAS the feedback received from participants in the public consultation process suggested that there is support for the opening of sealed adoption records and there are benefits of doing so;

WHEREAS the minimum legal requirement to provide the option of a disclosure veto in the legislation is an issue that continues to generate discussion;

WHEREAS it is imperative that careful consideration be given to the fundamental importance of striking a fair balance between an individual's right to access information and another individual's right to privacy;"

By deleting the resolution clause and substituting the following:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT prior to a final decision being made on the opening of sealed adoption records, careful consideration be given to ensuring that an equitable balance is achieved between a person's right to access information and another person's right to privacy."

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 28 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS adoption is a very important personal matter;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has maintained adoption records for over 100 years;

WHEREAS the *Family Services Act* provides that adoption records are sealed and the identities of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents are protected;

WHEREAS societal views of adoption have varied over the years, and attitudes among New Brunswickers about adoption are changing;

WHEREAS the Department of Social Development proposed in April 2014 to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry, based on research into best practices and a jurisdictional review;

WHEREAS the Department proposed to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other if certain criteria are met;

WHEREAS the Department sought public input on these proposals, including the publication of a discussion paper, a series of regional public meetings, and a stakeholders' forum;

WHEREAS the Department published a Public Response Paper in August 2014 that outlined the input received during the said citizen engagement process;

WHEREAS the feedback received from participants in the public consultation process suggested that there is support for the opening of sealed adoption records and there are benefits of doing so;

WHEREAS the minimum legal requirement to provide the option of a disclosure veto in the legislation is an issue that continues to generate discussion;

WHEREAS it is imperative that careful consideration be given to the fundamental importance of striking a fair balance between an individual's right to access information and another individual's right to privacy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT prior to a final decision being made on the opening of sealed adoption records, careful consideration be given to ensuring that an equitable balance is achieved between a person's right to access information and another person's right to privacy.

And the question being put, Motion 28 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 27, Mr. Northrup moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding to stay active over the winter months;

WHEREAS skiing and snowboarding are activities that should be enjoyed safely;

WHEREAS head injuries are the leading cause of death among skiers and snowboarders of all ages;

WHEREAS helmet use reduces the risk that people who ski or snowboard will suffer a traumatic brain injury, and can save the lives of participants;

WHEREAS there have been numerous traumatic brain injuries attributed to people skiing or snowboarding without a helmet in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS members of the public have advocated for New Brunswick to make helmets mandatory for all people who ski or snowboard;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended:

After the seventh "Whereas" clause, add:

"WHEREAS enacting helmet legislation requires hiring enforcement officers to patrol hills where skiing takes place, checking for helmet use and checking helmet standards and investigating reports of persons seen not wearing helmets while skiing, leading to prosecutions and fines for infractions committed by skiers and ski hills operators;

WHEREAS operators of ski hills may now establish policies to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding on their ski slopes as a condition for use of their ski slopes;"

And, delete the resolution clause and replace it with:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to encourage ski hill operators to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding as a condition for use of their ski slopes.”

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

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc 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, 6.10 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:

Two Languages: It's Good for Business: A study on the economic benefits and potential of bilingualism in New Brunswick prepared by Economist Pierre- Marcel Desjardins and Economic Development Specialist David Campbell	March 25, 2015
Response to Petitions 21, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 33, 35	March 25, 2015

Daily sitting 32

Friday, March 27, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Northrup remove a prop from his desk, which he did.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 48)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 49)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 50)

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 17 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 22; following which, at 11 a.m., Royal Assent would take place.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 22, Mr. Ames moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Conservative Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest, John Williamson, recently made public statements that were both racially charged and demeaning;

WHEREAS these statements showed contempt for people of different racial origins who work hard for our New Brunswick companies, pay taxes and make an important contribution to our provincial economy;

WHEREAS these statements also showed contempt for New Brunswick workers who are, for their own legitimate reasons, drawing Employment Insurance;

WHEREAS the statement shows a complete disregard by the Conservative Member of Parliament for the important contribution to our provincial economy of workers of all origins;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has long recognized an urgent and pressing need to grow its population in order to experience stronger economic growth;

WHEREAS the racial remarks of the Conservative Member of Parliament, stated so blatantly and publicly, seriously impede the ability of New Brunswick to attract immigrants to help this province grow the economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick condemn the views of the Conservative Member for New Brunswick Southwest, and affirm that the Government of New Brunswick denounces such demeaning remarks and opinions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 22 was resolved in the affirmative.

At 10.55 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, 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 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 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014.*

Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, 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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 11.15 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 33

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Melanson, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
March 31, 2015.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2016, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Melanson laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *2015-2016 Economic Outlook*; and *2015-2016 Budget, Facing our Challenges Together*.

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

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of Her 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 23, Hon. Mr. Melanson 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. Melanson proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

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

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Albert, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Mr. Albert, 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, 2.14 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 34

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Roussel, Member for Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to review areas that may require moose fencing. (Petition 51)

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 52)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act.*

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, April 9, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS investing in an educated, well-trained and skilled work force is an important component of a diversified economic development strategy;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate was introduced in 2005 as the New Brunswick Tuition Tax Cash Back program, and was expanded by the former Liberal government during its mandate;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program helps recruit, retain and repatriate an educated, well-trained and skilled work force;

WHEREAS the government announced it will eliminate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program will make it more difficult for New Brunswickers trying to build careers to make New Brunswick a more prosperous province;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program is shortsighted and should be reversed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, April 2, 2015, Bills 19, 20 and 21 would be called for second reading.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 11 a.m. and that the Assembly sit through the noon recess, if necessary, on said day.

And then, 11.35 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 35

Thursday, April 2, 2015

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, on motion of Hon. Mr. Boudreau, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 11.49 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:

Response to Petitions 22, 24, 27, 30

April 2, 2015

Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 53)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 54)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 55)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 56)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 57)

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

April 7, 2015

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 March 24, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. Harvey, Mr. Guitard was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Your Committee met again on April 7, 2015, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*;

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 Restigouche-Chaleur, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Wilfred Roussel, 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.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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, Ms. Harris, 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, 6.10 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 2014
WorkSafe NB

April 2, 2015

Daily sitting 37

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 58)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to not implement the new Crown forestry policy. (Petition 59)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 60)

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, April 16, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS seniors helped build our province;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has an aging population and seniors are living longer due to the dramatic improvements in the detection and treatment of disease;

WHEREAS the marked increase in longevity of individuals does not necessarily mean that seniors maintain the same quality of life;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should support seniors living at home for as long as possible;

WHEREAS seniors need to be confident that they will have access to high quality long-term care when they are no longer able to live alone;

WHEREAS the United Nations' Principles for Older Persons identifies and divides the rights of seniors into five categories, namely independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity;

WHEREAS this government:

- (a) has removed the limit on the cost of nursing home care, making it more expensive for seniors who need specialized care to live out their lives in dignity;

- (b) will assess seniors' ability to pay for nursing home care based on their liquid assets, allowing the hard earned savings of seniors to be attacked again;
- (c) is increasing premiums for the Seniors Prescription Drug Program, making the cost of living healthy lives even higher for seniors;
- (d) is reinstating ambulance fees, forcing seniors to choose between life-saving care and paying their bills; and
- (e) is increasing gas taxes, reducing the mobility of seniors and their quality of life;

WHEREAS these actions implement or increase taxes and other indirect taxes and fees, and doing so is a very regressive way of getting new revenue from New Brunswickers and hurts our seniors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its failure to protect, promote and defend the interests of seniors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to acknowledge its errors, reverse its course of action to erode the health, safety and security of our seniors, and commit to providing better support and assistance to our seniors.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 9, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 29 and 31.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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, Ms. Harris, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

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

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

And after some further time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

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

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

And then, 6.10 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 2014

Firefighters' Compensation Act Disability Fund

April 7, 2015

Daily sitting 38

Thursday, April 9, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 61)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 62)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 63)

Mr. Holder, Member for Portland-Simonds, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Lorne Middle School. (Petition 64)

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, April 10, 2015, at 10 a.m.; and

That when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, April 10, 2015, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Richard Riley, the Consul General of the United States of America in Halifax. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed 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. Albert, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 29, Mr. Flemming moved, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the former Liberal government granted in excess of seventy million dollars of financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies in 2008 and 2009;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the former department of Business New Brunswick had advised Cabinet that Atcon was showing signs of insolvency;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the former department of Business New Brunswick had recommended that further assistance not be given to Atcon and assessed the risk as "high";

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, the New Brunswick Industrial Development Board, a body composed of Deputy Ministers, concurred with the recommendation against providing further financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS, despite the clear signs that Atcon was in serious financial difficulty, and against the recommendations of government officials, the then Minister of Business New Brunswick offered fifty million dollars in further assistance on March 27, 2009;

WHEREAS, almost immediately thereafter, Atcon went out of business and is now insolvent;

WHEREAS the vast majority of the funds advanced by the Government of New Brunswick have not been recovered and represent a still undefined loss to the taxpayers of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is unclear whether the Atcon group of companies made use of the financial assistance from the Province, and the funds it borrowed that were secured by the further assistance of the Province, for the purposes for which they were advanced and borrowed;

WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner recommended, during the 57th Legislature, that the House consider requesting the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and his Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly requested on June 12, 2013, that the Auditor General of New Brunswick conduct an audit of all the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and the Atcon group of companies, including recommendations on how to improve the performance of the Department of Economic Development, formerly known as Business New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Auditor General reported her findings of the said audit on March 24, 2015;

WHEREAS the said report included findings that:

- (a) the former Liberal government displayed a very troubling disregard for taxpayers' money;
- (b) approval for funding was granted by the former Liberal government despite significant risks of loss and numerous objections from senior officials;
- (c) a number of terms and conditions intended to mitigate the Province's risk were put in place, only to be later removed by Cabinet;

- (d) amendments to the security agreements on the \$50 million loan guarantee granted to the Atcon group of companies were approved that negatively affected the Province's security position on the Atcon guarantee;
- (e) the said amendments had a substantial effect on the security held by the Province, and that therefore Cabinet and the then Minister of Business New Brunswick did not comply with Regulation 82-197, Section 4(c), and did not have the authority to make the said amendments;
- (f) the said *ultra vires* amendments were approved despite objections from senior officials;
- (g) it was known the impact of the said *ultra vires* amendments would weaken the Province's security position by millions of dollars; and
- (h) nothing encountered during the said audit by the Auditor General indicates decisions taken by the former Liberal government in this regard were reasonable in the circumstances;

WHEREAS the said report of the Auditor General noted that it was prepared in response to the request of this House of June 12, 2013, and that it therefore may not have answered all remaining questions regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS, in preparing the said report, the Auditor General did not conduct a forensic audit, carry out an inquiry, or put anyone under oath during the audit process;

WHEREAS the said report stated further that the Auditor General is prepared to pursue future direction on this matter if requested by the Legislative Assembly, and that to do so would be possible with additional financial assistance for that purpose;

WHEREAS questions remain unanswered regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies, including but not limited to the ultimate loss or recovery to the Province, and whether the Atcon group of companies made use of the financial assistance from the Province, and the funds it borrowed that were secured by the further assistance of the Province, for the purposes for which they were advanced and borrowed;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest that all said remaining questions be answered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly request the Auditor General of New Brunswick to conduct a forensic audit and an inquiry into all the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and the Atcon group of companies, in order to answer all remaining questions regarding government's involvement with the Atcon group of companies, including but not limited to the questions set out above, and urge the government to provide financing for such forensic audit and inquiry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend that all the evidence and information in the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's inquiry into allegations by Mr. Claude Williams, the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for the former constituency of Kent South, of violations of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the above matter, be further preserved and continue to be made available to the Auditor General of New Brunswick to assist her in the forensic audit and inquiry.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris took the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and cautioned Members against accusing their fellow Members of illegal activity.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Albert was not directing his comments to the motion under consideration. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 29 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 18

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart

NAYS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Mr. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS investing in an educated, well-trained and skilled work force is an important component of a diversified economic development strategy;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate was introduced in 2005 as the New Brunswick Tuition Tax Cash Back program, and was expanded by the former Liberal government during its mandate;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program helps recruit, retain and repatriate an educated, well-trained and skilled work force;

WHEREAS the government announced it will eliminate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program will make it more difficult for New Brunswickers trying to build careers to make New Brunswick a more prosperous province;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program is shortsighted and should be reversed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris 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, 6.10 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:

Response to Petitions 37, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 50

April 8, 2015

Daily sitting 39

Friday, April 10, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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 23 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 22

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Albert, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. Albert, 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 Ms. Harris in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Harris, 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 she was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ms. Harris 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.

Mr. Albert, 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, 11.09 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 40

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Terms of Reference for the Commission on Hydraulic Fracturing*.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 65)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 66)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 67)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 68)

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Department of Health;
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

And then, 2.30 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:

Air Quality Monitoring Results 2012 & 2013,
Department of Environment and Local Government April 15, 2015
Response to Petitions 48, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58 April 17, 2015

Daily sitting 41

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker reminded Members not to allege their fellow Members engaged in criminal activity.

Mr. Roussel, Member for Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of employees of Sun Gro Horticulture in opposition to the closure of their plant. (Petition 69)

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 70)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of Bill 11, *Local Food Security Act*. (Petition 71)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 72)

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 23, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 32; Third Party item.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 11.

And then, 11.20 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 42

Thursday, April 23, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 73)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 74)

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following a recess, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

At 11.10 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.32 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 32, Ms. Dubé moved, on behalf of Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS seniors helped build our province;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has an aging population and seniors are living longer due to the dramatic improvements in the detection and treatment of disease;

WHEREAS the marked increase in longevity of individuals does not necessarily mean that seniors maintain the same quality of life;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should support seniors living at home for as long as possible;

WHEREAS seniors need to be confident that they will have access to high quality long-term care when they are no longer able to live alone;

WHEREAS the United Nations' Principles for Older Persons identifies and divides the rights of seniors into five categories, namely independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity;

WHEREAS this government:

- (a) has removed the limit on the cost of nursing home care, making it more expensive for seniors who need specialized care to live out their lives in dignity;
- (b) will assess seniors' ability to pay for nursing home care based on their liquid assets, allowing the hard earned savings of seniors to be attacked again;
- (c) is increasing premiums for the Seniors Prescription Drug Program, making the cost of living healthy lives even higher for seniors;
- (d) is reinstating ambulance fees, forcing seniors to choose between life-saving care and paying their bills; and
- (e) is increasing gas taxes, reducing the mobility of seniors and their quality of life;

WHEREAS these actions implement or increase taxes and other indirect taxes and fees, and doing so is a very regressive way of getting new revenue from New Brunswickers and hurts our seniors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its failure to protect, promote and defend the interests of seniors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to acknowledge its errors, reverse its course of action to erode the health, safety and security of our seniors, and commit to providing better support and assistance to our seniors.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 32 be amended:

In the fourth “whereas” clause, delete “should support” and insert “supports”;

By deleting the last two “whereas” clauses entirely and substituting the following:

“WHEREAS currently, there are 55,335 seniors aged 75 years and over in New Brunswick and by 2025, the number of seniors will rise to 89,000 which is an increase of 33,665;

WHEREAS the sustainability of long term care is at risk if changes are not made to the way in which supports and services are provided;

WHEREAS currently wealthy seniors are subsidized by government just as lower income seniors are;

WHEREAS a progressive approach suggests that those who can readily afford to pay for their own care could be asked to contribute more toward the cost of their care;

WHEREAS the government wishes to involve seniors and stakeholders in determining how this could be implemented;”

By deleting both resolution clauses and substituting the following:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to commit to providing better support to our seniors by engaging seniors and stakeholders for their input on the changes to long term care policy before the policy changes are introduced.”

Madam 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 32 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS seniors helped build our province;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has an aging population and seniors are living longer due to the dramatic improvements in the detection and treatment of disease;

WHEREAS the marked increase in longevity of individuals does not necessarily mean that seniors maintain the same quality of life;

WHEREAS New Brunswick supports seniors living at home for as long as possible;

WHEREAS seniors need to be confident that they will have access to high quality long-term care when they are no longer able to live alone;

WHEREAS the United Nations' Principles for Older Persons identifies and divides the rights of seniors into five categories, namely independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity;

WHEREAS currently, there are 55,335 seniors aged 75 years and over in New Brunswick and by 2025, the number of seniors will rise to 89,000 which is an increase of 33,665;

WHEREAS the sustainability of long term care is at risk if changes are not made to the way in which supports and services are provided;

WHEREAS currently wealthy seniors are subsidized by government just as lower income seniors are;

WHEREAS a progressive approach suggests that those who can readily afford to pay for their own care could be asked to contribute more toward the cost of their care;

WHEREAS the government wishes to involve seniors and stakeholders in determining how this could be implemented;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to commit to providing better support to our seniors by engaging seniors and stakeholders for their input on the changes to long term care policy before the policy changes are introduced.

And the question being put, Motion 32 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *Local Food Security Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Harris 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, 6.10 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:

Response to Petitions 55, 59

April 22, 2015

Daily sitting 43

Friday, April 24, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker advised Mr. Savoie that the allegations of dishonesty contained in his Member's Statement were unparliamentary in nature and such a statement would not be tolerated in the future.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 75)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 76)

Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, April 30, 2015, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS construction projects can be complex and may take many months to complete;

WHEREAS the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industry should encourage timely payment for services and materials, and ensure payment risk is distributed fairly;

WHEREAS, to that end, the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* establish systems of liens, holdback rights, trust provisions, bonds, security and other related matters to provide financial protection to those who supply services or materials to a construction project;

WHEREAS there has been no recent review of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* or the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* to ensure they are effective and remain relevant to current industry practices and standards;

WHEREAS other provinces have started to conduct reviews of the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industries within their jurisdictions, including Ontario;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint an independent expert to review the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* in order to examine and identify payment and related issues within the construction sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review should involve extensive consultation with the construction industry, and that the independent expert should report to the government and the Legislative Assembly the results of the consultation process and the independent expert's advice and recommendations for changes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review and government's response thereto should be published within one year and any recommendations to which government agrees should be implemented within a further six months.

And then, 10.05 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:

Response to Petitions 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 43, 46, 49,
56, 60, 61, 63

April 23, 2015

Daily sitting 44

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Rousselle referred to a Member by name and not by riding. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and reminded Members to not refer to their fellow Members by name, even when quoting from a document.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Northrup withdraw certain remarks questioning his decision, which he did.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 77)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 78)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 79)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*.

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

By Ms. Shephard,
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;
Department of Energy and Mines.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Bills 18 and 22 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Fitch offered condolences to the family of the late Honourable Pierre Claude Nolin, Speaker of the Senate (2013-2015) and Senator for De Salaberry, Québec (1993-2015).

Mr. Fitch offered congratulations to Mr. Alward upon his appointment as Canada's consul general in Boston.

And then, 2.30 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 45

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 80)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to establish a facility for adults with autism; provide access to mental health services for autistic children; and appoint a committee of the Legislature to hold hearings on autism services. (Petition 81)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide a new school or an extension to Northrup Frye School. (Petition 82)

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 30, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 11; Motion 33, 27 and 31.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries;
Department of Environment and Local Government;
Department of Human Resources;
Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2013-2014, Volume I.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Bernard LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2013-2014, VOLUME I

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2014:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	2,959,658.59
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Public Security and Corrections	4,643,241.14
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	875,593.26
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development	588,007.63
Maintenance	4,174,360.42
Winter Maintenance	2,232,695.21
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	254,331.75
Voted	8,124,988.27

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2013-2014 (1)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 24 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2013-2014 (1)*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2013-2014 (1)*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit past the noon recess.

And then, 12.07 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 2014

Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance April 28, 2015

Daily sitting 46

Thursday, April 30, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jeff Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reinstate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate Program. (Petition 83)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 84)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants.*

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Landry:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Department of Government Services;
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, May 1, 2015, Bills 25 and 26 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 18 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *Local Food Security Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

YEAS - 18

Mr. Holder

Ms. Shephard

Mr. Crossman

Mr. Fitch

Mr. Coon

Mr. Keirstead

Ms. Dubé

Ms. Lynch

Mr. Steeves

Mr. MacDonald

Mr. Macdonald

Mr. Jeff Carr

Mr. Northrup

Mr. Stewart

Mr. Oliver

Mr. Higgs

Mr. Wetmore

Mr. Urquhart

 NAYS - 24

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Harvey
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. LePage

During the recorded division, a disruption occurred in the gallery and Mr. Speaker declared a brief recess to have the guests in the gallery removed.

Following the recorded division, Mr. Albert rose on a point of order and submitted that during the recess, Members of the Opposition and staff of the Leader of the Third Party took photos and videos of the disruption in the gallery. Mr. Speaker requested that any photos or videos taken by Members and staff during the recess be immediately erased, as the taking of photos and videos during the proceedings of the House or a recess is strictly prohibited.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 33, Ms. Shephard moved, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS construction projects can be complex and may take many months to complete;

WHEREAS the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industry should encourage timely payment for services and materials, and ensure payment risk is distributed fairly;

WHEREAS, to that end, the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* establish systems of liens, holdback rights, trust provisions, bonds, security and other related matters to provide financial protection to those who supply services or materials to a construction project;

WHEREAS there has been no recent review of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* or the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* to ensure they are effective and remain relevant to current industry practices and standards;

WHEREAS other provinces have started to conduct reviews of the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industries within their jurisdictions, including Ontario;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint an independent expert to review the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* in order to examine and identify payment and related issues within the construction sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review should involve extensive consultation with the construction industry, and that the independent expert should report to the government and the Legislative Assembly the results of the consultation process and the independent expert's advice and recommendations for changes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review and government's response thereto should be published within one year and any recommendations to which government agrees should be implemented within a further six months.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 33 was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 27, moved by Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended:

After the seventh "Whereas" clause, add:

"WHEREAS enacting helmet legislation requires hiring enforcement officers to patrol hills where skiing takes place, checking for helmet use and checking helmet standards and investigating reports of

persons seen not wearing helmets while skiing, leading to prosecutions and fines for infractions committed by skiers and ski hills operators;

WHEREAS operators of ski hills may now establish policies to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding on their ski slopes as a condition for use of their ski slopes;"

And, delete the resolution clause and replace it with:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to encourage ski hill operators to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding as a condition for use of their ski slopes."

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 27 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding to stay active over the winter months;

WHEREAS skiing and snowboarding are activities that should be enjoyed safely;

WHEREAS head injuries are the leading cause of death among skiers and snowboarders of all ages;

WHEREAS helmet use reduces the risk that people who ski or snowboard will suffer a traumatic brain injury, and can save the lives of participants;

WHEREAS there have been numerous traumatic brain injuries attributed to people skiing or snowboarding without a helmet in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS members of the public have advocated for New Brunswick to make helmets mandatory for all people who ski or snowboard;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding;

WHEREAS enacting helmet legislation requires hiring enforcement officers to patrol hills where skiing takes place, checking for helmet use and checking helmet standards and investigating reports of persons seen not wearing helmets while skiing, leading to prosecutions and fines for infractions committed by skiers and ski hills operators;

WHEREAS operators of ski hills may now establish policies to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding on their ski slopes as a condition for use of their ski slopes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to encourage ski hill operators to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding as a condition for use of their ski slopes.

And the question being put, Motion 27 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.06 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 64

April 29, 2015

Daily sitting 47

Friday, May 1, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Melanson should withdraw the term “chauvinist”, which he did.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 85)

Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, May 7, 2015, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS the Gallant government proposed changes to the Seniors Prescription Drug Program that will increase premiums;

WHEREAS this sudden increase creates financial hardship for seniors in having access to affordable health care;

WHEREAS the extra costs may prevent seniors from getting the medications they need;

WHEREAS the loss of medications could be harmful to the fragile health of seniors;

WHEREAS this increase is one of the elements of the Gallant government's attack on seniors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to reverse the premium increase and explore alternate savings through the Seniors Prescription Drug Program.

Mr. Jody Carr gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, May 7, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS every child has the right to quality child care, which prepares children for the next stages of their lives;

WHEREAS finding affordable, quality child care is often a difficult task for many parents, and many families struggle to pay for child care;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Quality Improvement Funding Support (QIFS) program is to make funding support available to approved child day care facilities to increase the availability and quality of child day care services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the QIFS program makes funding available to assist day care owners and operators, who are required to spend 75% of their time working with children;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Liberal Party and now Premier of New Brunswick promised during the 2014 election campaign that day care subsidies would be doubled if elected;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced \$2.4 million in reductions to funding for private government regulated day care operators through the QIFS program;

WHEREAS the said reductions:

- (a) are contradictory to the aforementioned promise of the Liberal Party and its Leader;
- (b) impair the affordability and quality of child care;
- (c) risk the sustainability of day care operators, which are small businesses; and
- (d) have the potential to effect wage reductions or job losses for day care workers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its failure to protect, promote and defend the interests of day care operators and workers and families in need of day care;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to acknowledge its errors and reverse the cut of \$2.4 million from the QIFS program for private day care owners and operators.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Department of Public Safety.

And then, 10.23 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:

Response to Petitions 67, 68, 72, 73

April 30, 2015

Daily sitting 48

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 86)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 5, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met on March 24, 2015. On motion of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Albert, Mr. Bourque was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Your Committee met again in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, and May 1, 2015, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed several estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2015-2016

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Management Services	3,398,000
Industry Programs and Policy	19,477,000
Regional Development	14,620,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	37,448,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES	
Administration	538,000
Policy Management and Business Development	3,181,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management	4,898,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	8,570,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services	4,038,000
Local Government	121,949,000
Environment	12,930,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	312,000
Community Funding	152,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	1,067,000
Voted	138,267,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Energy Efficiency	6,143,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission	357,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services	45,937,000
Public Security and Emergency Services	90,957,000
Safety Services	29,368,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	5,191,000
Voted	161,024,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration	14,526,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development	1,903,000
Maintenance	56,845,000
Winter Maintenance	69,079,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	1,715,000
Buildings Group	123,847,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	29,027,000
Less amounts authorized by law	28,413,000
Less designated revenue	40,000
Voted	268,489,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Marshland Maintenance	400,000
Capital Equipment	100,000
Voted	500,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts	1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Bridges	78,702,000
Highways	214,386,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	52,000,000
Vehicle Management Agency	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	164,841,000
Less amounts authorized by law	42,732,000
Voted	506,197,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2015-2016

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000

 PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Environment and Local Government	5,000
Public Safety	21,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Public Safety	471,000
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.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Opportunities New Brunswick;
 Department of Natural Resources;
 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 19 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance 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 Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans 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 Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission 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 Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*, be now read a second time.

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 Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 3.30 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:

Response to Petitions 65, 70

May 1, 2015

Daily sitting 49

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to direct their questions and answers through the Speaker, and not to the Members opposite.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Boudreau should withdraw the term “double-speak”, which he did.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 87)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,
Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 7, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 35 and 34.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, May 7, 2015, Bill 27 would be called for second reading.

And then, 11.17 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:

Response to Petitions 69, 71

May 5, 2015

Daily sitting 50

Thursday, May 7, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Albert rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Fitch should withdraw the phrase "not the truth". Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Annual Report 2012, Office of the Chief Coroner*.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 88)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, May 8, 2015, Bills 28 and 29 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 27 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

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, *Loan Act 2015*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 1.05 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Mr. Jody Carr moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS every child has the right to quality child care, which prepares children for the next stages of their lives;

WHEREAS finding affordable, quality child care is often a difficult task for many parents, and many families struggle to pay for child care;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Quality Improvement Funding Support (QIFS) program is to make funding support available to approved child day care facilities to increase the availability and quality of child day care services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the QIFS program makes funding available to assist day care owners and operators, who are required to spend 75% of their time working with children;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Liberal Party and now Premier of New Brunswick promised during the 2014 election campaign that day care subsidies would be doubled if elected;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced \$2.4 million in reductions to funding for private government regulated day care operators through the QIFS program;

WHEREAS the said reductions:

- (a) are contradictory to the aforementioned promise of the Liberal Party and its Leader;
- (b) impair the affordability and quality of child care;
- (c) risk the sustainability of day care operators, which are small businesses; and
- (d) have the potential to effect wage reductions or job losses for day care workers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its failure to protect, promote and defend the interests of day care operators and workers and families in need of day care;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to acknowledge its errors and reverse the cut of \$2.4 million from the QIFS program for private day care owners and operators.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Rousselle, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 35 be amended:

In the fourth “whereas” clause, delete all words after “operators” and insert “through the provision of funding increases regarding the wages of child care workers”;

In the fifth “whereas” clause, delete the words “day care subsidies” and insert “the budget of the Daycare Assistance Program”;

In the sixth “whereas” clause, delete all words after “announced” and insert “an increase of funding in the QIFS program of \$412,600 over the previous year”;

By deleting the last “whereas” clauses entirely;

By deleting both resolution clauses and substituting:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the increase in QIFS funding.”

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 on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

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Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Oliver
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 35 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS every child has the right to quality child care, which prepares children for the next stages of their lives;

WHEREAS finding affordable, quality child care is often a difficult task for many parents, and many families struggle to pay for child care;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Quality Improvement Funding Support (QIFS) program is to make funding support available to approved child day care facilities to increase the availability and quality of child day care services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the QIFS program makes funding available to assist day care owners and operators, through the provision of funding increases regarding the wages of child care workers;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Liberal Party and now Premier of New Brunswick promised during the 2014 election campaign that the budget of the Daycare Assistance Program would be doubled if elected;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced an increase of funding in the QIFS program of \$412,600 over the previous year;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the increase in QIFS funding.

And the question being put, Motion 35 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 34, Ms. Dubé moved, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS the Gallant government proposed changes to the Seniors Prescription Drug Program that will increase premiums;

WHEREAS this sudden increase creates financial hardship for seniors in having access to affordable health care;

WHEREAS the extra costs may prevent seniors from getting the medications they need;

WHEREAS the loss of medications could be harmful to the fragile health of seniors;

WHEREAS this increase is one of the elements of the Gallant government's attack on seniors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to reverse the premium increase and explore alternate savings through the Seniors Prescription Drug Program.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc 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, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 51

Friday, May 8, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Macdonald welcomed to the House Honourable Keith Ashfield, Member of Parliament for Fredericton, New Brunswick, and former MLA for New Maryland (1999-2006), and New Maryland-Sunbury West (2006-2008).

Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order raised the previous sitting day by Mr. Albert well taken and requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the phrase “not the truth”, which he did.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to oppose the construction of the Energy East Pipeline. (Petition 89)

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, May 14, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are vital transportation links that are as significant as other modes of transportation in the province and as important as other transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS the value added by New Brunswick’s cable ferries to the province’s transportation system is only one element of their importance;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries assist the province’s economy and especially its small and medium sized businesses to transport goods and to access a wider market base;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are an important element of our province’s history and culture and are significant heritage assets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are one of the most successful ways to enable visitors and citizens to access New Brunswick’s storied river system, which are one of the four main tourism products promoted by the province;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government in 2009 caused extreme distress and concern with its plans to discontinue permanently several New Brunswick cable ferries;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government was forced, due to public criticism and consternation, to reverse and alter its decision;

WHEREAS the current Liberal government has speculated that it is considering another attempt to discontinue permanently cable ferry service on our rivers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the importance of our cable ferry system to New Brunswick's economy, heritage and tourism, and express its desire that the government preserve, protect and promote our cable ferry system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government not to discontinue any cable ferry service on New Brunswick rivers.

And then, 10.47 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:

Annual Report 2013-2014

New Brunswick Forest Products Commission
Response to Petitions 66, 74, 78

May 7, 2015
May 7, 2015

Daily sitting 52

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jody Carr, Member for Oromocto-Lincoln, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 90)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 91)

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to raise the sections of Darlings Island Road that are subject to flooding. (Petition 92)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 12, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their Second Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on May 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2015, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed several estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2015-2016

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	1,394,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	363,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	297,463,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted	297,461,000
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES	
General Services	8,691,000
New Brunswick Internal Services Agency (NBISA)	23,893,000
Service New Brunswick	21,073,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	53,610,000
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	
Human Resource Management	3,421,000
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
Administration	6,464,000
Forest Management and Protection	71,632,000
Fish and Wildlife Management	5,037,000
Land Management	3,890,000
Regional Management	6,244,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	3,447,000
Voted	89,773,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	17,158,000
Financial Assistance	33,725,000
Less designated revenue	750,000
Voted	50,133,000

OTHER AGENCIES

Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,790,000
Labour and Employment Board	619,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Corporate Services	5,595,000
NB Public Libraries	14,644,000
Post-Secondary Education	171,449,000
Adult Learning	11,154,000
Labour and Planning	7,829,000
Employment Development	24,580,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement	10,682,000
Labour Market Development	89,144,000
Population Growth	3,719,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	27,581,000
Voted	311,168,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	274,997,000
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Musquash Watershed Infrastructure - Capital Improvements	1,510,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Deferred Maintenance Program	2,000,000
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LOANS AND ADVANCES

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK

Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Student Loan Advances	62,900,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2015-2016

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

Natural Resources	29,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000

INVENTORIES

Government Services	2,000,000
Natural Resources	510,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000

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.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,
 Bill 30, *Trustees Act*.
 Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees Act*.
 Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions Act*.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Kenny:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Regional Development Corporation;
Department of Finance;
Office of the Attorney General;
Department of Justice.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, Bills 30, 31 and 32 would be called for second reading.

And then, 2.17 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 51

May 11, 2015

Daily sitting 53

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jody Carr, Member for Oromocto-Lincoln, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reinstate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate Program. (Petition 93)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 94)

Mr. Jeff Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 95)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Landry,
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 14, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 34, 36 and 31.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Office of the Premier;
Executive Council Office;
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons;
Department of Social Development;
Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, May 14, 2015, Bill 33 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *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 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *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 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *Trustees 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, *Trustees Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees 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 Respecting the Trustees Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions 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, *Debtor Transactions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Statements by Members to allow Mr. Alward to make his final speech in the House.

And then, 12 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, May 14, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Holder, Member for Portland-Simonds, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 96)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to oppose the construction of the Energy East Pipeline. (Petition 97)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, May 15, 2015, Bills 34, 35, 36 and 37 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 33 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation 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 Firefighters' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 11.45 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.38 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 34, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Steeves, as follows:

WHEREAS the Gallant government proposed changes to the Seniors Prescription Drug Program that will increase premiums;

WHEREAS this sudden increase creates financial hardship for seniors in having access to affordable health care;

WHEREAS the extra costs may prevent seniors from getting the medications they need;

WHEREAS the loss of medications could be harmful to the fragile health of seniors;

WHEREAS this increase is one of the elements of the Gallant government's attack on seniors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to reverse the premium increase and explore alternate savings through the Seniors Prescription Drug Program.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 34 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 36, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's cable ferries are vital transportation links that are as significant as other modes of transportation in the province and as important as other transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS the value added by New Brunswick's cable ferries to the province's transportation system is only one element of their importance;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's cable ferries assist the province's economy and especially its small and medium sized businesses to transport goods and to access a wider market base;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's cable ferries are an important element of our province's history and culture and are significant heritage assets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's cable ferries are one of the most successful ways to enable visitors and citizens to access New Brunswick's storied river system, which are one of the four main tourism products promoted by the province;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government in 2009 caused extreme distress and concern with its plans to discontinue permanently several New Brunswick cable ferries;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government was forced, due to public criticism and consternation, to reverse and alter its decision;

WHEREAS the current Liberal government has speculated that it is considering another attempt to discontinue permanently cable ferry service on our rivers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the importance of our cable ferry system to New Brunswick's economy, heritage and tourism, and express its desire that the government preserve, protect and promote our cable ferry system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government not to discontinue any cable ferry service on New Brunswick rivers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 36 was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on Motion 31, moved by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr, as follows:

WHEREAS investing in an educated, well-trained and skilled work force is an important component of a diversified economic development strategy;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate was introduced in 2005 as the New Brunswick Tuition Tax Cash Back program, and was expanded by the former Liberal government during its mandate;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program helps recruit, retain and repatriate an educated, well-trained and skilled work force;

WHEREAS the government announced it will eliminate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program will make it more difficult for New Brunswickers trying to build careers to make New Brunswick a more prosperous province;

WHEREAS the elimination of the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program is shortsighted and should be reversed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 31 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 19

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Mr. Albert	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, May 15, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Dubé, Member for Edmundston-Madawaska Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 98)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 99)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Fitch,
Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, May 21, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is in the midst of a powerful and positive paradigm shift regarding the treatment and support for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD);

WHEREAS New Brunswick has emerged as a leader in such treatment and support by enabling interdisciplinary, collaborative, person-centric approaches that focus on outcomes, the provision of preventative interventions and services that are premised upon individuals, family and community engagement;

WHEREAS the Province's leadership is particularly pronounced in the treatment and support for children with ASD and other complex mental health needs;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick offers a renowned Autism Support Training Program to develop skills to deliver services that maximize the potential of children and adults with ASD and others with significant disabilities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should continue to develop professionals with such skills and expertise;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers of all ages with ASD deserve to live in their own province and to be close to their families;

WHEREAS there are New Brunswickers currently residing at the Spurwink Services treatment facility in Portland, Maine, the cost of which is paid by the Province;

WHEREAS there are limited or no services or support for individuals with ASD after they reach the age of 21 years;

WHEREAS the burden of support and care for such individuals often falls to the individual's family;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should provide better support for such individuals, in particular after they reach the age of 21 years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to build upon New Brunswick's successes in relation to children with ASD, by developing additional supports and services, including a treatment facility and network of excellence, for adults with ASD, in order to ensure New Brunswickers with ASD can become and continue to be contributing members of society.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 35 and 34 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *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 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 10.43 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 100)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 101)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to save the Chipman Ambulance. (Petition 102)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 26, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their Third Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on May 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, and 20, 2015, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all remaining estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2015-2016

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services	57,958,000
School Districts	983,910,000
Early Childhood Development	76,755,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	1,118,576,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat	3,605,000
Corporate Communications	3,908,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	336,000
Women's Equality Branch	2,744,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	5,186,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	2,349,000
Jobs Board Secretariat	1,020,000
Voted	19,148,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management	14,143,000
Office of the Comptroller	3,139,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	17,235,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes . . .	350,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	131,470,000
Less amounts authorized by law	160,000
Voted	131,310,000
Provision for Losses	7,650,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	38,000,000
Supplementary Funding Provision	72,118,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Corporate and Other Health Services	266,943,000
Medicare	601,363,000
Drug Programs	193,115,000
Regional Health Authorities	1,534,618,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	1,007,000
Voted	2,594,985,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Administration and Planning	3,329,000
Court Services	30,988,000
Legal Aid	8,174,000
Less designated revenue	150,000
Voted	42,341,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	8,012,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,272,000
Voted	3,740,000

Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,510,000
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	3,166,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	2,498,000

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

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General	17,975,000
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OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,616,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted	1,549,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	254,277,000
Less amounts authorized by law	254,277,000
Voted	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	284,000
Voices of New Brunswick Women Consensus- Building Forum	418,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations	65,012,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	685,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	679,914,000
Voted	5,086,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	10,260,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	123,449,000
Long Term Care	604,751,000
Income Security	247,119,000
Housing Services	86,383,000
Wellness	7,281,000
Other Benefits	34,450,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	2,000,000
Voted	1,111,646,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	2,657,000
Sports and Active Communities	7,192,000
Culture	16,677,000
Tourism and Parks	25,856,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	925,000
Voted	51,410,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Public Schools - Capital Equipment 2,395,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment 19,000,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund -
Small Communities Fund 3,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation
and Infrastructure 5,668,000
Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund 10,000,000
Voted 19,168,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE
Capital Improvements 2,564,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and
Innovation Fund Loan Program 4,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and
Innovation Fund Loan Program 1,000,000
Voted 5,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Housing 3,224,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2015-2016

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES
Education and Early Childhood Development 350,000
General Government 100,000
Health 1,225,000
Justice 10,000
Office of the Attorney General 5,000
Social Development 1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture 500,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
Health	2,000
Justice	20,000
Office of the Attorney General	4,000
Social Development	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	95,000
Other (small advances)	40,000

INVENTORIES

Health	8,830,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000

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. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 26, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met on March 24, 2015. On motion of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Roussel, Mr. LePage was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Harris, Mr. Ames was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Your Committee met again on May 21 and 22, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*;
Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act*;

Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act*;
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*;
Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*;
Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015*;
Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*;
Bill 30, *Trustees Act*;
Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees Act*;
Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions Act*;
Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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

May 26, 2015

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 May 26, 2015, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*;

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 Restigouche-Chaleur, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.:) Wilfred Roussel, 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. Horsman,

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers Act.*

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 38)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from April 21 to May 20, 2015, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolutions of the House be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, Bills 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 36, 37 and 34 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 Judicature Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety 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 Occupational Health and Safety Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Albert moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

And then, 4.40 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:

Response to Petitions 84, 86, 87	May 21, 2015
Response to Petitions 75, 77, 80, 89	May 22, 2015
Annual Report on Bullying 2013-2014, Promoting Diversity and Respect in New Brunswick Schools	May 22, 2015

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Wednesday, May 27, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At 10.16 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.28 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 103)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to oppose the construction of the Energy East Pipeline. (Petition 104)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 27, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Second Report.

Your Committee met on May 26, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;
Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*;
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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 following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 28, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 20, Bill 38 and Motion 37.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, May 28, 2015, Bill 44 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 34, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act*.

Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act*.

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*.

Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015*.

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*.

Bill 30, *Trustees Act*.

Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees Act*.

Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions Act*.

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers 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 Mortgage Brokers Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 40 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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 Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 3.20 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 92

May 26, 2015

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Thursday, May 28, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
May 27, 2015.

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. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Prior to Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refrain from making personal attacks or interrupting their fellow Members.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Arseneault withdraw the term "two faced", which he did.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Macdonald withdraw the term "arrogance" in relation to the Premier, which he did.

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 28, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Third Report.

Your Committee met on May 27, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act*;

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*;

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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 following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*.

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 54 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, May 29, 2015, Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 44 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 11.50 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Macdonald moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 20 was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 37, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is in the midst of a powerful and positive paradigm shift regarding the treatment and support for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD);

WHEREAS New Brunswick has emerged as a leader in such treatment and support by enabling interdisciplinary, collaborative, person-centric approaches that focus on outcomes, the provision of preventative interventions and services that are premised upon individuals, family and community engagement;

WHEREAS the Province's leadership is particularly pronounced in the treatment and support for children with ASD and other complex mental health needs;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick offers a renowned Autism Support Training Program to develop skills to deliver services that maximize the potential of children and adults with ASD and others with significant disabilities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should continue to develop professionals with such skills and expertise;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers of all ages with ASD deserve to live in their own province and to be close to their families;

WHEREAS there are New Brunswickers currently residing at the Spurwink Services treatment facility in Portland, Maine, the cost of which is paid by the Province;

WHEREAS there are limited or no services or support for individuals with ASD after they reach the age of 21 years;

WHEREAS the burden of support and care for such individuals often falls to the individual's family;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should provide better support for such individuals, in particular after they reach the age of 21 years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to build upon New Brunswick's successes in relation to children with ASD, by developing additional supports and services, including a treatment facility and network of excellence, for adults with ASD, in order to ensure New Brunswickers with ASD can become and continue to be contributing members of society.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 37 be amended:

Delete the first three "whereas" clauses and replace with:

"WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;"

In what was originally the fifth "whereas" clause, delete "should continue" and replace with "continues";

Delete the last four “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;”

In the resolution clause, delete all the words after “government” and replace them with “to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs”.

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

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

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

And then, 6.10 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:

Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, approved fee changes for
Crown timber fair market value and royalty rates

May 27, 2015

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Friday, May 29, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 105)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fourth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 29, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Fourth Report.

Your Committee met on May 28, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers Act*;
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*;
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*;
Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*;
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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 following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act*.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, June 4, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program was implemented to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills or ends up being littered along our roadsides and waterways;

WHEREAS there are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres in New Brunswick that process approximately 300 million empty beverage containers annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is a leader in Canada in this area, with a 79 per cent recovery rate of beverage containers reported in 2013-14;

WHEREAS half of the environmental fees associated with redeemable beverage containers in New Brunswick are deposited to the Environmental Trust Fund, which helps drive the economy and improve communities by funding projects initiated by community groups, municipalities and non-profit organizations and institutions that further sustainable development;

WHEREAS the habits of consumers have changed since the *Beverage Containers Act* was first implemented in 1992;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain New Brunswick's place as a leader in this area, there is a need for innovation in efficiency of collection, processing, public safety and convenience in order to meet the needs of the ever-busy consumer;

WHEREAS many redemption centres are struggling to meet the mounting costs to operate their facilities;

WHEREAS it is worth considering whether the Beverage Containers Program should be extended to other types of containers, such as containers for flavoured milk drinks;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to undertake a review of the New Brunswick Beverage Containers Program and the *Beverage Containers Act* to ensure New Brunswick remains a leader in this area.

At 10.34 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.50 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 40)

That, notwithstanding Standing Rule 44(1), Opposition Members' Business be considered on Wednesday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. and not Thursday, June 4, 2015;

That, when the Assembly adjourns on Wednesday, June 3, it stand adjourned until Thursday June 4, 2015, at 9 o'clock a.m.;

That, on said Thursday, following Introduction of Guests, the Assembly stand adjourned until Friday, June 5, 2015, to accommodate the address of Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Secretary General of La Francophonie, in the Assembly Chamber on said Thursday following the adjournment of the House;

That Her Excellency's speech, together with all introductory and related speeches, be printed as an Appendix to the Debates of the Legislative Assembly on that day, form part of the records of this House, and be televised according to House guidelines.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Motion 39 to be debated on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Bills 55, 56 and 57 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 47, 49, 50, 45, 46, 48, 51, 52, and 53 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act.*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation 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 Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*, 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 An Act Respecting Official Languages*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 50, *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 50 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Dubé, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

“Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick 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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

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 Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 48 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, 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 to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel 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 52 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit 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 Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 1.44 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 97

May 28, 2015

Daily sitting 60

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.50 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.15 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. MacDonald, Member for Fredericton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 106)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners request for increased handling fees. (Petition 107)

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Savoie, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Third Party item; Motion 37 and 39.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 13.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Bill 23 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 56, 57 and 55 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers Act.*

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions 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, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales 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 Tobacco Sales Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Her Excellency Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada, and EU heads of mission Their Excellencies Arno Riedel of Austria; Veselko Grubisic of Croatia; Pavel Hrnčir of the Czech Republic; Charles Murto of Finland; Alexandre Vulic, Deputy Head of Mission for France; Juris Audarins of Latvia; Vytautas Zalys of Lithuania; Maria Ligor of Romania; Marjan Cencen of Slovenia; Carlos Gomez-Mugica of Spain; Per Sjoren of Sweden; Howard Drake of the United Kingdom; and Balint Odor of Hungary. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Albert moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

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

And then, 4.34 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 61

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Stewart withdraw the phrase “misled the House”, which he did; and that Hon. Mr. Gallant withdraw the phrase “speaking from both sides of their mouths”, which he did.

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, the House observed a moment of silence in recognition of the fallen Moncton RCMP officers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 108)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 109)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners request for increased handling fees. (Petition 110)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fifth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 3, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Fifth Report.

Your Committee met on June 2, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*;
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*;
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*;
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*;
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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.

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 41)

THAT the order referring Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, to the Committee of the Whole House be discharged and the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

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

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 23 and 55 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 23 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*, be now read a second time.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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, *Service New Brunswick Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 1.03 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.32 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Relating to Wood Supply and Forest Management*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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 negative.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 37, moved by Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 37 be amended:

Delete the first three “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;”

In what was originally the fifth “whereas” clause, delete “should continue” and replace with “continues”;

Delete the last four “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;”

In the resolution clause, delete all the words after “government” and replace them with “to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs”.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 37 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick offers a renowned Autism Support Training Program to develop skills to deliver services that maximize the potential of children and adults with ASD and others with significant disabilities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to develop professionals with such skills and expertise;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers of all ages with ASD deserve to live in their own province and to be close to their families;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs.

And the question being put, Motion 37 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 39, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program was implemented to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills or ends up being littered along our roadsides and waterways;

WHEREAS there are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres in New Brunswick that process approximately 300 million empty beverage containers annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is a leader in Canada in this area, with a 79 per cent recovery rate of beverage containers reported in 2013-14;

WHEREAS half of the environmental fees associated with redeemable beverage containers in New Brunswick are deposited to the Environmental Trust Fund, which helps drive the economy and improve communities by funding projects initiated by community groups, municipalities and non-profit organizations and institutions that further sustainable development;

WHEREAS the habits of consumers have changed since the *Beverage Containers Act* was first implemented in 1992;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain New Brunswick's place as a leader in this area, there is a need for innovation in efficiency of collection, processing, public safety and convenience in order to meet the needs of the ever-busy consumer;

WHEREAS many redemption centres are struggling to meet the mounting costs to operate their facilities;

WHEREAS it is worth considering whether the Beverage Containers Program should be extended to other types of containers, such as containers for flavoured milk drinks;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to undertake a review of the New Brunswick Beverage Containers Program and the *Beverage Containers Act* to ensure New Brunswick remains a leader in this area.

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, 6.10 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:

Response to Petitions 83, 93
Response to Petition 96

June 1, 2015
June 2, 2015

Daily sitting 62

Thursday, June 4, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Secretary General of La Francophonie and former Governor General of Canada (2005-2010). Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

And then, 9.15 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:

Response to Petitions 90, 95

June 2, 2015

Daily sitting 63

Friday, June 5, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the term “puppet” in relation to the Premier, which he did.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 111)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners request for increased handling fees. (Petition 112)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Sixth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 5, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Sixth Report.

Your Committee met on June 3 and 4, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*;
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*;
Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*;
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*;
Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*;
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*;
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, June 11, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is an organization the mission of which is to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy consists primarily of visits by a trained instructor to classrooms multiple times over the course of an academic year, accompanied by the program's teacher, a two- to four-month-old baby and the child's parent;

WHEREAS the intent of the program is to permit students, by observing the baby's actions and his or her relationship with the parent, to learn to understand the perspective of the baby and label the baby's feelings, and to permit this learning to be extended to the students' own feelings and the feelings of others;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among schoolchildren by raising social and emotional competence and increasing empathy;

WHEREAS the program reaches elementary schoolchildren from kindergarten to Grade 8 in every province in Canada, in both English and French, and reaches rural, urban and remote communities, including Aboriginal communities;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is also delivered in other jurisdictions, including New Zealand, the United States, Isle of Man, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland;

WHEREAS examples of the successes of Roots of Empathy include the fact that after completing the Roots of Empathy program, 83% of British Columbia students reported that if they saw a student in the playground being bullied or treated meanly, they would help them, and that 98% of teachers in that province with the program in their classrooms feel that the program supports the school's curriculum;

WHEREAS the operation of this program in New Brunswick currently depends on community fundraising and donation of funds, meaning that not every school in New Brunswick has the opportunity to participate in the program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to implement the Roots of Empathy program throughout the province's school systems and to ensure appropriate funding is in place to ensure the program can be delivered effectively in New Brunswick.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56 and 57 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act.*

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act.*

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act.*

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*

Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Albert, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 43)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from May 21 to June 4, 2015, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 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 Lieutenant-Governor, 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 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act.*
- Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act.*
- Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act.*
- Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act.*
- Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act.*
- Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*
- Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2013-2014 (1).*
- Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*
- Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants.*
- Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015.*
- Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*
- Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*
- Bill 30, *Trustees Act.*
- Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees Act.*
- Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions Act.*
- Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act.*
- Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
- Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*
- Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*
- Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers Act.*
- Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*
- Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
- Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*
- Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*
- Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

- Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act.*
Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages.*
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act.*
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*
Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act.*
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, 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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her 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 Her 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 2015-2016*. (Bill 54)

Her Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 11.14 a.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:

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Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne

June 4, 2015

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Carleton in the by-election held October 5, 2015.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Mr. Albert,

RESOLVED, that the return be entered in the Journals of the House.

And it is as follows:

RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION
FOR A MEMBER OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015

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Courtney Keenan	L	2152
Stewart Fairgrieve	PC	3145 E
Greg Crouse	NBNDP	254
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Eleanor Leonard
Returning Officer

Mr. Fairgrieve, member-elect for the electoral district of Carleton, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by Mr. Fitch and took his seat in the House.

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

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is time to prorogue the first session of this fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly. Over the course of the past session, you accomplished a great deal of work of vital importance to New Brunswickers, to our community, and to our province. Thanks to you, our province is

better able to rise to challenges and make the most of fresh opportunities in order to ensure a better future.

I want to offer my personal congratulations to each one of you for your dedication to public life and to public service, and for your commitment to this House and to the people who put you here. I encourage you to continue your diligent efforts on behalf of the people of New Brunswick during the coming session, which will commence this afternoon. I want to encourage you to follow parliamentary conventions and traditions with the respect and dignity this historic Chamber deserves. You are here because people have faith in you, and I have faith in you. New Brunswick needs you—all of you—perhaps now more than ever.

These difficult times require your strength of character, your conviction, your passion, and your inspiration. You may already know that today has been deemed Giving Tuesday. Never forget that we are one New Brunswick.

Now, with the completion of the business of the first session of this fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly, it is my privilege and responsibility to issue the command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and Queen of New Brunswick, that the Legislature stand prorogued. May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.17 a.m.

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