



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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 14
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Melanson, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, February 2, 2016:

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

Debate adjourned by Mr. Higgs.

Debate to resume on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 15, Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act
- Hon. Mr. Boudreau

Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act - Hon. Mr. Melanson

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Horsman

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 17, An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton - Mr. Bernard LeBlanc

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Service New Brunswick Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act
- Hon. Mr. Horsman

Bill 7, An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans - Hon. Mr. Horsman

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act - Hon. Mr. Doucet

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2016-2017

Supplementary Estimates, 2014-2015, Volume I

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 5 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 2, 2015.

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried December 17, 2015.

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 7 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc. Debated and carried December 15, 2015.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 5, Green Jobs Act - Mr. Coon
 Bill 9, An Act Respecting the Right to Work - Ms. Lynch
 Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Education Act - Mr. Coon
 Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Procurement Act - Mr. Coon
 Bill 14, Public Participation Act - Mr. Coon

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 4 by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Ms. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 2015:

WHEREAS the government has been conducting an endless attack on rural New Brunswick by reducing and eliminating services to regions which are already disadvantaged by distance, opportunity for employment, and access to government;

WHEREAS these rural attacks include closures of schools, Service New Brunswick offices, library services, and court houses;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also announced plans to reduce the number of hospital beds in their network by nearly 20%;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also suggested that rural hospitals could be repurposed to become senior care centers;

WHEREAS the former Progressive Conservative government was implementing a plan to find efficiencies in the health care system without any reduction in the number of hospital beds;

WHEREAS the government has provided no evidence to prove that these reduction in service points are necessary or that they will improve services for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly not support the plan to reduce the number of hospital beds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government be urged to conduct public consultations with the communities that will be affected by the proposed service point closures in an effort to find efficiencies without reducing services, especially in rural regions.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 6 by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Lynch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 2015:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is Canada's only officially bilingual province;

WHEREAS access to second language training is limited or non-existent in many communities across the province, which impedes mutual understanding and access to opportunities;

WHEREAS access to French immersion education programming is limited or non-existent in many schools across the province;

WHEREAS the government's ability to continue to provide a high quality of services to citizens in both official languages may be affected by a lack of investment in second language training and education;

WHEREAS there are best practices in other jurisdictions, as well as new technology, which could be explored to address the gap in investment in second language training and education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to examine the issue of second language education and training, and report back to this Assembly with a plan to enhance opportunities for New Brunswickers to improve their skills in communicating in both official languages.

Motion 10 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Higgs to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 2015:

WHEREAS in order to address their on-going fiscal deficit problems the government has created a grocery list of options that will cripple public services as well as the economy of the province; and

WHEREAS the government has continually called upon the Official Opposition to please provide them with more ideas and efficiencies to help balance their financial books; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the current deficit problem has been created by unnecessary election promises; and

WHEREAS the current administration keeps digging the hole deeper with ill-advised policy decisions such as making tax room for the federal government and chasing away potential investors in the natural resources development field;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the complete list of options, including the delay of unnecessary spending promises and implementing fair taxation policies, be considered by the government to eliminate the deficit for the upcoming provincial budget.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Steeves. Debated and defeated December 10, 2015.

Motion 2 by Mr. Higgs. Debated and defeated December 17, 2015.

Motion 3 by Mr. Urquhart. Debated and defeated December 17, 2015.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Wetmore, December 8, 2015.	(Response, January 6, 2016)
Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Horsman, December 9, 2015.	(Response, January 4, 2016)
Petition 3: Ms. Shephard, December 10, 2015.	(Response, December 17, 2015)
Petition 4: Ms. Shephard, December 15, 2015.	(Response, January 6, 2016)
Petition 5: Mr. Coon, December 15, 2015.	(Response, January 14, 2016)
Petition 6: Ms. Shephard, December 16, 2015.	(Response, January 6, 2016)
Petition 7: Ms. Shephard, December 17, 2015.	(Response, January 6, 2016)
Petition 8: Mr. Coon, December 17, 2015.	(Response, January 27, 2016)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Economic Policy

First Report, December 16, 2015

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

2016-2017 Main Estimates

(Transmitted by message of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on February 2, 2016)

2016-2017 Budget, Foundation for our Future, Investing in New Brunswick's Priorities:
Jobs. Education. Health.

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Melanson, February 2, 2016)

2016-2017 Economic Outlook

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Melanson, February 2, 2016)

Filed in the Clerk's Office

Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance, January 2016

(Filed February 2, 2016)

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