



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK First Session, 58th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 5
Tuesday, December 9, 2014

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers
Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (*Prior Notice to Speaker*)
Introduction of Guests
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
Statements by Members (10 minutes)
Oral Questions (30 minutes)
Introduction of Bills
Notices of Motions
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Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House
Orders of the Day

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate adjourned by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc.

Debate to resume on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Melanson

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act - Hon. Ms. Landry

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 5 by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Wednesday, December 10, 2014:

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 4, 2014.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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Debatable Motions

Motion 1 by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2014:

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.

Motion 2 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Ms. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2014:

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.

Motion 3 by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Ms. Shephard to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2014:

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.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly