



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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 9
Tuesday, December 16, 2014

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers
Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (*Prior Notice to Speaker*)
Introduction of Guests
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Presentations of Petitions
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Introduction of Bills
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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 on behalf of the Honourable the Premier.
Debate to resume on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.***

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

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

- Hon. Mr. Boudreau

Bill 6, Opportunities New Brunswick Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant

Bills to be Ordered for Second Reading

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

- Hon. Mr. Arseneault

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

- Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 6 by Hon. Mr. Melanson, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

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

Motion 7 by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

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

CONCLUDED

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

Motion 5 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried December 10, 2014.

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 11, 2014.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

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.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 9 by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

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.

Motion 10 by Ms. Shephard, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Stewart. Debated and carried as amended December 11, 2014.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Wetmore, December 9, 2014.
Petition 2: Ms. Wilson, December 10, 2014.
Petition 3: Mr. Wetmore, December 10, 2014.
Petition 4: Ms. Wilson, December 11, 2014.
Petition 5: Mr. Wetmore, December 11, 2014.
Petition 6: Ms. Wilson, December 12, 2014.
Petition 7: Mr. Wetmore, December 12, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Procedure

First Report, December 10, 2014

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Filed in the Clerk's Office

Annual Report 2013-2014, Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

(Filed December 12, 2014)

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly