



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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 23
Thursday, March 12, 2015

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act
- Hon. Mr. Boudreau

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

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant

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Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 14, An Act Respecting Responsible Governance - Hon. Mr. Melanson

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

Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014 - Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2015-2016

Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2013-2014

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

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

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

Motion 6 by Hon. Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried December 17, 2014.

Motion 7 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried as amended
February 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, and March 10, 2015.

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

Motion 12 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 19, 2014.

Motion 15 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried February 12, 2015.

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion 16 by Mr. Bourque, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Wednesday, February 18, 2015:

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.

Motion 22 by Mr. Ames, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 17, 2015:

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 11 by Mr. Bourque. Debated and carried December 19, 2014.

Motion 18 by Mr. Guitard. Debated and carried February 20, 2015.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)]

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Elections Act - Mr. Coon

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 17 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 19, 2015:

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.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. LePage 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”

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

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.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 13 by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 19, 2015:

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.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 11, Local Food Security Act - Mr. Coon

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

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Mr. Wetmore

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 20 by Mr. B. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 26, 2015:

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.

Motion 21 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 12, 2015:

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.

Motions for Returns

Motion 19 by Mr. B. Macdonald, seconded by Ms. Lynch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 26, 2015:

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.

CONCLUDED

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

Motion 3 by Mr. Wetmore. Debated and defeated December 18, 2014.

Motion 9 by Mr. Stewart. Debated and carried as amended February 12, 2015.

Motion 10 by Ms. Shephard. Debated and carried as amended December 18, 2014.

Motion 14 by Mr. Wetmore. Debated and defeated February 19, 2015.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Wetmore, December 9, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 2: Ms. Wilson, December 10, 2014.	(Response, December 22, 2014)
Petition 3: Mr. Wetmore, December 10, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 4: Ms. Wilson, December 11, 2014.	(Response, December 22, 2014)
Petition 5: Mr. Wetmore, December 11, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 6: Ms. Wilson, December 12, 2014.	(Response, December 22, 2014)
Petition 7: Mr. Wetmore, December 12, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 8: Mr. Wetmore, December 17, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 9: Mr. Coon, December 17, 2014.	(Response, December 22, 2014)
Petition 10: Mr. Wetmore, December 18, 2014.	(Response, January 26, 2015)
Petition 11: Hon. Mr. Fraser, February 10, 2015.	
Petition 12: Mr. Northrup, February 10, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 13: Mr. LePage, February 11, 2015.	
Petition 14: Mr. Northrup, February 11, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 15: Mr. Northrup, February 12, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 16: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, February 13, 2015.	
Petition 17: Mr. Northrup, February 13, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 18: Mr. Northrup, February 18, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 19: Mr. Northrup, February 19, 2015.	
Petition 20: Mr. Northrup, February 20, 2015.	
Petition 21: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 22: Mr. Northrup, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 23: Mr. Oliver, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 24: Mr. Northrup, March 11, 2015.	
Petition 25: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, March 11, 2015.	
Petition 26: Mr. Oliver, March 11, 2015.	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Procedure

First Report, December 10, 2014

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 47-48 of the Legislative Assembly Building.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly