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**THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH
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**THE HONOURABLE JOCELYNE ROY VIENNEAU,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Wednesday, November 2, 2016

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the second session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the second day of November, 2016 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the third 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 second day of November, 2016 at 1:00 in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen, and in the sixty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Serge Rousselle, Q.C.
Attorney General.

Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the Third 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 Members being present:

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was announced and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne and was pleased to open the session with the following speech from the Throne:

General Opening Remarks

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

We are now just past the midway point of this current government's mandate. This government has listened closely to the concerns of the people of this great province. New Brunswickers have provided this government with guidance by bringing many ideas to the table that will help improve this province and the lives of our residents.

Your government recognizes that New Brunswickers expect their leaders to listen to their concerns, understand their needs, and then deliver results. This has been the approach of your government.

Your government understands that New Brunswickers want more economic growth and a stronger health care system. To accomplish economic growth and a vibrant health care system your government's main focus over the next year will be education.

Your government understands the importance of a strong workforce for New Brunswick businesses and industries to compete in a globalized economic world. Your government understands that the best way to strengthen our workforce is to invest in our people through education.

Your government understands that, to have a strong health care system, we must improve the social determinants that impact our well-being. Your government understands that it is through education that we will lift people out of poverty into better situations that lead to living healthier lives.

Education will be the number-one focus of government for this session as we work to improve the economy and our health care system to complement initiatives such as our Economic Growth Plan and the establishment of a proactive health plan.

Your government has consulted widely with business and industry leaders on how to create economic growth. It has listened to educators, parents and students to build a plan for improved education systems. Seniors and experts are guiding government on the development of an aging strategy. Health care workers are helping guide government in finding new ways to improve how health care services are provided to all New Brunswickers. Civil servants are engaged to help government improve the way we serve the public.

The more people are engaged in finding new solutions to age-old problems, the more chance the government has of delivering better services to all.

The priorities of your government remain the same as they were in the previous session: helping grow the provincial economy to create new jobs; and making New Brunswick the best place to raise a family through stronger education and health care systems.

Through its Strategic Program Review that ended earlier this year, your government is well on its way to the goal of eliminating the deficit by the end of the decade. New Brunswickers recognized that, in order to provide better programs for families and individuals, the province's finances had to be in order. New Brunswickers had their say on how best to achieve the difficult goal of balancing the books. People said they preferred a balanced approach of reduced spending in some areas and increased revenue. They asked government to focus on priority areas when investing. Government was told it was important to protect health care and keep rural hospitals open, to invest in education and the economy while eliminating the deficit.

Your government listened, and the results are starting to be seen. The deficit has been reduced by close to half of what it was two years ago. Government has done this while continuing to invest more strategically in health care and education. The goal of Strategic Program Review was to balance the books by 2020 following years of deficit financing by provincial governments. Government remains very much on track to meeting that goal. It is hitting its targets and credit agencies have taken note that there is a plan and that it is being followed.

Like the previous two years, government will remain committed to finding ways to grow the economy as we move forward together. Creating jobs remains a challenge in a difficult national and global economy. The challenges remain, but there have been encouraging signs. The province has been among the country's leaders in increases in weekly earnings, GDP growth, and capital investment. Again, government listened to New Brunswickers, holding economic summits in different sectors in all corners of the province. This has helped government better understand the challenges at a local level and develop an Economic Growth Plan that has been built by New Brunswickers and for New Brunswickers. Moving

forward, your government will continue these discussions with business and community leaders on economic growth to help us keep at the forefront as we compete in an ever-changing global economy.

Growing the economy and creating more jobs will allow government to invest in the critical services we provide to our residents. New Brunswickers want government to invest in better education systems that improve the outcomes for our students. They want more of our young people to have access to a strong post-secondary education so that more people have a chance of success. New Brunswickers have been clear that they want government to protect and improve our health care system. And they have asked that government focus on helping families who need help the most.

That is where government will focus much of its efforts in the upcoming session of the legislature.

Congratulations / Recognition

A number of New Brunswickers have had noteworthy achievements since our last session of the legislature.

Last week, two New Brunswickers were named to the Canadian Senate. Nancy Hartling of Moncton, who is known for operating a support group for single parents in Moncton for 34 years, was appointed along with René Cormier, president of the Société Nationale de l'Acadie, the lead organization for the international strategy for the promotion of Acadian artists.

Ten New Brunswickers were named to the Order of New Brunswick. I offer congratulations to Kenneth Barlow, John P. Barry, Judith Chernin Budovitch, Phil Comeau, the late Abraham Gesner, the late Gérard Friolet, Nancy Hartling, Deborah Lyons, Sheldon Rubin and Jean-Guy Rioux.

Another five New Brunswickers received the Order of Canada. They include my predecessor Graydon Nicholas; Madeleine Delaney-LeBlanc, the province's first chair of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women; Ilkay Silk and Timothy Borlase, who have both contributed greatly to the arts; and Robert Campbell, president of Mount Allison University.

I also recognize Blaine Higgs, the member for Quispamsis, as the new Leader of the Official Opposition. I also thank those who put their name forward to lead their party, including Mel Norton, Monica Barley, Mike Allen, the member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, Jake Stewart, the member for Fredericton West-Hanwell, Brian Macdonald, and Jean Dubé.

I also offer thanks to the member for Riverview, Bruce Fitch, who has served as Leader of the Opposition for the past two years in this house.

A number of talented and caring New Brunswickers have also deservedly been recognized in the past year for their contributions to society and outstanding achievements in their field.

Anne Huestis Scott was honored with the 2016 Human Rights Award.

Five New Brunswickers were given the Order of Military Merit for their service to our country. They include: Warrant Officer David Timothée Berube, Chief Warrant Officer Edward Joseph John Curtis, Master Warrant Officer Dana Robert Eagles, Master Warrant Officer Thomas Kincaid Neill, and Major Jaime Phillips.

Disability Awareness Week award-winners included Doug and Donna MacKenzie of St. Andrews, Jack Brien of Rothesay, Kelley Flowers of Fredericton and Danny Soucy of Grand Falls.

The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame inducted six new members this year. They included Darren Ritchie, Eldridge Eatman, and David Foley of Saint John, Kevin Foran of Dalhousie, Patty Blanchard of Moncton, and Bernard DeGrâce of Shippagan.

Six New Brunswickers made the trip to Rio to compete in the Olympics and Paralympics: Danielle Dorris of Moncton. Campbellton's Shayne Dobson and Simon Richard of Dieppe took part in the Paralympics. Geneviève Lalonde and Mandy Bujold, both from Moncton, took part while Harvey Station's Catharine Pendrel did her province and country proud, overcoming an early crash in the mountain biking event to bring home a bronze medal.

Peter Bowmaster and Jean-Charles Richard were two New Brunswick recipients of the Council of the Federation's literacy awards.

As the province looks to its entrepreneurs to help grow our economy, it is important to recognize the business leaders who distinguished themselves this past year.

New Brunswick companies receiving honors at the 2016 Export Awards included: Leading Edge Geomatics, Approach Navigation Systems, Corey Nutrition Company, Systemair and Cooke Aquaculture.

Winners of 2016 Kira Awards included Keith McIntosh of PQA and PLATO Testing, Eigen Innovations, Mycodev Group, Groupe Savoie, Horizon Health Network's NB Telestroke and Malley Industries.

Our 2016 Start-Up Award winners included John McLaughlin, Laura O'Brien, Natasha Dhayagude, and Resson.

Three of the province's top applied researchers were recognized at the R3 gala. They were the University of New Brunswick's Liuchen Chang, Amber Garber of the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, and Alain Doucet of Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Community College honoured four alumni for contributing to the province's prosperity: Bernice Lanigan, Bill Ward, Arthur Tucker and Gary Hall.

Anya Forestell of Fredericton, currently studying astrophysics at the University of Waterloo, was invited to speak at HeForShe, the UN-sponsored program that promotes gender equality for girls and women by including men and boys in a global campaign.

The Canadian Red Cross named Dr. Mahesh Raju its 2016 Humanitarian of the Year and Jessica Brennan its Young Humanitarian of the Year for 2016.

In music, 19 New Brunswick acts were nominated for East Coast Music Awards. City Natives were named Aboriginal Artist of the Year while Joey Robin Haché won top prize in the Francophone Recording of the Year category. It should be noted that Saint John will host the East Coast Music Awards in 2017.

And finally in music, the band CHIPS won the Rising Star Award at Fredericton's Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival.

Also, I offer congratulations to Kerry Lee Powell of Moncton who was nominated for the Governor General's Literary Award for her short-story collection *Willem de Kooning's Paintbrush*.

Condolences

We also pause to remember those individuals we have lost in the past year.

We pay tribute to Elsie Wayne, who made her mark in politics first as the long-time mayor of the City of Saint John and then as the Member of Parliament for the port city.

We pause to remember Dr. Jim Parrott, who served as a member of this legislature between 2010 and 2014. Dr. Parrott was also a surgeon who saved the lives of countless New Brunswickers during his time as head of the Saint John Regional Hospital's cardiac care unit.

Another former member of this legislative assembly we lost this past year was Moncton's René "Pepsi" Landry, who was also a member of the province's Human Rights Commission.

We also pay tribute to Doug Moore, a former deputy speaker of this legislature who represented the riding of Victoria-Tobique for 11 years. Mr. Moore was also a former mayor of Perth-Andover.

We pay tribute to Norbert Thériault, a former minister of municipal affairs and minister of health under Premier Louis Robichaud's government. Mr. Thériault went on to serve in the Canadian Senate.

Another former New Brunswick senator, John G. Bryden, died this past year, and we note his contribution to the province.

Also in our thoughts is Gerry Cormier, who passed away earlier this year while serving his third term as the mayor of the City of Miramichi.

We celebrate the life of Richard "Sonny" Polchies, a former chief of St. Mary's First Nation.

We also remember the New Brunswick Liberal Association's so-called "Mother Superior", Tony Barry, who spent seven decades organizing and advising her chosen political party.

We also pay tribute to Wendell Fulton, a former employee of this legislature and another long-time advisor to the Liberal party.

We celebrate the life of Fred Hazel, a former editor of the New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, who continued to contribute to his paper until shortly before his passing.

Also from the field of journalism, we pay tribute to David Malcolm, a former radio broadcaster for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation who specialized in covering issues related to agriculture.

We also remember Patrick "Hoppy" Dunn, the voice of sports on the Miramichi.

The province will miss Vic Fitzgerald, who contributed so much as a community builder in Saint John.

We also pay tribute to Carolyn McNulty, who also contributed to the social fabric of Saint John as the founder of Romero House, the Saint John soup kitchen.

We remember former Moncton city manager Al Strang, who helped make several big projects possible in that city.

We also celebrate the life of Henry “Hank” Murphy, a well-respected lawyer from Moncton.

We also remember Dr. Daniel O’Brien, a former president of St. Thomas University and a member of the Order of Canada.

It was with sadness we learned of the passing of Dr. Daniel de Yturralde, a surgeon and founder of the Moncton Oncology Centre.

We remember Shediac’s George Gallant, a long-distance runner who is in the New Brunswick, Moncton and Shediac sports halls of fame.

We also pay tribute to Derek Hatfield, a sailor who became the first Canadian to complete two around-the-world solo sailing races.

We celebrate the life of George Routledge of Renous, known as the “Man at the Mouth,” and a legend in the province’s salmon fishing community.

We also remember Neil Michaud, founder of the music department at the Université de Moncton, and a member of the Order of Canada.

Your government is committed to listening to the leaders in our communities throughout the province. It is the people of New Brunswick who set the priorities of government. It is government’s responsibility to act on those priorities, including improving education, health care, the economy, and the lives of the people who are proud to call New Brunswick home.

When we spoke to New Brunswickers about getting our finances in order, they were clear on one thing: they wanted us to protect services that have the biggest impact on the quality of life of New Brunswickers. Those services include poverty reduction, better social programs and health care. All of these things will be better served if we can elevate our education systems, as research shows that the more educational opportunities we provide for our people, the less pressures there will be on our social programs.

Education

Over the past two years, your government has heard time and again that New Brunswickers wanted more invested in education. Your government understands how important education is and how interlinked it is to the success of New Brunswick’s other priorities. Better educated people are better prepared to find and succeed in jobs, growing the economy. And better educated people are more likely to make healthy choices and avoid chronic illnesses and hospital care.

That is why your government committed before it was elected to develop a long-term, non-partisan education plan. Your government worked hand-in-hand with experts and stakeholders to develop this plan. This is a plan that sets goals and leaves it to teachers to deliver in whatever way is best for the circumstances of their schools and their students.

Through the 10-year education plan, your government will invest more in education than any government before. More investment, though, is not enough by itself. That is why government will rely on our educators to innovate and help improve the outcomes for our students.

New Brunswickers told government they wanted better access to post-secondary education for all New Brunswick families, not just those who can afford it. That is why, starting this year, every New Brunswick undergraduate student at one of our publicly funded universities or community colleges whose family makes \$60,000 or less is going to school for free. Your government believes this free-tuition program will have a long-term positive impact on this province by providing greater access to post-secondary education for young New Brunswickers who might not otherwise be able to afford to go to university or college.

Your government has also listened to parents of young children who are concerned about early childhood education in the years before kindergarten.

One of the big issues is access for those who struggle with the cost of daycare. To address this in the coming year, your government will increase the amount it provides New Brunswickers to help pay for the cost of daycare.

Also, government is developing a training strategy to support increased training requirements for early childhood educators. It has also introduced a 30-hour online curriculum orientation course aligned with each of the curriculum frameworks at no cost.

Your government will also explore initiatives to reduce the gap in young learners, and increase competencies that will enable pre-schoolers to be successful in school and in life.

New Brunswickers also had their say in helping build a new education plan for the province.

The 10-year education plan for each linguistic sector is the product of a comprehensive engagement process led by co-chairs Karen Power and Gino LeBlanc between September 2015 and March 2016. It provided all New Brunswickers the opportunity to voice their views on the future of education in our province.

Those who participated in the public consultation included experts, First Nations, educators, learners, parents, community and business leaders, school district personnel, district education councils and others through a series of open houses, one-on-one meetings, workshops and opportunities to comment online. This non-partisan and open approach validated that lifelong learning is fundamental to the residents of New Brunswick, and that there is a need for a clear vision and greater stability within the system.

The education plan is organized around key objectives that must be accomplished to realize our vision. These objectives are centred on the learner, who is at the heart of everything we do.

The plan establishes clear expectations on standards and performance to be achieved collaboratively.

Prioritizing our efforts in a co-ordinated approach is essential. The focus areas for the first year of implementation are literacy, numeracy, early childhood, and career and life readiness.

The successful execution of the plan is dependent on striking the right balance between setting the standards and expectations for the early learning and education system and empowering educators, parents and students to continually improve. The plan concludes by highlighting the conditions from a system's perspective that must be strengthened to achieve the learner-centred objectives.

The current definition of the education system values and integrates learning inside and outside of the system of schooling – from birth through public school and transitioning through post-secondary and into the workforce. It is important to enhance opportunities for children and students to connect learning to the larger world through real-life learning experiences, either through the arts, science, trades and technology, in an integrated and seamless continuum of learning.

Your government will look to increase opportunities for students to learn things such as software coding and the trades, two areas that New Brunswickers have pointed to as opportunities to grow the skill set of our students to prepare them for areas of need in the labour market.

Our educators will also look to improve outcomes in language skills, including the introduction of French Immersion at the Grade 1 level beginning in September 2017. Your government has paid attention to those who have spoken up on this issue to say the earlier a child can learn a second language, the better.

Your government agrees and will move forward with Grade One French Immersion this coming year.

There are also adult learners in the province who perhaps did not get the opportunity to learn a second language, and your government will be enhancing the opportunities for adults to learn a second language as well.

Moving forward, your government will continue to work with our post-secondary education institutions on providing an environment for students that can help close the skills gap that is being noticed by business leaders in this province. It is also important that our post-secondary institutions be accountable for the public money that is invested in this critical area. This will be examined by your government in the coming year as well.

Investing in Jobs

New Brunswickers from all corners of the province have told government that economic growth and better jobs are their priorities and the key to a better future. Economic growth is the top priority for New Brunswickers. This is why the economy continues to be the top priority of your government. Your government will continue working with the private sector and industry leaders to create the right conditions for businesses to start up, expand, and invest, so they can thrive and succeed here in New Brunswick.

It is clear that having a labour force that meets the demands of the private sector is critical to get our economy growing, and something that government can directly influence. The long-term solution for our labour force is improvements in education. This is why education is such a priority for your government; it delivers on key social and economic needs for New Brunswick society.

One of the reasons the economy has jumped to the top of the priority list for New Brunswickers is because the province has struggled for many years on the economic front. Between the years 2006 and 2014, the New Brunswick economy grew by a mere two percent. Atlantic Canada's growth rate over the same period was double that of New Brunswick. The economies of Ontario and Quebec grew five times more quickly than New Brunswick's. Western Canada did 10 times better than New Brunswick over that same period. That is why your government has placed such importance on turning this trend around.

While much work needs to be done, we are starting to see some positive signs in our provincial economy. In 2015, New Brunswick's GDP grew by 1.9 per cent, the fourth-best rate of growth in the country and the biggest growth in the province since 2010. Statistics Canada reported in August of this year that New Brunswick was the second-best province in the country in year-over-year growth in weekly earnings, showing an increase of 2.7 per cent. Spending was up in major investment projects in the province by a robust 29

per cent in 2015, and further growth of five per cent is expected in 2016. This government committed to creating 10,000 jobs during its mandate, and since the mandate began government has already helped support the creation of 8,500 jobs, largely through partnerships with the private sector.

Much like the education plan, government needed to build a new economic growth plan. And, like the education plan, it had to be built by New Brunswickers and for New Brunswick. A total of 22 economic summits were held in all corners of the province. Each one focused on a different sector, from traditional industries like farming, forestry and fishing, to established sectors such as our world-class business service industry, to emerging sectors like cybersecurity.

Beyond the economic summits, your government listened to chambers of commerce, regional service commissions, representatives of various interest groups, labour, and businesses, all interested in creating more jobs in the province.

The Economic Growth Plan released in September of this year is built on five pillars: people, capital, infrastructure, innovation, and agility. These pillars will guide government in its economic growth efforts in the future.

On the people front, your government will work this coming year to fill the skills gap that our businesses have identified as a hindrance to economic growth. This is why improving our education systems is so important for the province's future. This includes investing in training programs and capital investments in our universities and colleges.

Your government will continue to collaborate with the federal government, the private sector and industry to address the labour shortage needs of the province. Government is confident that, together, we can overcome these challenges and enhance our skilled workforce.

Growing our population is an important goal. That is why we are so focused on keeping our people here and bringing home those who have left. But another way to do that is through increased immigration.

Through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project, we have the opportunity to potentially double the number of immigrants settling in New Brunswick.

We are proud of the success we have had in welcoming and resettling 1,500 Syrian newcomers throughout the province. New Brunswick, per capita, has welcomed more Syrians than any other province, and New Brunswickers can be proud of the way they have opened their arms to welcome newcomers making a difficult transition to a new life in a new country.

On top of our success story with Syrian newcomers, another 2,500 newcomers and their families will call New Brunswick home by the end of the year. New Brunswick has experienced a record year for welcoming newcomers, as it saw close to 2,000 immigrants arrive in the first quarter of 2016 alone, resulting in the greatest population increase in the province in six years.

Your government will continue to promote New Brunswick as a destination of choice for newcomers and their families. As a government, we will also continue to help integrate them into our communities through a variety of outreach, language and job-training programs.

On the capital front, government will continue to support our businesses in the coming year. Your government has already increased the investor tax credit for small businesses from 30 to 50 per cent. In the coming year, the government will move forward with its commitment to reduce the small business tax to three per cent to help our business owners so they can reinvest and create jobs.

Investments in strategic infrastructure, often in conjunction with our federal and municipal partners, will continue to help support our province's economy. In the current fiscal year, your government is investing more than \$650 million in capital projects.

Your government is working with the Trudeau government and other partners to invest \$98.6 million in infrastructure on our public university and college campuses. Another \$158.9 million is being invested in clean water and wastewater projects to help communities grow, and \$56.6 million is going to affordable housing which will help those who need it the most find a home to call their own. These investments will support projects that matter to New Brunswickers.

Your government is also working to ensure that it can maximize its spending by leveraging other sources of funding. The government's focus is on developing funding partnerships for infrastructure projects that strengthen New Brunswick's economy through the renewal of New Brunswick's aging infrastructure, with an emphasis on investments that promote trade corridor development, economic growth, innovation and diversification.

On the innovation front, your government will look to grow on the success the province has had in emerging industries such as the information and communications technology (ICT) sector.

Successive governments recognized the importance of providing the infrastructure to support this industry and, as a result, today New Brunswick is recognized as the province with the best connectivity in the country, a critical element as your government continues to foster growth in this sector.

In the coming year, government will continue to support this sector through partners such as the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation and nb+.

Through the Smart Province Initiative, your government will work to build the first truly digital government in North America.

The province will deliver the best and most cost-effective services to residents, while providing a platform on which private-sector companies can build cutting-edge products and services which they can then sell in other markets.

Modernizing the way government business is conducted will make everyday things better for New Brunswickers through things such as the Digital Lab, Open Data Policy, and Digital ID. Legislation and initiatives to support this will be introduced in the coming year.

Your government will also continue to work to be more agile in support of our economy. That means, among other things, increasing efforts to reduce red tape, harmonizing regulations, and making government decisions on a timelier basis. It is important that your government makes it as easy as possible for job creators to do business in the province.

In the Economic Growth plan, your government also identified a first round of growth opportunities. A growth opportunity is somewhere we can see short-term growth that would include investment, job creation, GDP growth and increased tax revenue.

Global leader Siemens established a smart grid development centre in Fredericton several years ago as part of a partnership with NB Power. A “smart grid” is an electricity supply network that integrates digital technology to detect and react to local changes in electricity demand. Based on this foundation, New Brunswick is working to become a hub for smart grid development by attracting start-ups and national and international firms to do their testing and development work in New Brunswick.

The attraction of farmers from abroad has a long history in New Brunswick. Many of New Brunswick’s current farmers are close to retirement and do not have a proper succession plan. Some are retiring on their farms and letting the farmland go fallow. Others would like to sell but there is not a ready pool of new farmers ready to take over. In addition to helping young farmers, this opportunity involves attracting a new round of farmers from abroad (local people can also access the new entrant program). Hundreds of new farmers would boost economic activity and strengthen our important agriculture sector.

Cybersecurity has the potential to create hundreds of new, high value jobs in New Brunswick. The global cybersecurity market is estimated at \$75 billion and expected to grow to \$170 billion by 2020. New Brunswick is home to several world-class cybersecurity firms, including IBM which is boosting its significant cyber-related activity in Fredericton. We have the opportunity to take advantage of the emerging cybersecurity talent shortage expected to reach 1.5 million people by 2019.

There are areas in New Brunswick that are ideal microclimates for the production of blueberries. In the past decade, total blueberry production has more than tripled and become far more productive. With the large Oxford investment and the allocation of additional Crown land to other players, the industry is expected to grow even larger. New Brunswick will soon be the largest producer of blueberries in the world. This opportunity requires a strong ecosystem which includes smaller local producers being given opportunity to fully participate.

More firms in diverse industries – from information technology support to financial services and graphic design – are building distributed workforces. This opportunity involves the provincial government developing an inventory of people interested in this type of work, along with the skills and home-work environment (home office, broadband, etc.) and matching them with potential employers in New Brunswick and across North America. If there are gaps in skills or home-work environment, existing training programs could be used. This is a great opportunity for more employment in rural New Brunswick.

The business support services industry (contact or call centres) had its beginnings in New Brunswick more than 25 years ago when an available, skilled and bilingual workforce was leveraged by the provincial government to attract global companies such as IBM, Xerox, ExxonMobil, Purolator Courier, Federal Express and the Royal Bank of Canada. Importantly, the sector generates more than \$1 billion in annual export revenue for New Brunswick. This opportunity involves finding ways to help the sector grow. Other initiatives such as home-based work and the new immigration pilot project will boost the available workers for the industry. We need to assess new opportunities such as social media interaction and the development of technologies to support the industry. This was also identified as a priority through the opportunities summit process.

New Brunswick has struck a committee of key stakeholders to study the public safety challenges. This committee will also explore economic development opportunities stemming from marijuana. The legalization and control of marijuana will significantly expand the industry across Canada. Some provinces will take advantage of this opportunity to foster the creation of new production activity and value-added, specialized product

development. In addition, there are numerous supply chain opportunities such as testing, R&D and other services. New Brunswick already has one marijuana production facility, another in the development phase, and other potential opportunities. Fredericton-based RPC is the country's leading tester of medical marijuana and has additional testing capacity. Federal-provincial research facilities in New Brunswick have capabilities that could be leveraged to help maximize the potential of this new industry.

New Brunswick households spend \$2.6 billion on food purchases each year. Much of the food consumed in New Brunswick is produced elsewhere (the total GDP contribution from food – wholesale/retail/ restaurants – is about \$1 billion per year). Efforts to promote locally produced food and beverage consumption can contribute to GDP growth due to import substitution.

A successful tourism industry requires attractions, service providers and promotion. Investments in tourism infrastructure will help boost the number of tourists and their satisfaction rates. The Bay of Fundy and its surrounding parks, trails and attractions is New Brunswick's most sought-after tourism offering. Fundy National Park already attracts 230,000 visitors per year. With strategic infrastructure investments, industry collaboration and a comprehensive development strategy, we plan to co-create a unified Fundy Coast experience that will increase visitor traffic and tourism revenues.

A significant number of tourism service providers around New Brunswick (inns, cottages, motels, tours, outfitters, guides, campgrounds, artisans, gift shops and stores) are small, often family-operated, independent businesses. They must be supported with their succession challenges. The return on investment in promoting New Brunswick is significant and must be increased, creating a need for better signage throughout the province and more promotion to bring tourists to New Brunswick year-round.

The provincial government is focused on developing complementary economic opportunities from its vast forests. A good example is maple syrup. Revenues from this sector rose from \$3 million in 2000 to nearly \$32 million in 2015, and they are poised for additional growth as a result of an expansion of Crown land for maple syrup production. The Department of Energy and Resource Development allotted an additional 4,400 hectares for maple sugar production last fall, bringing the total Crown land allocated to 13,500 hectares. New Brunswick is the third-largest producer of maple syrup in the world, after Quebec and Vermont. The industry creates about 2,300 seasonal and part-time jobs each year and that number is set to rise significantly. Plus, there are lessons to be learned on how to turn this industry into a tourism draw as Vermont has done.

Energy East is a large-scale oil pipeline transmission project that would bring western Canadian oil for export through Port Saint John. It also involves investment in a new marine shipping terminal and oil storage facility. It could also enable other secondary processing opportunities. Government is pursuing multiple opportunities to ensure maximum economic benefit should the pipeline pass all regulatory hurdles. These include helping determine supply chain opportunities for New Brunswick firms, maximizing the benefits to New Brunswick's existing trades and heavy construction workforce, training young and First Nations workers on the skills needed to work in the heavy construction sector, and seeking other opportunities such as monitoring and dispatch activities.

Mining is a high-value industry offering high-wage jobs and royalty revenues to government. The Sisson molybdenum/tungsten Mine would be a large-scale investment in New Brunswick. It is one of the largest deposits of tungsten in North America. The mine would involve a \$600 million initial investment and create 300 ongoing jobs at the mine and several hundred more in the supply chain and through induced impacts.

New Brunswick's agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries sectors provide opportunities for economic growth, especially in rural and coastal areas. Your government is committed to working with its partners to ensure that these sectors continue to create jobs and advance New Brunswick's growth and long-term prosperity.

Your government will launch the 2016-20 New Brunswick Shellfish Aquaculture Development Strategy, with updated initiatives and options that will ensure the ongoing sustainable development of the industry to support our Economic Growth Plan.

These are some of the priority areas for economic growth and job creation in the coming year for your government. Others will emerge and government will identify these by continuing to listen to the job creators and workers in all corners of the province.

Foremost, your government recognizes and values the relationship it has with First Nations in New Brunswick and is undertaking internal changes to better address First Nations' interests in the province. It is essential that we move forward with a common understanding of our mutual interests, and further develop partnerships to allow for First Nations to fully participate in the economy of the province.

Addressing climate change is another priority area for New Brunswickers as we work together to build a province with sustainable economic growth. Your government formed a multi-party Select Committee of the Legislature on Climate Change and it has done extremely important work

in this area. The committee visited many communities around the province and recently completed and tabled its report to government. Your government will respond to this report in a timely manner and finalize the province's revamped climate change strategy in the coming year in order to transition to a low-carbon economy.

Your government will also receive and respond to recommendations on electoral reform during this session.

Health Care

Your government knows the priority that New Brunswickers place on health care. Your government believes that better education is the key to better health care results. Quality education is one of the primary determinants for a healthy life and lifestyle. Health care represents the government's biggest budget pressure. It is also perhaps the one service that has the biggest impact on the quality of the lives of people living in the province.

It is important that we aggressively pursue a proactive approach to health care. Through education, government will encourage New Brunswickers to live healthier lives. The healthier we are, the less stress we place on our hospitals, medical clinics and the professionals who treat us when our health falters.

Helping educate New Brunswick families in order to live healthier lives is one of the most important opportunities for our province. This is why your government wholeheartedly supports the recent challenge put forth by physicians in our province through the New Brunswick Medical Society to become one of the three healthiest provinces within 10 years.

Your government remains committed to accelerating the integration of proactive primary health-care services in communities across the province. In the coming year, a series of initiatives will be introduced that will reinforce our capacity to support families in their health-care choices and ensure better and more meaningful access to health professionals.

Obesity and smoking are areas in which government believes we should do much better as a province. If we do not address the root causes of these public health epidemics, we will never be able to manage our health-care costs in the future. In 2017, this will be a priority across government departments, and comprehensive measures will be introduced to drive a generational shift in our population. Through its Strategic Program Review, your government listened to New Brunswickers and chose to invest more strategically in health care. This includes the decision to protect rural health care. No rural hospitals will be closed under this government.

However, hospitals on their own are not enough to improve the health of New Brunswickers. For those who need treatment, there will continue to be challenges delivering health-care services in a largely rural province. Your government will continue to explore new ways to improve primary care by maximizing the use of our talented health-care professionals and adopting a collaborative approach to health care.

Building on our success in introducing advanced care paramedics in our communities, government will develop innovative frameworks to maximize the use of other allied health professionals like nurse practitioners and midwives.

Your government will work closely with the province's physicians to reinvent the role of the family doctor and create new models that will increase access and ensure that patients with chronic conditions receive the care and support they require to improve their quality of life and health outcomes.

Your government will enhance support for those struggling with addictions and other mental health issues with a strong focus on addiction services, ensuring that approaches are modernized to help families regain control of their future together. Much progress has been made in ensuring youth have access to integrated mental health services; we now need to make sure the same applies to New Brunswick's adult population.

Along with its health-care partners, your government will ensure that implementation of the federal legislation on medical assistance in dying in our province is done in a sensitive manner, ensuring all proper safeguards are in place. In parallel, palliative care services will be reinforced through a dedicated strategy with additional capacity that will support families in their most difficult times.

Your government believes we should have better alternatives to emergency rooms and after-hours clinics across our province. We should have more appropriate care for our seniors than alternate level of care beds. Your government believes that the last place anyone wants to be is in a hospital bed, unless it is absolutely necessary. That is why reducing hospitalization will become an important objective of the province's health-care initiatives.

The glue that binds our capacity to offer better and more integrated health care to New Brunswickers remains the Community Electronic Patient Record. In 2017, your government will re-energize its efforts through a Community ICT Strategy that will guide health care ICT investments in years to come.

Another example of your government listening to New Brunswickers is the approach to improving the way we care for and treat our seniors. While government would like to reverse the trend, the reality is New Brunswick has an aging population. As our population of seniors grows, we need to find ways to better address the issues New Brunswickers face in their later years.

This is why your government called together a Council on Aging. The council is expected to put forward a strategy on aging in the coming months. This will help guide new programs and policies to improve the lives of seniors living in New Brunswick.

Your government will introduce a program that will provide financial assistance to individuals who provide care for seniors or family members with mental illness in their own home.

Your government also recognizes that we have far too many New Brunswickers living in poverty; too many families that scrape by from paycheque to paycheque. Your government understands that we need to give them more help. Initiatives such as your government's Free Tuition Program and efforts to grow the economy present some much-needed long-term solutions for our residents. There are also ways government can help ease the daily struggle of making ends meet.

An example of this would be this government's HST credit that provides approximately \$100 million in direct financial support to New Brunswickers. In the past month, approximately 268,000 eligible New Brunswickers would have received their first two quarterly payments under this program. In January, people will receive another single quarterly payment. The New Brunswick sales tax credit is one of the most generous credits of its kind in Canada.

Your government also recognizes the importance of programs introduced under previous governments, such as the Home Energy Assistance Plan, designed to help low-income New Brunswickers with their heating bills. That program is due to expire at the end of this year, but your government will not only continue with the program, it will enhance it.

Housing is also a concern for low-income New Brunswickers. In the coming year, your government will consult with and listen to New Brunswickers as we develop a new long-term housing strategy. We will also continue to work with our federal partners as they develop a national housing strategy.

Other measures to reduce poverty in the province will be undertaken through various policies and investments.

Conclusion

The people of New Brunswick want a government that listens to its concerns. More importantly, they want a government that acts on those concerns. The initiatives and actions laid out for the coming legislature session are focused on responding to the concerns and ideas we have heard.

New Brunswickers and their government share three overarching priorities: jobs, education and health care. Education is the priority that links the other two.

A major focus this coming year for government will be taking action in the area of education. This includes improving and providing better access to our education systems, but also better educating New Brunswickers so they are prepared to contribute to the workforce, and so that they have a better understanding in areas such as wellness and healthy living, which is critical to helping manage our ever-growing health-care costs.

New Brunswickers have asked their government to continue to focus on setting the right conditions for economic growth and job creation. Government will do this in the coming year by focusing on its new economic growth plan and, specifically, growth opportunities in areas where there is real opportunity for some short-term payoff for New Brunswickers.

Your government will focus on getting things done this coming year based on what it has heard to date from the people of New Brunswick that this legislature serves.

Government needs to be responsive to the ever-shifting priorities of New Brunswickers. They want a government that acts on the concerns of its educators, parents, seniors, health care workers, professionals and job-creators. Your government will strive to do that in the coming year.

Government agendas cannot be created in a vacuum. The only way for a government to deliver on what people want is to pay close attention to what people are telling it. The agenda of this coming legislative session has been very much set by New Brunswickers. Now it is important that your government focuses on what it can do better for New Brunswickers.

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.

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. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson,

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

Mr. Bourque, a Member for the electoral district of Kent South, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Mr. Chiasson, a Member for the electoral district of Victoria-La Vallée, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 2, 2016.

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. Higgs, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Quispamsis, adjourned over.

And then, 3.05 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 2

Thursday, November 3, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Emily Dow, Woodstock; Jennifer Estey, Fredericton; Trupti Gadkari, Gujarat, India; Melissa Gottschall, Antigonish, Nova Scotia; Austin Henderson, Salisbury; Katie Kim, Moncton; Abigail McCarthy, Saint John; Mackenzie Taylor, Woodstock.

The returning pages are: Katie Avery, Fredericton; Phoebe Marmura Brown, Fredericton; Corben Parker, Fredericton; Lauren Colter, Fredericton; Andrea Robertson, Caracas, Venezuela; Nathaniel Wallace, Fredericton; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Quebec.

Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and requested that Ms. Wilson refrain from making political statements during Introduction of Guests.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to study the Baxter's Corner intersection for safety and signage upgrades. (Petition 1)

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to make FibreOp internet available to residents of Baxter's Corner. (Petition 2)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal.*

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization.*

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans.*

Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS only 20 percent of grade six Anglophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics according to provincial assessment results;

WHEREAS only 49 percent of grade ten Francophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics path A;

WHEREAS only 56 percent of grade four Francophone students are reading at an appropriate level;

WHEREAS grade two Anglophone student reading levels have been declining over the past number of years;

WHEREAS the current government's ten year education plan contained no details, no goals, no measurements and no accountability mechanisms, as well as no suggestions for major overhauls of the education system, and the government has done little to move the education file forward in this province;

WHEREAS educators are expressing concern that changes to the French Immersion program are based on political promises and not research evidence;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development stated that private tutors are an important part of the education system, which leaves out rural New Brunswickers who do not have equal access to private tutors;

WHEREAS teachers feel they are not allowed to speak up about potential improvements to the system because of employment rules and the lack of meaningful consultation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to take responsibility for the crisis in education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to work with educators and parents in developing solutions.

Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the government has increased income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased business property tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased gas tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased diesel tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased tobacco tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased corporate income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased property transfer tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased bank tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased Harmonized Sales Tax;

WHEREAS the government eliminated tuition tax credits;

WHEREAS the government wants to implement carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government is considering a sugar tax;

WHEREAS the government has found over \$500 million in revenue sources and has still failed to balance the budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on any further tax increases.

Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS the softwood lumber agreement between Canada and the United States of America has expired and the two countries are in the midst of negotiations for a new agreement;

WHEREAS 83 percent of New Brunswick's land base is forested and about half of that is Crown forest;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick employs over 22,000 people;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick contributes over \$1.45 billion to the economy annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have a vested interest in the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement;

WHEREAS impositions of tariffs and trade caps with the United States could pose a significant risk to New Brunswick's economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to meet with the federal government to continue to promote New Brunswick interests with regard to the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement.

Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

WHEREAS the Auditor General is responsible for leading and directing independent audits and advising on how well the provincial government is managing its responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts financial audits of government services and programs to support the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements submitted to government and the public;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts performance audits of government services and programs, providing a systematic and objective assessment of how well government is managing its activities, responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts special examination of our Crown Corporations, providing assurance that their assets are safeguarded, their resources are managed economically and efficiently and their operations are carried out effectively;

WHEREAS government spent considerable time and effort on a Strategic Program Review, but refused more resources to the Auditor General, even though it is this office that performs financial, performance and special reviews of government services, and provides recommendations to government to improve these practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to start supporting the Auditor General's office, and allowing additional performance audits and special investigations to be conducted, so that we can reach the goal of a balanced budget and better taxpayer protection.

Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS 30 percent of New Brunswick's forests are privately owned;

WHEREAS silviculture is a productive means to increase wood fibre while maintaining the same amount of trees;

WHEREAS many silvicultural practices help combat climate change through carbon sequestration;

WHEREAS the current government has increased revenues with over \$500 million worth of tax increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reprioritize its spending and reinvest the dollars cut from the silviculture program back into silviculture;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reinstate the budget for private woodlot silviculture activities.

Mr. Fitch offered condolences to the family of the late René "Pepsi" Landry, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Moncton North (1999-2003).

Mr. Stewart offered condolences to the family of the late Dr. Jim Parrott, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Fundy-River Valley (2010-2014).

Mr. Speaker reminded Members of the sixty second time limit on statements of condolence or congratulation.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Bills 2, 3, 4, and 5 would be called for second reading.

And then, 11.44 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 3

Friday, November 4, 2016

10 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. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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.
November 2, 2016.

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. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 10.37 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 4

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.10 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

1.20 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. Doucet laid upon the table of the House the following documents: Correspondence dated November 8, 2016, between Gregory G. Harding, on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick, and David Duncan Young; Settlement Agreement between the Province of New Brunswick and Enbridge Gas New Brunswick; and Amended and Restated General Franchise Agreement between the Province of New Brunswick, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick, Enbridge Energy Distribution, and Enbridge.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, the Consul General of India in Toronto. Mr. Higgs and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,
Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the government tables each year its Main Estimates and its public accounts of government expenses and revenues;

WHEREAS revenues foregone through tax expenditures including tax credits and tax exemptions are not currently included in the expenses of the government's Main Estimates;

WHEREAS international organizations including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development promote public sector accounting standards that require governments to report tax expenditures;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada, including British Columbia and the Government of Canada, report tax expenditures annually;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of government to be accountable to the people it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to include in its Main Estimates the total revenue foregone as a result of tax expenditures each fiscal year, beginning with 2017-2018.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Bill 6 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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:

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November 2, 2016.

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, Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Harvey welcomed to the House Mr. T.J. Harvey, Member of Parliament for Tobique — Mactaquac.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took 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, 6.15 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 2015-2016
Labour and Employment Board

November 4, 2016

Daily sitting 5

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency N'Goran Kouamé, the Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to Canada. Ms. Dubé and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 7, *Green Jobs Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act*.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 1 and 2.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, November 10, 2016, Bill 8 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 4, 5, 2 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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 Adult Education and Training 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 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans*, 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 Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans*, 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 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal*, 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 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*, 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 Respecting Government Reorganization*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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November 2, 2016.

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.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madame Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Madame Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took 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, 6.15 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 2015-2016

New Brunswick Liquor Corporation

November 8, 2016

Daily sitting 6

Thursday, November 10, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Higgs rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier should advise the House he is declining to answer the questions posed to him during Oral Questions, as prescribed by Standing Rule 41(3). Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, the House observed a moment of silence in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

By Mr. Coon,

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Bill 9 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that, with leave, it was the intention of government that the House proceed to consideration of Opposition Members' Business.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to proceed to the consideration of Opposition Members' Business forthwith for the prescribed three hours and thirty minutes.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS only 20 percent of grade six Anglophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics according to provincial assessment results;

WHEREAS only 49 percent of grade ten Francophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics path A;

WHEREAS only 56 percent of grade four Francophone students are reading at an appropriate level;

WHEREAS grade two Anglophone student reading levels have been declining over the past number of years;

WHEREAS the current government's ten year education plan contained no details, no goals, no measurements and no accountability mechanisms, as well as no suggestions for major overhauls of the education system, and the government has done little to move the education file forward in this province;

WHEREAS educators are expressing concern that changes to the French Immersion program are based on political promises and not research evidence;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development stated that private tutors are an important part of the education system, which leaves out rural New Brunswickers who do not have equal access to private tutors;

WHEREAS teachers feel they are not allowed to speak up about potential improvements to the system because of employment rules and the lack of meaningful consultation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to take responsibility for the crisis in education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to work with educators and parents in developing solutions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended as follows:

That the following be inserted between the 4th and 5th whereas clauses:

WHEREAS the Alward government did not bring forward an education plan during its mandate to address challenges in the education system;

WHEREAS while serving as Finance Minister in the Alward government, the Leader of the Opposition made deep cuts to education including cuts to classroom supports;

WHEREAS the Gallant government embarked on an extensive public consultation to inform the development of a comprehensive and effective education plan;

That the fifth whereas clause be amended as follows:

By deleting all the words after the words “education plan” and replacing them with the following: “provides a framework for working with our partners in the education system to set objectives in key priority areas to ensure positive change and place our children in the best position to succeed”

That the first resolution clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words after the word “to” and replacing them with the following: “move forward with the initiatives outlined in the Education Plan;”

That the second resolution clause be amended as follows:

By inserting the words “continued to” after the words “to”.

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

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further 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 1 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS only 20 percent of grade six Anglophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics according to provincial assessment results;

WHEREAS only 49 percent of grade ten Francophone students are at an appropriate or higher level in mathematics path A;

WHEREAS only 56 percent of grade four Francophone students are reading at an appropriate level;

WHEREAS grade two Anglophone student reading levels have been declining over the past number of years;

WHEREAS the Alward government did not bring forward an education plan during its mandate to address challenges in the education system;

WHEREAS while serving as Finance Minister in the Alward government, the Leader of the Opposition made deep cuts to education including cuts to classroom supports;

WHEREAS the Gallant government embarked on an extensive public consultation to inform the development of a comprehensive and effective education plan;

WHEREAS the current government's ten year education plan provides a framework for working with our partners in the education system to set objectives in key priority areas to ensure positive change and place our children in the best position to succeed;

WHEREAS educators are expressing concern that changes to the French Immersion program are based on political promises and not research evidence;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development stated that private tutors are an important part of the education system, which leaves out rural New Brunswickers who do not have equal access to private tutors;

WHEREAS teachers feel they are not allowed to speak up about potential improvements to the system because of employment rules and the lack of meaningful consultation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to move forward with the initiatives outlined in the Education Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to continue to work with educators and parents in developing solutions.

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the government has increased income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased business property tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased gas tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased diesel tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased tobacco tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased corporate income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased property transfer tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased bank tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased Harmonized Sales Tax;

WHEREAS the government eliminated tuition tax credits;

WHEREAS the government wants to implement carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government is considering a sugar tax;

WHEREAS the government has found over \$500 million in revenue sources and has still failed to balance the budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on any further tax increases.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had expired.

And then, 2.49 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 2015-2016
New Brunswick Legal Aid
Services Commission

November 9, 2016

Daily sitting 7

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that it is not appropriate to make reference to guests in the gallery for political purposes.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, November 24, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

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

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

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

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;

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;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into

consideration the adoption of a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, Bills 11, 12, 13 and 14 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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.
November 2, 2016.

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, Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Albert took 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.

Daily sitting 8

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Coon rose on a point of order and submitted that a Minister who is posed a question is obligated to respond, not have the question re-directed to another Minister. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as the government retains the discretion to decide which Ministers respond to questions.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 2, 5 and 4.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, Bills 15, 16 and 17 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 9, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 8 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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *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 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, 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 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madame Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1.27 p.m.

Madame Deputy 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 affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*, 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 Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*, 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 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives 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 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 to Amend the Coroners 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 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid 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 Legal Aid Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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:

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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, Mr. Albert took the chair.

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

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

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 9

Thursday, November 17, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners.*

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, December 8, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS the recent assessment results indicate that the majority of Grade 12 students, who started in the Grade 1 Immersion program, have utterly failed to meet expected outcomes; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that not even 42% of those tested met or exceeded the Advanced Proficiency level, when the provincial target was 85%; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that a large percentage of the students who started the Grade 1 Immersion program either dropped out of the program or no longer met the program definition by the time they reached Grade 12; and

WHEREAS a number of those Grade 12 students who dropped out of the program or failed to meet the definition under Policy 309 took the assessment test anyway – but that these results are not publicly reported; and

WHEREAS the Gallant government made a political promise during the last election campaign to reinstate the Grade 1 French Immersion despite these completely dismal assessment results and without having any evidence concerning the new Grade 3 Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to put a moratorium on reinstating the Grade 1 French Immersion program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to release their transition plan to reinstate Grade 1 French Immersion program so that parents, teachers, administrators, and students can judge whether the plan addresses the serious failings of the original Grade 1 program.

Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, December 8, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS the Select Committee on Climate Change worked diligently to consult with New Brunswickers, stakeholder groups, and experts, on developing a plan to address climate change; and

WHEREAS the Committee made a recommendation to “Develop a made-in-New Brunswick carbon pricing mechanism, as opposed to having one imposed on New Brunswickers by the federal government”; and

WHEREAS the Committee recommended this mechanism be conditional upon:

- a. Directing all revenue from carbon pricing to a dedicated climate change fund, not general revenue;
- b. Undertaking a detailed analysis of the social, financial, economic, and environmental impacts of the various carbon pricing mechanisms and revenue investment options;
- c. Protecting low-income New Brunswickers;
- d. Including all economic sectors;
- e. Considering the approach taken by neighboring jurisdictions;
- f. Developing the mechanism with the engagement of all concerned interests; and
- g. Ensuring the carbon-pricing mechanism is outlined in legislation and receives public consultation through a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to meet all of the conditions recommended by the Committee before imposing a new carbon tax or carbon pricing mechanism on the already over-burdened taxpayers of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau:

THAT unless otherwise provided by Standing Rule or Special Order of the House, the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional calendar upon resumption of the Third Session of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature on December 6, 2016:

Tuesday, December 6 to Friday, December 9, 2016, inclusive;
Tuesday, December 13 to Friday, December 16, 2016, inclusive;
Tuesday, January 31 to Friday, February 3, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, February 7 to Friday, February 10, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, March 14 to Friday, March 17, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, March 21 to Friday, March 24, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, March 28 to Friday, March 31, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, April 25 to Friday, April 28, 2017, inclusive; and
Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 5, 2017, inclusive;

THAT during certain weeks in which the Assembly is adjourned, the following dates are available to the standing committees to meet to consider bills, estimates and the public accounts of various government departments and Crown corporations;

Tuesday, January 17 to Friday, January 20, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, February 14 to Friday, February 17, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, February 21 to Friday, February 24, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, February 28 to Friday, March 3, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, April 11 to Thursday, April 13, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, April 18 to Friday, April 21, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, June 6 to Friday June 9, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, June 13 to Friday June 16, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, September 26 to Friday, September 29, 2017, inclusive;
Tuesday, October 3 to Friday October 6, 2017, inclusive; and
Tuesday, October 10 to Friday, October 13, 2017, inclusive;

THAT notwithstanding the above dates available to committees, that the chairs of standing and select committees may continue to call meetings with appropriate notice on dates of their choosing;

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday May 5, 2017, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 1, 2017;

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 any period of 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 had 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.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, November 18, 2016, at 9 a.m.

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, November 18, 2016, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Bills 18 and 19 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 16, 15 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to recess at 11.45 a.m. and resume sitting at 1 o'clock p.m.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, 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 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts 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.

Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Jeff Carr should limit his remarks to the amendment under consideration. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *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 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *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 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 11.45 a.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1.14 p.m.

Mr. Albert, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

WHEREAS the government has increased income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased business property tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased gas tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased diesel tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased tobacco tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased corporate income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased property transfer tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased bank tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased Harmonized Sales Tax;

WHEREAS the government eliminated tuition tax credits;

WHEREAS the government wants to implement carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government is considering a sugar tax;

WHEREAS the government has found over \$500 million in revenue sources and has still failed to balance the budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on any further tax increases.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 2 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Mr. Urquhart moved, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS 30 percent of New Brunswick's forests are privately owned;

WHEREAS silviculture is a productive means to increase wood fibre while maintaining the same amount of trees;

WHEREAS many silvicultural practices help combat climate change through carbon sequestration;

WHEREAS the current government has increased revenues with over \$500 million worth of tax increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reprioritize its spending and reinvest the dollars cut from the silviculture program back into silviculture;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reinstate the budget for private woodlot silviculture activities.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

WHEREAS the Auditor General is responsible for leading and directing independent audits and advising on how well the provincial government is managing its responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts financial audits of government services and programs to support the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements submitted to government and the public;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts performance audits of government services and programs, providing a systematic and objective assessment of how well government is managing its activities, responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts special examination of our Crown Corporations, providing assurance that their assets are safeguarded, their resources are managed economically and efficiently and their operations are carried out effectively;

WHEREAS government spent considerable time and effort on a Strategic Program Review, but refused more resources to the Auditor General, even though it is this office that performs financial, performance and special reviews of government services, and provides recommendations to government to improve these practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to start supporting the Auditor General's office, and allowing additional performance audits and special investigations to be conducted, so that we can reach the goal of a balanced budget and better taxpayer protection.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Albert 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 10

Friday, November 18, 2016

9 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. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

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.
November 2, 2016.

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 motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers,

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. Bourque and Mr. Chiasson be the Committee to Wait upon Her Honour with the Address and present the same.

And then, 9.40 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:

Annual Report 2015-2016
Service New Brunswick

November 17, 2016

Daily sitting 11

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup rose on a question of privilege concerning a response by Hon. Mr. Horsman during Oral Questions on November 10, 2016, in which he stated the Privacy Commissioner had “no concerns” regarding a possible privacy breach in the Department of Social Development. Pursuant to Standing Rule 9(2), Mr. Northrup gave notice of his intention to move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS the Member for Fredericton North gave inaccurate information to this Assembly on November 10 when he said the Privacy Commissioner had “no concerns” about a massive privacy breach in his department; and

WHEREAS correspondence since received from the Privacy Commissioner clearly states that the matter is in fact still under investigation, and should remain confidential until it is concluded, and that the Minister’s statement to the Assembly was ill-advised;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers.

Mr. Speaker advised that in accordance with the Standing Rules, he would consider the matter in two hours’ time.

Mr. Macdonald welcomed to the House Mr. Erin O’Toole, Member of Parliament for Durham, Ontario.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support a ban on the spraying of glyphosate on Crown forest land. (Petition 3)

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:

December 6, 2016

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 November 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal*;

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*;

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act*;

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans*;

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act*;

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*;

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*;

Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners 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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act.*

The Honourable the Premier gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Friday, December 9, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS a major west-east crude oil pipeline would 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 a crude oil pipeline to New Brunswick 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 a major crude pipeline project would 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recommits its support for the construction of the Energy East pipeline to bring western crude oil to Saint John.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Bills 21, 22, and 23 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 18, 19 and 17 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners*, a debate arose thereon.

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 Respecting Nurse Practitioners*, 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker advised the House that the two hours' notice required by Standing Rule 9(2) had elapsed and recognized Mr. Northrup to state his question of privilege.

Mr. Northrup submitted that Hon. Mr. Horsman, when stating that the Privacy Commissioner had no concerns, was providing inaccurate information, was prejudging the investigation, and was

releasing confidential information. Hon. Mr. Horsman advised the House that he unintentionally misspoke and should have stated that the Privacy Commissioner was pleased the department brought the matter to her attention.

Having heard the arguments, Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Debate resumed on Bill 17.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the question of privilege:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I am now prepared to rule on the question of privilege raised by the Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins.

In stating his question of privilege, the Member referred to a response during Oral Questions on November 10 by the Minister of Families and Children. The Minister indicated that the Privacy Commissioner was informed of a possible privacy breach in the Department of Social Development and that, to quote the Minister, “she had no concerns”.

The Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins then referred to a letter he received on November 17 from the Privacy Commissioner, which indicated that the matter was still under investigation and that the Minister’s comments that the Privacy Commissioner was not concerned were, to quote the Commissioner, “ill-advised”.

The Member submits that based on the Privacy Commissioner’s letter, the Minister provided the House with inaccurate

information, prejudged the investigation, and therefore the matter should be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers.

In response to the question of privilege, the Minister clarified his remarks by stating he was referring to the notification process undertaken by the Department following the breach, when he stated the Commissioner had no concerns, not to the privacy breach itself and pending investigation.

I have reviewed the Hansard, the letter in question, and the submissions of the Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martin and the Minister of Families and Children.

Given that all Honourable Members are to be taken at their word, I accept the Minister's clarification of his remarks, that he was referring to the process undertaken by the Department following the breach and not to the privacy breach itself and pending investigation.

Therefore, I find that a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege has not been established. Although the matter was, in my opinion, raised at the earliest opportunity, I will not permit the proposed motion to go forward at this time.

And then, 4.48 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

2015-2016 Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	November 15, 2016
2015-2016 Office of the Attorney General	November 22, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Finance	November 23, 2016
2012-2013 Office of the Ombudsman	November 29, 2016
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, Performance Audit, 2016	November 29, 2016
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume IV, Financial Audit, 2016	November 29, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture	November 30, 2016

2013-2014 Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	November 30, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	December 1, 2016
2015-2016 Opportunities NB	December 1, 2016
2013-2014 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	December 1, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Environment and Local Government	December 2, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Social Development	December 2, 2016
2015-2016 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	December 2, 2016
Petitions	
Response to Petition 1	November 29, 2016

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Wednesday, December 7, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Rousselle laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy, New Brunswick's Climate Change Action Plan*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*.

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

By Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

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

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* to govern the private interests of the members of the Legislative Assembly and the members of the Executive Council;

WHEREAS subsection 22(1) of that Act provides that a Conflict of Interest Commissioner be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the acting term of office of Anne Bertrand, Q.C., will expire on December 10, 2016;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established under subsections 22(2) and 22(3) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Conflict of Interest Commissioner;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under subsection 22(4) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Hon. Alexandre Deschênes possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of Conflict of Interest Commissioner;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Hon. Alexandre Deschênes be appointed Conflict of Interest Commissioner for a term of seven years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its appreciation and gratitude to Anne Bertrand for her professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 12 was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs: (Motion 13)

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Consumer Advocate for Insurance Act* to monitor the practices of insurers, brokers and agents in order to protect and advocate for the rights and interests of consumers;

WHEREAS subsection 2(2) of that Act provides that a Consumer Advocate for Insurance be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the acting term of office of Charles Murray will expire on December 10, 2016;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established under subsections 2(2.1) and 2(2.2) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Consumer Advocate for Insurance;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under subsection 2(2.3) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Michèle Pelletier possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of Consumer Advocate for Insurance;

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 2(3) of that Act, the Consumer Advocate may not hold any office of trust or profit, other than his or her office as Consumer Advocate, or engage in any other occupation for reward outside the responsibilities of his or her office without prior approval by the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Michèle Pelletier be appointed Consumer Advocate for Insurance for a term of seven years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly approve, until February 1, 2017, Michèle Pelletier to hold an office of trust or profit other than that of Consumer Advocate for Insurance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its appreciation and gratitude to Charles Murray for his service as acting Consumer Advocate for Insurance.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 13 was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs: (Motion 14)

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Elections Act* to protect and advocate for the democratic rights and interests of all New Brunswickers through the conduct of free and fair elections;

WHEREAS subsection 5(1) of that Act provides that a Chief Electoral Officer be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the term of office of Michael Quinn, Q.C., will expire on March 12, 2017;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established under subsections 5(1.1) and 5(1.11) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Chief Electoral Officer;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under subsection 5(1.12) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Kimberly Poffenroth possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of Chief Electoral Officer;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Kimberly Poffenroth be appointed Chief Electoral Officer for a term of ten years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its appreciation and gratitude to Michael Quinn, Q.C., for his professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 14 was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2016 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on August 30, 2016, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2015, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

Pension Benefits Act, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

Agricultural Land Protection and Development Act, S.N.B. 1996, c.A-5.11, paragraph 8(c) and sections 10, 21 and 22;

An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, S.N.B. 2001, c.29, sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b);

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2016, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 8, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 9 and 4; Bill 26.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, December 8, 2016, Bills 24 and 25 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 21, 22, 23 and 17 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal.*

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency.*

Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Dubé, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

“Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers’ Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third 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.

The question being put that Bill 15 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers’ Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.30 p.m. to accommodate a meeting of the Legislative Administration Committee.

1.40 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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 Amend the Tobacco 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 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration 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 Revenue Administration 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 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act*, 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

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

And then, 3.05 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 2015-2016	
Department of Energy and Mines	December 5, 2016
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Farm Products Commission	December 6, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Farm Products Commission	December 6, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Voices of New Brunswick Women	
Consensus-Building Forum	December 6, 2016

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Thursday, December 8, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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:

December 8, 2016

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 December 6 and 7, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*;
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*;
Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act*.

By Mr. Coon,
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*.

Hon. Ms. Rogers gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, she 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. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 9, 2016, Bill 28 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 24, 25 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 17)

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 Third Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner 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 Child and Youth Advocate 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 Child and Youth Advocate 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 extend the noon recess to 2.30 p.m.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madame Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2.30 p.m.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Albert, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 9, Mr. Keirstead moved, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS the Select Committee on Climate Change worked diligently to consult with New Brunswickers, stakeholder groups, and experts, on developing a plan to address climate change; and

WHEREAS the Committee made a recommendation to “Develop a made-in-New Brunswick carbon pricing mechanism, as opposed to having one imposed on New Brunswickers by the federal government”; and

WHEREAS the Committee recommended this mechanism be conditional upon:

- a. Directing all revenue from carbon pricing to a dedicated climate change fund, not general revenue;
- b. Undertaking a detailed analysis of the social, financial, economic, and environmental impacts of the various carbon pricing mechanisms and revenue investment options;
- c. Protecting low-income New Brunswickers;
- d. Including all economic sectors;
- e. Considering the approach taken by neighboring jurisdictions;
- f. Developing the mechanism with the engagement of all concerned interests; and
- g. Ensuring the carbon-pricing mechanism is outlined in legislation and receives public consultation through a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to meet all of the conditions recommended by the Committee before imposing a new carbon tax or carbon pricing mechanism on the already over-burdened taxpayers of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 9 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 18

Mr. Holder	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Urquhart

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

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve, as follows:

WHEREAS the Auditor General is responsible for leading and directing independent audits and advising on how well the provincial government is managing its responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts financial audits of government services and programs to support the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements submitted to government and the public;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts performance audits of government services and programs, providing a systematic and objective assessment of how well government is managing its activities, responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts special examination of our Crown Corporations, providing assurance that their assets are safeguarded, their resources are managed economically and efficiently and their operations are carried out effectively;

WHEREAS government spent considerable time and effort on a Strategic Program Review, but refused more resources to the Auditor General, even though it is this office that performs financial, performance and special reviews of government services, and provides recommendations to government to improve these practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to start supporting the Auditor General's office, and allowing additional performance audits and special investigations to be conducted, so that we can reach the goal of a balanced budget and better taxpayer protection.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the negative.

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:

Annual Report 2015-2016 Department of Natural Resources	December 7, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016 Department of Health	December 7, 2016

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Friday, December 9, 2016

9 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 Wheaton Settlement Road urging the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to address the bushes on the side of the road. (Petition 4)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, December 15, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 13 hours of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bill 6, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bill from November 22, 2016, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 13 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for consideration of the said Bill in Committee and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bill and, where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Bill 30 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 28 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman 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 Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman 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, 10.21 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 15

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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:

December 13, 2016

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 December 8 and 9, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*;
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

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. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Bill 31 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motions 11 and 15; following which Bill 30 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS a major west-east crude oil pipeline would 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 a crude oil pipeline to New Brunswick 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 a major crude pipeline project would 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recommits its support for the construction of the Energy East pipeline to bring western crude oil to Saint John.

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 – 43

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Ames	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Ms. LeBlanc	Ms. Wilson
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Mr. Harvey	Mr. Flemming
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Albert	Mr. Roussel	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. LePage	Mr. Keirstead
Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Jeff Carr
Hon. Ms. Landry	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Fitch	
Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Ms. Shephard	

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Mr. Coon

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2016 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on August 30, 2016, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2015, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

Pension Benefits Act, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

Agricultural Land Protection and Development Act, S.N.B. 1996, c.A-5.11, paragraph 8(c) and sections 10, 21 and 22;

An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, S.N.B. 2001, c.29, sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b);

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2016, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 15 was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage 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, *An Act to Amend the Marriage 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, 4.15 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 2

December 9, 2016

Daily sitting 16

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and advised the guests in the gallery that they are not permitted to participate in debate.

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to rebuild Hall Road in Passekeag. (Petition 5)

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide maintenance and bush trimming to Bonney Road in Nauwigewauk. (Petition 6)

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:

December 14, 2016

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 December 13, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman 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.

Hon. Mr. Rousselle, from the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 14, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments for the session.

The report is the result of your Committee's deliberations on Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*, the subject matter of which was referred to your Committee for consideration.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank those individuals and organizations who appeared before the Committee. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Committee for their contribution in carrying out our mandate.

Your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Caraquet, that the report be concurred in by the House.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd. :) Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C., M.L.A.
Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

December 14, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to submit their First Report of the session.

On November 16, 2016, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*, was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. The proposed legislation has four major focuses: to exempt certain non-routine capital projects of the New Brunswick Power Corporation from the application of the *Crown Construction Contracts Act*; to move standard form contracts in the machine rental rates from regulation and into government administrative policy; to permit the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to create a set of standard terms for performance bonds and payment bonds furnished to the Crown in relation to a contract administered on behalf of the Crown by the Minister, and to permit Crown entities to negotiate with the low or sole bidder on a contract.

On November 17, 2016, by resolution of the House, consideration of the subject matter of Bill 16 was referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

On November 23, 2016, your Committee met and determined that certain organizations should be invited to provide input to the Committee with respect to the issues raised by Bill 16. On December 12 and 13, 2016, your Committee met with representatives from the New Brunswick Power Corporation, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Construction Association of New Brunswick, the Electrical Contractors Association of New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association. In addition, the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-New Brunswick submitted written comments.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the input received from the organizations who appeared and submitted comments, your Committee does not recommend Bill 16 in its current form. Your Committee does recommend that further consultation is required between the New Brunswick Power Corporation and the relevant stakeholders.

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. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*.
By Mr. Wetmore,
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.
By Mr. Steeves,
Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.

Hon. Ms. Rogers gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, she would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 8; Bill 26.

Hon. Mr. Melanson, President of Treasury Board, 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 14, 2016.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2015-2016, Volume I*, 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. Ms. Rogers, 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 14, 2016.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, 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 16, Hon. Ms. Rogers 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. Ms. Rogers proceeded to deliver the 2017-2018 capital budget speech.

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

Hon. Mr. Boudreau, 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 Mr. Albert in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Albert, 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 he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Albert 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. Boudreau, 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. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Bill 32 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Health; Education and Early Childhood Development; and Transportation and Infrastructure; following which Bills 21 and 22 would be called for third reading; following which Bill 31 would be called for second reading.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Albert 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. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Albert, 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.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And then, 2.07 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 2014-2015	
Regional Development Corporation	December 13, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	December 13, 2016

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Thursday, December 15, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised the House that certain unparliamentary comments may have been made and that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council.*

Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act.*

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Shephard,

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 16, 2016, Bills 35, 36 and 37 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 18; following which Bills 24 and 25 would be called for third reading; following which Bills 32, 31 and 17 would be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 18, Mr. Guitard moved, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 13 hours of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bill 6, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bill from November 22, 2016, and onward, and at the expiration of the

said 13 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for consideration of the said Bill in Committee and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bill and, where necessary, the said Bill 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, Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Stewart should withdraw the term “criminals” in relation to government Members. Madame Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken, and asked the Member to withdraw the term, which he did.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madame Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Madame Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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:

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

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

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Higgs, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

“Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third 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 the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS the recent assessment results indicate that the majority of Grade 12 students, who started in the Grade 1 Immersion program, have utterly failed to meet expected outcomes; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that not even 42% of those tested met or exceeded the Advanced Proficiency level, when the provincial target was 85%; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that a large percentage of the students who started the Grade 1 Immersion program either dropped out of the program or no longer met the program definition by the time they reached Grade 12; and

WHEREAS a number of those Grade 12 students who dropped out of the program or failed to meet the definition under Policy 309 took the assessment test anyway – but that these results are not publicly reported; and

WHEREAS the Gallant government made a political promise during the last election campaign to reinstate the Grade 1 French Immersion despite these completely dismal assessment results and without having any evidence concerning the new Grade 3 Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to put a moratorium on reinstating the Grade 1 French Immersion program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to release their transition plan to reinstate Grade 1 French Immersion program so that parents, teachers, administrators, and students can judge whether the plan addresses the serious failings of the original Grade 1 program.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

And after some further time, Ms. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 8 was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that he reviewed the Hansard of Oral Questions and certain unparliamentary actions and comments were made. Mr. Speaker cautioned all Members against future behavior.

Hon. Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Shirley Dysart, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Liberal MLA for Saint John North (1974-1978) and Saint John-Park (1978-1995). Mr. Higgs joined in this regard.

And then, 6.14 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 2015-2016	
Department of Public Safety	December 14, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Department of Justice	December 14, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	December 14, 2016

Daily sitting 18

Friday, December 16, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, February 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS Policy 409 concerning Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning is intended to give a clear direction to decision-making for closing schools;

WHEREAS this same policy has instead created confusion among members of the school community and has been perceived to be improperly implemented by various District Education Councils;

WHEREAS this policy has created division and torn communities apart, as opposed to uniting them;

WHEREAS such a government policy should be designed to bring New Brunswickers together using an independent, facilitated process; and

WHEREAS it has become apparent over the last number of years that parents, students, teachers, and community members are dissatisfied with the Policy 409 process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to halt all current school sustainability assessments and conduct a review of Policy 409; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review of Policy 409 includes a robust, public, and facilitated province-wide consultation process.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following a recess, it was the intention of government that Bill 6 be called for third reading; following which, with leave, statements of condolence and congratulation and Royal Assent would take place.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the order of consideration of statements of condolence and congratulation.

At 10.18 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.23 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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:

December 16, 2016

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 December 14 and 16, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation 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 read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Speaker offered condolences to the family of the late William U. Malenfant, former Liberal MLA for Memramcook (1974-1982).

At 10.45 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.50 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 Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal*.

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency.*

Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*

Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act.*

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate 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 o'clock 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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 15, 2016
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists 2015-2016	December 15, 2016

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to adjourn the House forthwith and resume sitting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

And then, 1.08 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 2015-2016 Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	December 16, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	December 19, 2016
Response to Petition 4	December 19, 2016
Response to Petition 3	December 21, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016 Department of Human Resources	January 5, 2017
Annual Report 2014 Office of the Chief Coroner	January 12, 2017
Response to Petitions 5, 6	January 26, 2017
Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance, January 2017	January 27, 2017

Daily sitting 20

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Rogers, 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.
February 7, 2017.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2018, and the *Supplement to Capital Estimates 2017-2018*, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

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

Hon. Ms. Rogers laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *2017-2018 Economic Outlook*; and *2017-2018 Budget, Listening and Getting Things Done: Jobs. Education. Health.*

On motion of Hon. Ms. Rogers, 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 19, Hon. Ms. Rogers 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. Ms. Rogers proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

On motion of Mr. Fitch, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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, 2.26 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 21

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Hon. Joanne Bernard, Minister of Community Services and Nova Scotia MLA for Dartmouth North; Hon. Paula Biggar, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy and Prince Edward Island MLA for Tyne Valley – Linkletter; and Ms. Lisa Dempster, Deputy Speaker and Newfoundland and Labrador MHA for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair.

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to undertake work on Route 350. (Petition 7)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Kingston Peninsula urging the government to make the intersection of Route 845 and 850 a four way stop. (Petition 8)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records.*

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, February 9, 2017, Bills 39 and 40 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Horsman offered condolences to the family of the late Thomas Gilbert, former Liberal MLA for Oromocto (1987-1991).

And then, 11.42 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 22

Thursday, February 9, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 19),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

Mr. Speaker reminded Mr. Fitch not to refer to Members by name, not to allege dishonesty, and not to allege Members engaged in illegal activity. At the request of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fitch withdrew the allegation of illegal activity.

And after some time, on motion of Mr. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 11.20 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 23

Friday, February 10, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that the Honourable the Premier referred to the Leader of the Opposition as the “failed Finance Minister”, which had previously been ruled unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker requested that the term not be used in the future.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Kingston Peninsula urging the government to make the intersection of Route 845 and 850 a four way stop. (Petition 9)

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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 19),

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. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Jeff Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that Members should refrain from taking photographs in the Chamber. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Jeff Carr used the term “lied” in reference to the Premier. Mr. Deputy Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

Mr. Guitard rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Jeff Carr used the term “lied” in reference to the government. Mr. Deputy Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

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, 2.12 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 24

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During introduction of guests, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Jody Carr withdraw the term “double standard” in reference to the Speaker’s request that he limit his remarks to the introduction of guests and not debate policy. The Member withdrew the term.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Kingston Peninsula urging the government to make the intersection of Route 845 and 850 a four way stop. (Petition 10)

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Robertson Road in Lakeside urging the government to perform maintenance and brush cutting on the road. (Petition 11)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr Boudreau,
Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act.*
By Hon. Mr Rousselle, Q.C.,
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection.*

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. LeBlanc,
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, February 23, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS many recent failures in the provincial electricity grid have led to a spike in homeowners buying and installing generators;

WHEREAS encouraging the use of economical options for homeowners to plug their generators into their home network would be desirable to promote safety and security;

WHEREAS plug-in options exist but their availability is being stymied by regulatory authorities;

WHEREAS new home construction could be greatly enhanced by encouraging universal generator connectors to be included as part of the household electrical wiring;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to emulate the many jurisdictions in Canada that have approved the use of universal plug-ins for generators in residential electric systems by adopting their approval processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 22)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting Mr. Fitch for Ms. Dubé, Mr. K. MacDonald for Mr. Jeff Carr and Mr. Wetmore for Mr. Northrup;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Dubé for Ms. Shephard;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Fitch for Mr. Jody Carr, Mr. B. Macdonald for Mr. Crossman, Ms. Shephard for Mr. Higgs and Mr. Steeves for Mr. Wetmore;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting Mr. Fairgrieve for Mr. Keirstead and Mr. Holder for Mr. Northrup;

THAT the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting Mr. Fairgrieve for Mr. B. Macdonald;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting Mr. Crossman for Mr. K. MacDonald, Mr. Northrup for Mr. Oliver and Ms. Wilson for Mr. Savoie;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Mr. Northrup for Mr. B. Macdonald and Mr. Savoie for Mr. Holder;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting Mr. Jeff Carr for Ms. Shephard, Mr. Crossman for Mr. Steeves and Mr. B. Macdonald for Mr. Flemming, Q.C.; and

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Shephard for Ms. Dubé, Mr. Steeves for Ms. Lynch and Mr. Stewart for Ms. Wilson.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Bills 41 and 42 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 32, 36, 35, 37, 39 and 31 be called for second reading; following which, at 4 o'clock p.m., the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services 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 36, *Research and Productivity Council 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, *Research and Productivity Council 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 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*, 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 Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*, 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 Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics 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 Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics 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 Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records*, 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 Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 19),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took 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 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 2017
Statute Repeal Act, Office of the
Attorney General

February 10, 2017

Daily sitting 25

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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.
December 16, 2016.

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.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members to refrain from debating policy during Introduction of Guests.

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Robertson Road in Lakeside urging the government to perform maintenance and brush cutting on the road. (Petition 12)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,
Bill 44, *Local Governance Act*.
Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*.
Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and
Community Planning*.

Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, February 23, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all staffing levels and equipment inventory for each Department of Transportation and Infrastructure maintenance depot in the Province of New Brunswick for the years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, February 23, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the following contracts and a list of unsuccessful bidders for each of the following contracts:

Shannex, Fredericton, 2008 (five year contract);
Shannex, Quispamsis, 2008 (five year contract);
Shannex, Riverview, 2008 (five year contract);
Villa Beauséjour, Caraquet, 2010;
Villa Maria Nursing Home, Saint-Louis de Kent, 2014; and
Victoria Glen Manor, Perth-Andover, 2015.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Third Party item; Motion 20.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 20.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Bills 44, 45 and 46 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 41, 42 and 31 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Respecting the Mental Health 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 Respecting Animal Protection*, a debate arose thereon.

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, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 19),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw any reference to the term "liar", which he did.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.07 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 26

Thursday, February 16, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Robertson Road in Lakeside urging the government to perform maintenance and brush cutting on the road. (Petition 13)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 48, *An Act Respecting "Ellen's Law"*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, February 17, 2017, Bills 47 and 48 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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 19),

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. Albert, 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS Policy 409 concerning Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning is intended to give a clear direction to decision-making for closing schools;

WHEREAS this same policy has instead created confusion among members of the school community and has been perceived to be improperly implemented by various District Education Councils;

WHEREAS this policy has created division and torn communities apart, as opposed to uniting them;

WHEREAS such a government policy should be designed to bring New Brunswickers together using an independent, facilitated process; and

WHEREAS it has become apparent over the last number of years that parents, students, teachers, and community members are dissatisfied with the Policy 409 process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to halt all current school sustainability assessments and conduct a review of Policy 409; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review of Policy 409 includes a robust, public, and facilitated province-wide consultation process.

And the question being put, 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, 6.08 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 27

Friday, February 17, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 19),

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 19 was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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 Mr. Albert in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Albert, 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 he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Albert 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. Doucet, 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. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the *Main Estimates 2017-2018*, the *Capital Estimates 2017-2018*, the *Supplement to Capital Estimates 2017-2018*, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2015-2016, Volume 1*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 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.

And then, 9.59 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 28

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault, Member for Campbellton-Dalhousie, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to include correctional officers as emergency responders in the PTSD presumption legislation. (Petition 14)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 15)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Harris,
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Shephard,
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Anglican Church Act, 2003*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, Bill 49 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 47, 48, 42, 40, 31 and 17 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention 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 Respecting "Ellen's Law"*, 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 Respecting "Ellen's Law"*, 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 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection*, be now read a second time.

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 Respecting Animal Protection*, 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 Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, a debate arose thereon.

Mr. Chiasson rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Stewart used the term "corrupt". Mr. Speaker ruled the term unparliamentary and requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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 Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, 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 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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 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 8, 9, 10 Annual Report 2015-2016	February 17, 2017
New Brunswick Police Commission	February 20, 2017
Report on Bullying 2014-2016, Promoting Diversity and Respect in New Brunswick Schools, Education and Early Childhood Development	February 21, 2017

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Wednesday, March 15, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker cautioned Members against personal attacks and the use of the term “failed finance minister”.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 16)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services Act*.

Mr. Savoie, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 16, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 20 and 21, Bill 34.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, March 16, 2017, Bills 51 and 52 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 31 and 49 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting past the noon recess.

And then, 12.10 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:

Legislative Activities 2015

March 15, 2017

Daily sitting 30

Thursday, March 16, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Doucet rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Macdonald accused the Premier of “not being factual” which was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 17)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 49, 51, 52 and 31 be called for second reading; following which at 2.20 p.m. Motion 7, with leave, would be taken into consideration; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 the Family Services 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 Human Rights 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 Human Rights Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 Ambulance Services Act*, 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 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

At 2.20 p.m., Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to take into consideration Motion 7.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Coon moved, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

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

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

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

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;

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;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into consideration the adoption of a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.

And the question being put, Motion 7 was resolved in the affirmative.

At 2.24 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Albert resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 20, moved by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Crossman, as follows:

WHEREAS Policy 409 concerning Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning is intended to give a clear direction to decision-making for closing schools;

WHEREAS this same policy has instead created confusion among members of the school community and has been perceived to be improperly implemented by various District Education Councils;

WHEREAS this policy has created division and torn communities apart, as opposed to uniting them;

WHEREAS such a government policy should be designed to bring New Brunswickers together using an independent, facilitated process; and

WHEREAS it has become apparent over the last number of years that parents, students, teachers, and community members are dissatisfied with the Policy 409 process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to halt all current school sustainability assessments and conduct a review of Policy 409; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review of Policy 409 includes a robust, public, and facilitated province-wide consultation process.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 20 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Holder	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Crossman	

NAYS - 25

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS many recent failures in the provincial electricity grid have led to a spike in homeowners buying and installing generators;

WHEREAS encouraging the use of economical options for homeowners to plug their generators into their home network would be desirable to promote safety and security;

WHEREAS plug-in options exist but their availability is being stymied by regulatory authorities;

WHEREAS new home construction could be greatly enhanced by encouraging universal generator connectors to be included as part of the household electrical wiring;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to emulate the many jurisdictions in Canada that have approved the use of universal plug-ins for generators in residential electric systems by adopting their approval processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Bourque, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 21 be amended as follows:

By deleting the first whereas clause and substituting the following:

“WHEREAS many New Brunswick homeowners are buying and installing generators as a safeguard against prolonged power outages;”

By deleting the third whereas clause and substituting the following:

“WHEREAS certified plug-in options exist in New Brunswick, but not all plug-in options are certified and therefore may pose a public safety risk;”

By adding the word “certified” after “encouraging” in the fourth whereas clause;

By deleting the two resolution clauses and substituting the following:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of certified universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.”

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

At 4 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

4.07 p.m.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 21 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS many New Brunswick homeowners are buying and installing generators as a safeguard against prolonged power outages;

WHEREAS encouraging the use of economical options for homeowners to plug their generators into their home network would be desirable to promote safety and security;

WHEREAS certified plug-in options exist in New Brunswick, but not all plug-in options are certified and therefore may pose a public safety risk;

WHEREAS new home construction could be greatly enhanced by encouraging certified universal generator connectors to be included as part of the household electrical wiring;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of certified universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.

And the question being put, Motion 21 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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.

Daily sitting 31

Friday, March 17, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Ames made reference to the absence of a Member. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Harvey, Member for Carleton-Victoria, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to repair certain sections of Route 105. (Petition 18)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 19)

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 53 and 31 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Public Works Act*, 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 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

And then, 11.52 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 32

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.18 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

1.24 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

At 1.25 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to further technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

1.47 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 20)

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 44, 45, 46, 31 and 17 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *Local Governance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

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, *Local Governance 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, *Community Planning Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 2015-2016
Atlantic Lottery Corporation

March 17, 2017

Daily sitting 33

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition withdraw the term “misleading”, which they did.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 21)

Mr. Fairgrieve gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS during the First World War, Vimy Ridge and its surrounding area in northern France was seized and held by the German army in September 1914 providing them with a commanding view of French, British and Canadian forces;

WHEREAS early efforts by the French army to capture this strategic site had been unsuccessful and had resulted in thousands of casualties;

WHEREAS in early 1917 the Canadian corps under the leadership of Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng was ordered to capture the ridge as part of a major British offensive near Arras;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps, understanding the significant challenges they faced, commenced an extensive tactical study of the position, conducted extensive training, and amassed huge quantities of ammunition and supplies to capture the objective;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps was comprised of men from every area of Canada and various other countries of birth formed the infantry, engineer, and numerous support units making up the four Canadian divisions;

WHEREAS these four divisions of Canadian corps along with the British XVII Corps would launch an attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April, 1917, at 5:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS by noon on 9 April, 1917, three divisions had reached their objectives and by 12 April, the Canadians had captured Vimy Ridge from the German army;

WHEREAS in spite of the enormous casualties, the battle tactics used by the Canadians and the resulting success exemplified the Canadian corps as masters of offensive warfare and gave Canada new international recognition;

WHEREAS the unity and spirit of the Canadian fighting men continued with numerous other successful battles against the German forces and greatly aided in bringing the conflict to an end in November 1918;

WHEREAS the Battle of Vimy Ridge is an epic part of the Canadian identity and history, and the Vimy memorial an iconic tribute to the sacrifice of Canadians during the Great War;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that April 9, 2017, be proclaimed as Vimy Ridge Day in New Brunswick.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 23, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 26, 34 and 33.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 45, 46, 31 and 17 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert, 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 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *Community Planning 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, 12.10 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:

Annual Report 2015-2016

Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne

March 21, 2017

Annual Report 2016

Office of the Consumer Advocate
for Insurance

March 21, 2017

Daily sitting 34

Thursday, March 23, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier referred to the Leader of the Official Opposition as “out to lunch”, which was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *Summary of Recommendations from Child Death Reviews, the Child Death Review Committee and the Child and Youth Advocate 1996-2017*; and *Broken Promises: Juli-Anna's Story – Report of the Ombudsman and Child & Youth Advocate*.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 22)

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:

March 23, 2017

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 March 22, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act*;
Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*;
Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act*;
Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act*;
Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*;
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services 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. Ms Rogers,
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*.
Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act*.

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government are advocating the establishment of rural communities throughout New Brunswick, as a means of providing greater opportunities for local input at the local level; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is currently in discussions to join the local service district of Saint Mary's, portions of the local service district of Stanley, and the Village of Stanley to form the new rural community of Nashwaak; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community spent the winter of 2016 undertaking a series of public meetings to determine the interest in joining the populations of Estey's Bridge, Saint Mary's, Stanley (the Village) and portions of Stanley (the parish) together, and collected the necessary amount of signatures required by the province to proceed with the next step in the establishment of a rural community; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community meets the guidelines as established by the Department of Environment and Local Government, namely the inclusion of a village, a population greater than 4000 and a tax base in excess of \$200M; and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick, through the Department of Environment and Local Government has already granted approval for the feasibility study to proceed; and

WHEREAS the financing of the feasibility has already been secured; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is already dealing with increased truck traffic associated with existing rock quarry activity in the area; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government has failed to provide an acceptable level of environmental oversight, requiring local property owners to act as their own enforcement branch by collecting pictures, documenting and reporting violations; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government does not presently differentiate between gravel pits and rock quarries for the purposes of operating regulations which prevent the adequate addressing of issues identified by the residential land owners adjacent to existing quarry operations; and

WHEREAS a new quarry is being proposed that would double the noise, traffic and blasting along route 620 between the Kingsley Road and Fredericton city limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to refrain from approving any gravel pits or rock quarries in the area bordered by the Claudie Road, Route 620, Route 105 and Kingsley Road until the Nashwaak rural community is established and area residents have had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the representatives of their new municipal structure currently known as the Nashwaak rural community.

Hon. Mr. Boudreau gave notice that on Friday, March 24, 2017, Bills 54 and 55 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Boudreau, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 46, 31 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*, 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 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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.

Mr. Chiasson rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Holder accused the government of “stealing” from New Brunswickers, which was unparliamentary. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and cautioned the Member against making allegations of a criminal nature.

And after some 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 26, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists’ Registration Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took 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 Early Childhood Services 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 33, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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.

Daily sitting 35

Friday, March 24, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of members of the St. Joseph's parish council in opposition to Medicare funded clinical abortions. (Petition 23)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed petroleum bulk plant in the former Chaleur Center location. (Petition 24)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 25)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 56, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, Bill 56 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 54, 55 and 17 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council.*

Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act.*

Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act.*

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And after some further time, Ms. LeBlanc took 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, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Ames rose on a matter of privilege regarding a right to information request by the media for correspondence of an employee of the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

Mr. Higgs offered condolences to the family of the late Leland W. McGaw, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Charlotte County (1967-1974) and Charlotte West (1974-1987). Hon. Mr. Ames joined in this regard.

Mr. Higgs, Member for Quispamsis, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of members of the St. Joseph's parish council in opposition to Medicare funded clinical abortions. (Petition 26)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 27)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr Boudreau,

Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research.*

Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

By Hon. Mr Melanson,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

During Introduction of Bills, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that individuals in the gallery refrain from recording the proceedings.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Bills 57, 58, 59 and 60 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 56, 54, 17, 31 and 55 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Political Process Financing 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 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*, 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took 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 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 on Performance 2015-2016,
Auditor General of New Brunswick

March 27, 2017

Daily sitting 37

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 28)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 61, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*.

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. LeBlanc,

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Association of Registered Interior Designers of New Brunswick*.

By Mr. Harvey,

Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 33; Motion 25 and 26.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, Bills 61 and 62 would be called for second reading.

And then, 11.15 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:

Response to Petition 14

March 28, 2017

Daily sitting 38

Thursday, March 30, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 29)

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, April 6, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses on a daily basis;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers, who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2.30 p.m.; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

At 11 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 25, Mr. Fairgrieve moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS during the First World War, Vimy Ridge and its surrounding area in northern France was seized and held by the German army in September 1914 providing them with a commanding view of French, British and Canadian forces;

WHEREAS early efforts by the French army to capture this strategic site had been unsuccessful and had resulted in thousands of casualties;

WHEREAS in early 1917 the Canadian corps under the leadership of Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng was ordered to capture the ridge as part of a major British offensive near Arras;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps, understanding the significant challenges they faced, commenced an extensive tactical study of the position, conducted extensive training, and amassed huge quantities of ammunition and supplies to capture the objective;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps was comprised of men from every area of Canada and various other countries of birth formed the infantry, engineer, and numerous support units making up the four Canadian divisions;

WHEREAS these four divisions of Canadian corps along with the British XVII Corps would launch an attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April, 1917, at 5:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS by noon on 9 April, 1917, three divisions had reached their objectives and by 12 April, the Canadians had captured Vimy Ridge from the German army;

WHEREAS in spite of the enormous casualties, the battle tactics used by the Canadians and the resulting success exemplified the Canadian corps as masters of offensive warfare and gave Canada new international recognition;

WHEREAS the unity and spirit of the Canadian fighting men continued with numerous other successful battles against the German forces and greatly aided in bringing the conflict to an end in November 1918;

WHEREAS the Battle of Vimy Ridge is an epic part of the Canadian identity and history, and the Vimy memorial an iconic tribute to the sacrifice of Canadians during the Great War;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that April 9, 2017, be proclaimed as Vimy Ridge Day in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 25 was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 26, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government are advocating the establishment of rural communities throughout New Brunswick, as a means of providing greater opportunities for local input at the local level; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is currently in discussions to join the local service district of Saint Mary's, portions of the local service district of Stanley, and the Village of Stanley to form the new rural community of Nashwaak; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community spent the winter of 2016 undertaking a series of public meetings to determine the interest in joining the populations of Estey's Bridge, Saint Mary's, Stanley (the Village) and portions of Stanley (the parish) together, and collected the necessary amount of signatures required by the province to proceed with the next step in the establishment of a rural community; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community meets the guidelines as established by the Department of Environment and Local Government, namely the inclusion of a village, a population greater than 4000 and a tax base in excess of \$200M; and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick, through the Department of Environment and Local Government has already granted approval for the feasibility study to proceed; and

WHEREAS the financing of the feasibility has already been secured; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is already dealing with increased truck traffic associated with existing rock quarry activity in the area; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government has failed to provide an acceptable level of environmental oversight, requiring local property owners to act as their own enforcement branch by collecting pictures, documenting and reporting violations; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government does not presently differentiate between gravel pits and rock quarries for the purposes of operating regulations which prevent the adequate addressing of issues identified by the residential land owners adjacent to existing quarry operations; and

WHEREAS a new quarry is being proposed that would double the noise, traffic and blasting along route 620 between the Kingsley Road and Fredericton city limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to refrain from approving any gravel pits or rock quarries in the area bordered by the Claudie Road, Route 620, Route 105 and Kingsley Road until the Nashwaak rural community is established and area residents have had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the representatives of their new municipal structure currently known as the Nashwaak rural community.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 39

Friday, March 31, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Stewart withdraw the phrase “stand up and tell the truth”, which he did. Mr. Speaker also cautioned Mr. Northrup against questioning the authority of the Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Doucet welcomed to the House Eric Allaby, former Liberal MLA for Charlotte-Fundy (1987-1995), and Fundy Isles (1995-2006).

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 30)

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bourque,
Bill 65, *Psychologists Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members that, while debate was permitted on an adjournment motion, a precedent had been established, based on adjournment motion debates from the previous session, that debate would be limited to one representative from each party, each Member having a maximum of 10 minutes, and the debate would be strictly related to the proposed adjournment and return date.

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

YEAS - 24

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

NAYS - 21

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following Royal Assent, it was the intention of government that Bills 55, 57, 58, 59 and 60 be called for second reading.

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 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council.*

Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act.*

Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act.*

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services 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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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, *Credit Reporting Services 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, 12.40 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Dubé requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend Oral Questions by 15 minutes, and unanimous consent was denied.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker cautioned the Leader of the Opposition against inferring illegal conduct by a Member of the House.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 31)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Seventh Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

April 25, 2017

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 seventh report.

Your Committee met on March 29, 30 and 31, April 13, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*;
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*;
Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act*;
Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records*;
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection*;
Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*;
Bill 48, *An Act Respecting "Ellen's Law"*;
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*;
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*;
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*;
Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 44, *Local Governance Act*;
Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*;
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*;
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

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 First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

April 25, 2017

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 April 11, 2017, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bills:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act*;
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Anglican Church Act, 2003*;
Bill 63, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Association of Registered Interior Designers of New Brunswick*;
Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act*;
Bill 65, *Psychologists Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*;

and reports that it has made certain progress therein.

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 Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,
Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, Bill 66 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 10, with leave, be called for second reading; following which Bills 31, 57, 58, 59, 62 and 60 be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 10 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, 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 Education Act*, was read a second time and, with unanimous consent, 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 31, *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 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *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 57, *An Act Respecting Research*, 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 Respecting Research*, 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 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 58 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access 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 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 59 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 59, *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 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 62 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly 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 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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:

Annual Reports

Business Plan 2017-2018, Auditor General of New Brunswick	April 5, 2017
2014 Supervisor of Political Financing	April 10, 2017
2015-2016 New Brunswick Human Rights Commission	April 10, 2017
2014-2015 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	April 13, 2017

Other

Evaluation Report for the Plan on Official Languages, Official Bilingualism: A Fundamental Value, Evaluation of Year 1, January 2017	April 19, 2017
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Motions

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 24	April 13, 2017
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Petitions

Response to Petitions 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25	March 31, 2017
Response to Petitions 7, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	April 7, 2017
Response to Petition 24	April 12, 2017

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Wednesday, April 26, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jody Carr welcomed to the House Max White, former Confederation of Regions MLA for Sunbury (1991-1995).

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members not to refer to their fellow Members by name.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 32)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,
Bill 67, An Act Respecting Family Day.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 27, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 26; Third Party Item with leave; Motion 27.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the rotation of Opposition Members' Business.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party Item would be Bill 29.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, April 27, 2017, Bill 67 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 60, 66, 61 and 17 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act.*

Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act.*

Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records.*

Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection.*

Bill 44, *Local Governance Act.*

Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*.

Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*.

Bill 48, *An Act Respecting "Ellen's Law"*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*.

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*.

Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act*.

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. LeBlanc, 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. Albert took the chair.

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

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

And then, 2.35 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, April 27, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition accused the Premier of making a “fraudulent statement”. Mr. Speaker advised that the reference was to a “fraudulent exercise” and it was not clear who the reference was in relation to, and therefore ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 33)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Eighth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

April 27, 2017

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 eighth report.

Your Committee met on April 26, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest 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.

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:

April 27, 2017

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 in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 21, 22, 23, 24, and 28, March 1, 2, 3, 15, and 17, April 12, 25 and 26, 2017, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 17, 2017.

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, 2017-2018

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, 2018:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	33,532,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services	59,978,000
School Districts	1,036,289,000
Early Childhood Development	92,167,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	1,188,387,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Administration	10,016,000
Natural Resources	78,235,000
Energy and Mines.....	8,988,000
Land Management.....	5,183,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	102,375,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services	3,005,000
Local Government	125,828,000
Environment.....	10,979,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	321,000
Community Funding.....	165,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	140,251,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat	2,402,000
Corporate Communications.....	4,005,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	342,000
Women's Equality Branch	2,831,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,358,000
Voted	11,938,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management	10,514,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	10,467,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	2,565,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000
Jobs Board Secretariat.....	1,037,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances.....	128,327,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	162,000
Voted	128,165,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	2,154,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan.....	321,361,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	2,000
Voted	321,359,000

Provision for Losses	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	54,000,000
Service New Brunswick	174,053,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	174,006,000
Supplementary Funding Provision	95,660,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	260,651,000
Medicare	629,735,000
Drug Programs	203,870,000
Regional Health Authorities.....	1,562,929,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	2,657,138,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services	5,517,000
Public Security.....	150,553,000
Safety Services and Accountability	29,739,000
Justice Services	34,557,000
Legal Aid.....	8,215,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	228,534,000
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	3,445,000
Office of the Auditor General.....	2,129,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties	1,616,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted	1,526,000
Elections New Brunswick	2,884,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	2,216,000

Office of the Ombudsman	926,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	1,074,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	519,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	480,000
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	611,000
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General	18,293,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted	1,531,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	15,037,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,384,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	45,374,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	364,031,000
Less amounts authorized by law	364,031,000
Voted	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,805,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	634,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	364,000
New Brunswick Women's Council.....	423,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	289,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Corporate Services	3,601,000
NB Public Libraries.....	15,935,000
Post-Secondary Education.....	170,379,000
Adult Learning	12,688,000
Labour and Policy.....	8,342,000
Employment Development.....	23,108,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement	10,382,000
Labour Market Development	89,154,000
Population Growth.....	8,250,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	341,792,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.....	277,800,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	64,355,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	701,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	690,660,000
Voted	10,340,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	9,839,000
Seniors and Long Term Care.....	510,207,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	274,548,000
Income Security	239,862,000
Housing Services	91,714,000
Wellness.....	7,048,000
Other Benefits	35,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	94,000
Voted	1,168,324,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	2,591,000
Parks and Attractions.....	15,108,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,729,000
Culture	15,923,000
Tourism.....	14,833,000
Canada 150	5,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	60,137,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	13,103,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,222,000
Maintenance	68,087,000
Winter Maintenance	68,904,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	2,987,000
Buildings Group.....	127,952,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	19,854,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,480,000
Voted	282,629,000

TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management.....	906,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer	7,559,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	3,060,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,109,000
Strategic Services	1,783,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	16,370,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment.....	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	500,000
Voted	600,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,135,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement.....	1,500,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements	650,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure.....	750,000
Voted	2,900,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts.....	1,225,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	20,000,000
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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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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Canada-New Brunswick Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.....	17,870,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund	12,500,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund	20,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure	1,600,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative.....	40,000,000
Voted	92,470,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements.....	9,100,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges.....	76,980,000
Highways.....	217,750,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program.....	78,655,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure.....	213,072,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	36,539,000
Voted.....	590,918,000
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
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry.....	60,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances.....	62,900,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	11,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	1,000,000
Voted.....	12,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000
WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES	
2017-2018	Voted (\$)
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries.....	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development.....	350,000
General Government.....	100,000
Health.....	1,225,000
Justice and Public Safety.....	10,000
Office of the Attorney General.....	5,000
Social Development.....	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture.....	500,000

WorkSafeNB	
Finance	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
Health	515,000
Voted	1,035,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
Energy and Resource Development	27,000
Environment and Local Government	4,000
Health	2,000
Justice and Public Safety	38,000
Office of the Attorney General	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000
Social Development	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
Other (small advances)	40,000
INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development	510,000
General Government	2,000,000
Health	8,830,000
Justice and Public Safety	650,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

SUPPLEMENT TO CAPITAL ESTIMATES, 2017-2018

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, 2018:

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Construction	1,200,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements	1,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance	3,000,000
Voted	5,200,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements	1,470,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Public Works and Infrastructure	11,000,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2015-2016, 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, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	41,713.02
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	3,201,741.18
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES	
General Services.....	1,090,964.19
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Medicare	9,412,925.63
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Court Services	71,617.76
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Elections New Brunswick.....	404,382.34
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	21,602.65
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission	161,826.48
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour Market Development	4,882,072.62
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services	177,151.09
Public Security and Emergency Services.....	33,173,533.69
Safety Services	239,510.10
Voted	33,590,194.88
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Long Term Care	3,130,521.13
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance	555,495.89

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. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017*.
Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.
By Hon. Mr. Melanson,
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bills 69 and 70 were ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 28)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 21 to April 26, 2017, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolution of the House adopted February 17, 2017, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Third Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, May 4, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick agriculture/agri-food industry contributes \$1.4 billion to the Gross Domestic Product of our province on an annual basis;

WHEREAS every dollar generated by New Brunswick agricultural producers generates three additional dollars in our provincial economy;

WHEREAS Canadian agricultural producers are being forced to deal with four new non-production cost increases by 2018, namely CPP and Unemployment Insurance employer contributions, minimum wage, carbon tax, and corporate tax;

WHEREAS New Brunswick agricultural producers are incurring increased costs relating to WorkSafe NB rate increases;

WHEREAS the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written will require agricultural producers selling products outside of their home province to have an interprovincial license;

WHEREAS interprovincial licensing will require agricultural producers to pay increasingly more in fees associated with Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspections and cost recovery initiatives;

WHEREAS the aforementioned non-production costs combine to form a competitive disadvantage in relation to other farm product producing jurisdictions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to lobby against the cost recovery initiative by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and against the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition spoke at length on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy about the tax deal brought in by the Conservative government of the day in 2005 to benefit the Canaport LNG site at the expense of the people of the City of Saint John; and

WHEREAS the current Liberal government repealed the tax break restoring fairness to the people of the City of Saint John; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Liberal legislation to repeal the tax break, significantly more taxes will be paid on the Canaport site which this year provided the City of Saint John with \$2.6 million in revenue compared to the \$500,000 they received under the Conservative deal;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition indicates on his LinkedIn profile that his only employment for 33 years of his adult life was with Irving Oil from 1977 to 2010; and

WHEREAS the official biography of the Leader of the Opposition on the Conservative website says, quote, “He was a member of the Irving team negotiating with Repsol on the Canaport LNG project. He also served on the Board of Directors for Canaport LNG;” and

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition now claims to be opposed to the very deal he says he helped negotiate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly call upon the Leader of the Opposition to explain to the House the nature of his involvement in obtaining this special tax break for Irving and Canaport and the rationale and timing of his change of opinion on this matter.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, April 28, 2017, Bill 68 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 66 and 67 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members’ Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert, 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing 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 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 2.25 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Debate resumed on Motion 26, moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government are advocating the establishment of rural communities throughout New Brunswick, as a means of providing greater opportunities for local input at the local level; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is currently in discussions to join the local service district of Saint Mary's, portions of the local service district of Stanley, and the Village of Stanley to form the new rural community of Nashwaak; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community spent the winter of 2016 undertaking a series of public meetings to determine the interest in joining the populations of Estey's Bridge, Saint Mary's, Stanley (the Village) and portions of Stanley (the parish) together, and collected the necessary amount of signatures required by the province to proceed with the next step in the establishment of a rural community; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community meets the guidelines as established by the Department of Environment and Local Government, namely the inclusion of a village, a population greater than 4000 and a tax base in excess of \$200M; and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick, through the Department of Environment and Local Government has already granted approval for the feasibility study to proceed; and

WHEREAS the financing of the feasibility has already been secured; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is already dealing with increased truck traffic associated with existing rock quarry activity in the area; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government has failed to provide an acceptable level of environmental oversight, requiring local property owners to act as their own enforcement branch by collecting pictures, documenting and reporting violations; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government does not presently differentiate between gravel pits and rock quarries for the purposes of operating regulations which prevent the adequate addressing of issues identified by the residential land owners adjacent to existing quarry operations; and

WHEREAS a new quarry is being proposed that would double the noise, traffic and blasting along route 620 between the Kingsley Road and Fredericton city limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to refrain from approving any gravel pits or rock quarries in the area bordered by the Claudie Road, Route 620, Route 105 and Kingsley Road until the Nashwaak rural community is established and area residents have had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the representatives of their new municipal structure currently known as the Nashwaak rural community.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 26 was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests 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 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 27, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses on a daily basis;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers, who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause, by deleting all the words after "current government to" and replacing them with "further explore best practices in relation to school bus safety including the use of technological aids"; and

By deleting the second resolution clause.

Mr. 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.

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Friday, April 28, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members to refrain from referring to their fellow Members by name, specifically prohibiting the reference to "Premier Gallant".

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 34)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Ninth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

April 28, 2017

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 ninth report.

Your Committee met on April 27, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research*;
Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health
Information Privacy and Access Act*;
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 31)

WHEREAS there is an apparent shift in public attitudes towards the use of cannabis;

WHEREAS over the course of the last decade cannabis use has been the subject of discussion in several forums;

WHEREAS the questions of cannabis access and use is important, sensitive and complex, with issues and implications spanning health, public safety, and social and criminal justice policy domains;

WHEREAS it is important to strike an appropriate balance between legalizing cannabis for recreational use without promoting its use by New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS addressing legalization requires input from all sectors and New Brunswickers in order to shape the best long-term approach for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the provincial government is pleased to partner with the Trudeau government to fulfill their commitment to Canadians to provide a safe legal framework for recreational cannabis use;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Cannabis that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations, in relation to an interim report of the provincial working group on cannabis to be deposited with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on or before June 15, 2017, and deemed referred to the committee, and reporting to the House with a summary of public consultations on the interim report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said committee by the Standing Rules, the committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the following session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

- to retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;
- to hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and, upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said committee be composed of Mr. Bourque, Mr. LePage, Mr. Chiasson, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Wetmore, Ms. Dubé and Ms. Lynch.

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

Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, May 4, 2017, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS service dogs have been increasingly used to support people with physical or mental disabilities such as post-traumatic stress disorder, debilitating chronic illness, autism, blindness, deafness, mobility and speech disabilities;

WHEREAS service dogs can dramatically improve the quality of life for those coping with a physical or mental disability, and thus reducing the need for medication and treatments necessary to maintain the standard of health, comfort and happiness experienced by a patient;

WHEREAS service dogs require outdoor activity and exercise, this encourages the owner to also participate in outdoor activity and exercise, promoting participation in the community and the benefits of regular physical exercise and a routine for the owner;

WHEREAS persons with mental disabilities may experience constant tension and pressure in social situations, service dogs provide a physical barrier that keeps others at a comfortable distance, allowing the owner to fully participate in social and economic activities;

WHEREAS service dogs are trained to recognize an individual's behavior and physical cues and may be able to prevent further

injury or distress to the owner, thus reducing the need for further medical intervention or treatment from occurring;

WHEREAS studies have shown that interactions with animals cause biochemical changes in both the person and the animal, resulting in feelings of calmness and lowered blood pressure;

WHEREAS service dog owners live with a physical or mental disability and therefore are more likely to live on a low income and be unable to fully participate in the workforce;

WHEREAS the health and care of service dogs is necessary for the good health and care of the owners with a disability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to add veterinary services for service dogs as a benefit under the Social Development Health Services Program, as it is a necessity for the health and well-being of persons with disabilities.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 68, 60, 61 and 17 be called for second reading; following which, at 11.45 a.m., the House would adjourn.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 68 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017*, 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 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

At 11.45 a.m. Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that pursuant to the Orders of the Day, the hour for adjournment had arrived.

And then, 11.55 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Harris rose on a question of privilege concerning certain comments, directed towards female Members, made by Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Fairgrieve during the current and previous session. In accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), Hon. Ms. Harris gave notice of her intention to move the following motion, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers:

THAT the Assembly refer the sexist comments made by the Members for Fredericton-York, Riverview and Carleton to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers; and

THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be directed to report back to the Assembly by Thursday, May 4, with recommendations on censuring these Members for their sexist behaviour.

Mr. Speaker advised that in accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), he would consider the matter in two hours' time.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 35)

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reduce the speed limit, designate a school zone and increase the RCMP presence in the area surrounding Magnetic Hill School. (Petition 36)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Tenth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 2, 2017

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 tenth report.

Your Committee met on April 28, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*;
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.

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Friday, May 5, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 18 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 31, 60, 66 and 68, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from December 14, 2016, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 18 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, 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 committee 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 receive more than one reading or advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, if necessary, the time for the daily adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, May 5, 2017, prescribed by Special Order of the House adopted December 8, 2016, be extended until the expiration of the allocated time at all stages necessary for the passage of the said Bills and Royal Assent.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, May 11, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS Becca Schofield is a 17 year old from Riverview, New Brunswick, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer;

WHEREAS Becca's bucket list was persuading people to perform random acts of kindness and post it on her facebook page named *Becca's battle with Butterscotch* or tweet it under the hashtag *#beccatoldmeto*;

WHEREAS the phenomenon of doing random acts of kindness has caught on worldwide with hundreds of people posting about their good deeds in honour of Becca;

WHEREAS Becca has been recognized by many community organizations and political leaders in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, the House of Commons, The Senate of Canada, and the Prime Minister signed a certificate naming Becca as an "Honorary Emerging Leader";

WHEREAS Becca's High School, Riverview High, and citizens of New Brunswick have requested a Becca Schofield Day;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognize the third Saturday in September annually as "Becca Schofield Day".

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, Private Bills 43, 50, 63, 64 and 65 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 17, 61 and 60 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research*.

Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*.

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be now read a second time.

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 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 61, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*, 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 60, *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 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *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.

At 3.15 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The required two hours' notice having been given, Mr. Speaker invited Hon. Ms. Harris to speak on the question of privilege raised earlier in the sitting day. Mr. Higgs also spoke on the question and apologized on behalf of the three Members of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the apology offered by the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Speaker also cautioned all Members against the use of similar language in the future, requested that Members treat each other with respect, and advised the House that the matter was now resolved.

And then, 4 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Ms. Harris rose on a matter of privilege to address the contents of a Twitter post by Mr. Fitch the previous evening. Mr. Fitch later apologized.

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Eleventh Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 3, 2017

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 eleventh report.

Your Committee met on May 2, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*;
Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*;
Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

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.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 4, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 34, 27, 29, 32; Bill 27; Motion 6.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with notice for Motion 34 and debate the motion on Thursday.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 43, 50, 63, 64 and 65 be called for second reading.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act*.

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Anglican Church Act, 2003*.

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Association of Registered Interior Designers of New Brunswick*.

The Order being read for second reading of Private Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 64 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act*, was read a second time.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 65, *Psychologists Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 43, 50, 63, 64 and 65 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Anglican Church Act, 2003.*

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Association of Registered Interior Designers of New Brunswick.*

Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act.*

Bill 65, *Psychologists Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

And then, 11.55 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, May 4, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 37)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to prohibit snowmobiles on hiking trails at Mount Carleton and to delay the snowmobile hub project. (Petition 38)

Mr. Bourque, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to increase social assistance rates. (Petition 39)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Twelfth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 4, 2017

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 twelfth report.

Your Committee met on May 3, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*;
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;
Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;
Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing 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 Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,
Bill 71, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Ames: (Motion 35)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting Mr. Chiasson for Mr. Bernard LeBlanc;

THAT the membership for the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Mr. LePage;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Ms. LeBlanc for Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting Mr. Albert for Ms. LeBlanc.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, May 5, 2017, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2 o'clock p.m., at which time, with unanimous consent, Bills 31, 60, 66, 17 and 10 would be called for third reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day.*

Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Unanimous consent was denied to call Bills 31, 60, 66, 17 and 10 for third reading. Mr. Speaker advised that he would revisit the matter at 2 o'clock p.m.

At 11.45 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 31, 60, 66, 17 and 10 be called for third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.05 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 34, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS Becca Schofield is a 17 year old from Riverview, New Brunswick, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer;

WHEREAS Becca's bucket list was persuading people to perform random acts of kindness and post it on her facebook page named *Becca's battle with Butterscotch* or tweet it under the hashtag *#beccatoldmeto*;

WHEREAS the phenomenon of doing random acts of kindness has caught on worldwide with hundreds of people posting about their good deeds in honour of Becca;

WHEREAS Becca has been recognized by many community organizations and political leaders in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, the House of Commons, The Senate of Canada, and the Prime Minister signed a certificate naming Becca as an "Honorary Emerging Leader";

WHEREAS Becca's High School, Riverview High, and citizens of New Brunswick have requested a Becca Schofield Day;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognize the third Saturday in September annually as "Becca Schofield Day".

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 34 was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 27, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause, by deleting all the words after "current government to" and replacing them with "further explore best practices in relation to school bus safety including the use of technological aids"; and

By deleting the second resolution clause.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 27 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses on a daily basis;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers, who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to further explore best practices in relation to school bus safety including the use of technological aids.

And the question being put, Motion 27 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 29, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick agriculture/agri-food industry contributes \$1.4 billion to the Gross Domestic Product of our province on an annual basis;

WHEREAS every dollar generated by New Brunswick agricultural producers generates three additional dollars in our provincial economy;

WHEREAS Canadian agricultural producers are being forced to deal with four new non-production cost increases by 2018, namely CPP and Unemployment Insurance employer contributions, minimum wage, carbon tax, and corporate tax;

WHEREAS New Brunswick agricultural producers are incurring increased costs relating to WorkSafe NB rate increases;

WHEREAS the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written will require agricultural producers selling products outside of their home province to have an interprovincial license;

WHEREAS interprovincial licensing will require agricultural producers to pay increasingly more in fees associated with Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspections and cost recovery initiatives;

WHEREAS the aforementioned non-production costs combine to form a competitive disadvantage in relation to other farm product producing jurisdictions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to lobby against the cost recovery initiative by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and against the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 29 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 32, Ms. Dubé moved, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS service dogs have been increasingly used to support people with physical or mental disabilities such as post-traumatic stress disorder, debilitating chronic illness, autism, blindness, deafness, mobility and speech disabilities;

WHEREAS service dogs can dramatically improve the quality of life for those coping with a physical or mental disability, and thus reducing the need for medication and treatments necessary to maintain the standard of health, comfort and happiness experienced by a patient;

WHEREAS service dogs require outdoor activity and exercise, this encourages the owner to also participate in outdoor activity and exercise, promoting participation in the community and the benefits of regular physical exercise and a routine for the owner;

WHEREAS persons with mental disabilities may experience constant tension and pressure in social situations, service dogs provide a physical barrier that keeps others at a comfortable distance, allowing the owner to fully participate in social and economic activities;

WHEREAS service dogs are trained to recognize an individual's behavior and physical cues and may be able to prevent further injury or distress to the owner, thus reducing the need for further medical intervention or treatment from occurring;

WHEREAS studies have shown that interactions with animals cause biochemical changes in both the person and the animal, resulting in feelings of calmness and lowered blood pressure;

WHEREAS service dog owners live with a physical or mental disability and therefore are more likely to live on a low income and be unable to fully participate in the workforce;

WHEREAS the health and care of service dogs is necessary for the good health and care of the owners with a disability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to add veterinary services for service dogs as a benefit under the Social Development Health Services Program, as it is a necessity for the health and well-being of persons with disabilities.

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 32 be amended as follows:

Deleting all the words in the resolution clause after "New Brunswick" and replacing them with "through the Department of Social Development to continue supports to all persons with

disabilities to maintain the use of service dogs trained to perform specific tasks related to their disability and to continue to provide for veterinary and grooming fees associated with service dogs”.

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 service dogs have been increasingly used to support people with physical or mental disabilities such as post-traumatic stress disorder, debilitating chronic illness, autism, blindness, deafness, mobility and speech disabilities;

WHEREAS service dogs can dramatically improve the quality of life for those coping with a physical or mental disability, and thus reducing the need for medication and treatments necessary to maintain the standard of health, comfort and happiness experienced by a patient;

WHEREAS service dogs require outdoor activity and exercise, this encourages the owner to also participate in outdoor activity and exercise, promoting participation in the community and the benefits of regular physical exercise and a routine for the owner;

WHEREAS persons with mental disabilities may experience constant tension and pressure in social situations, service dogs provide a physical barrier that keeps others at a comfortable distance, allowing the owner to fully participate in social and economic activities;

WHEREAS service dogs are trained to recognize an individual's behavior and physical cues and may be able to prevent further injury or distress to the owner, thus reducing the need for further medical intervention or treatment from occurring;

WHEREAS studies have shown that interactions with animals cause biochemical changes in both the person and the animal, resulting in feelings of calmness and lowered blood pressure;

WHEREAS service dog owners live with a physical or mental disability and therefore are more likely to live on a low income and be unable to fully participate in the workforce;

WHEREAS the health and care of service dogs is necessary for the good health and care of the owners with a disability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick through the Department of Social Development to continue supports to all persons with disabilities to maintain the use of service dogs trained to perform specific tasks related to their disability and to continue to provide for veterinary and grooming fees associated with service dogs.

And the question being put, Motion 32 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc 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 negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Coon moved, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the government tables each year its Main Estimates and its public accounts of government expenses and revenues;

WHEREAS revenues foregone through tax expenditures including tax credits and tax exemptions are not currently included in the expenses of the government's Main Estimates;

WHEREAS international organizations including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development promote public sector accounting standards that require governments to report tax expenditures;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada, including British Columbia and the Government of Canada, report tax expenditures annually;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of government to be accountable to the people it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to include in its Main Estimates the total revenue foregone as a result of tax expenditures each fiscal year, beginning with 2017-2018.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 6 was resolved in the negative.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, May 5, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 40)

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 36)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from November 22, 2016, to May 4, 2017, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Third Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House recess until 11.30 a.m. at which time Royal Assent would take place.

At 10.15 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.30 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 Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

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- Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act.*
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act.*
Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records.*
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection.*
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act.*
Bill 44, *Local Governance Act.*
Bill 45, *Community Planning Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning.*
Bill 48, *An Act Respecting "Ellen's Law".*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Anglican Church Act, 2003.*
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act.*
Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act.*
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research.*
Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*
Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*
Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*
Bill 63, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Association of Registered Interior Designers of New Brunswick.*
Bill 64, *Licensed Counselling Therapy Act.*
Bill 65, *Psychologists Act.*
Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act.*
Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day.*
Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017.*
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1).*

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 2017-2018*. (Bill 69)

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, 12.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

With leave of the House and pursuant to the terms of the resolution appointing the Select Committee on Cannabis (Motion 31), Hon. Mr. Bourque presented the Final Report of the Committee, which was filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and released on September 1, 2017, and it is as follows:

September 1, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the Final Report of the Select Committee on Cannabis entitled *Consulting New Brunswickers: The Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in New Brunswick*. Your Committee was charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations in relation to an interim report of the provincial Working Group on the Legalization of Cannabis, and reporting to the House with a summary of public consultations on the interim report.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the presenters and members of the public who appeared before the Committee and those individuals and groups who submitted written briefs. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the Members of the Committee for their contribution in carrying out our mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd. :) Benoît Bourque, M.L.A.
Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

Introduction

In preparation for the Government of Canada's proposal to legalize recreational cannabis in July 2018, the Government of New Brunswick announced the formation of the Working Group on the Legalization of Cannabis on March 7, 2017. Their mandate was to consult with provincial and federal stakeholders to assess the risks and opportunities of recreational cannabis legalization and to provide recommendations for a provincial approach. Their recommendations were released in a report published on June 21, 2017.

On April 28, 2017, the provincial government introduced a motion in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick to establish a select committee to conduct public consultations on the legalization of recreational cannabis. In accordance with the mandate given to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Select Committee on Cannabis was tasked with seeking input from New Brunswickers on whether the model proposed by the Working Group needs improvements.

Over 70 presenters appeared before the Committee during its public consultations in Grand Falls, Atholville, St. Stephen, Saint John, Moncton, Miramichi, and Fredericton. In addition, the Committee received local and national interest by way of 44 written submissions.

This report is intended to provide a summary of the many comments, suggestions and written submissions received by the Select Committee during the public consultations. Participants provided creative insights and perspectives to many of the questions that arose during consultations. There were varying points of view. Some New Brunswickers disagree with the federal government's decision to legalize recreational cannabis, while others see legalization as an economic opportunity. This report is intended to be an overview of public consultations and does not provide recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. Although medical cannabis, edibles and industrial hemp do not fall under the purview of the provincial government, many presenters expressed concerns to the Select Committee.

Context

The Government of Canada committed to legalizing recreational cannabis in 2015, marking the end of a 90-year prohibition in Canada. In December 2016, the federal Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation released *A Framework for the Legalization of Cannabis in Canada*. The report's recommendations are based on available research and public consultations, with more than 80 recommendations that served as the basis of its policies for legalization.

The *Cannabis Act* (Bill C-45) and *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code* (Bill C-46) were tabled in the House of Commons on April 13, 2017. The *Cannabis Act* decriminalizes recreational cannabis and grants the federal government the power to licence producers, as is currently the case for medical cannabis. The provinces and territories have the responsibility to oversee the sale of recreational (non-medical) cannabis, as well as health and safety programming. Bill C-46 focuses on impaired driving by modernizing, simplifying, and strengthening the Criminal Code and creating tougher sanctions. It also creates new offences for drivers impaired by cannabis.

The federal government plans to have the two Bills come into force July 2018, giving the provinces and territories a little over a year to create a distribution model and public health and safety initiatives. If a province or territory does not have a distribution model by this date, residents will be able to buy recreational cannabis by mail order from another province. This means provinces without a retailer will not gain any revenue from the legalization of recreational cannabis but will remain responsible for cannabis-related public health and safety.

The General Consensus

Varied points of views on the proposed framework for recreational cannabis in New Brunswick were brought forward to the Select Committee on Cannabis during province-wide public consultations. What the Committee heard will be presented in the following sections of this report. Although there were varying opinions on the proposed model, presenters found consensus on certain points. In general, presenters agreed that a strategy for the legalization of recreational cannabis should include the following priorities:

Let's get it right

There is only one opportunity to implement the chosen model – presenters want the province to get it right the first time.

Keep cannabis out of the hands of youth

Keeping youth safe is a top priority. Presenters agreed that the welfare of children and youth must be thoroughly considered in the design and implementation of recreational cannabis policies.

Shut out organized crime

Participants agreed that cannabis should no longer fund organized crime. Instead, the Committee heard an overwhelming response that a portion of the proceeds from recreational cannabis sales should be directed to education and health care.

Invest in education

Presenters told the Committee that the legalization of recreational cannabis must include a robust educational campaign to help potential users of all ages make informed decisions.

Address health concerns

Participants told the Committee they want New Brunswick to be proactive with physical and mental health resources, ensuring availability for those who need them.

Ensure public safety

Participants want clear laws and consistent enforcement. At work, on the road or at home, they do not want the legalization of recreational cannabis to impact their safety or the safety of their loved ones.

Discussion: Retail Model**Working Group Recommendation**

The New Brunswick Working Group on the Legalization of Cannabis studied the legalization of recreational cannabis in Colorado and Washington, who moved directly to a private delivery model that resulted in a large number of private cannabis businesses. These states have since found it difficult to regulate the private sector and keep out the illegal market. Based on these experiences, the Working Group proposes that recreational cannabis be sold through a public distributor in government-operated stores. In the opinion of the Working Group, this poses the best compromise to restrict youth access to recreational cannabis and ensure prices can compete with the illegal market.

What We Heard

Many participants believe that private retailers would provide widespread economic benefits for New Brunswick. They pointed to cigarettes, which are currently sold privately, and Alcohol New Brunswick Liquor (ANBL), which also uses agency stores that are privately owned. Some also see an opportunity for smaller craft producers to enter the market. The Committee heard that innovation and adaptability, crucial for an emerging market, are hallmarks of private sector retailers and distributors.

Others called for a new Crown corporation managed by ANBL to be the recreational cannabis retailer in New Brunswick. Many think this would help keep cannabis profits from funding organized crime, regulate zoning for municipalities, and streamline distribution for producers. The Committee also heard this might facilitate enforcement and ensure standardized education and training in retail outlets.

Participants were split in their opinion about whether cannabis and alcohol should be sold in the same retail outlet. Some are fearful this would encourage co-consumption and would pose a danger of relapse for recovering drug and/or alcohol dependencies. Others believe it would be a waste of resources to have separate retail locations exclusively for recreational cannabis.

Still, others reflected that the legalization of recreational cannabis will ensure a supply of safe regulated products.

Municipalities are concerned about the location of recreational cannabis stores. They asked the Province to clarify the role of municipalities in policy issues such as zoning and store location. Presenters also agree that cannabis retailers should be located far away from schools, playgrounds and daycare centers.

The majority of presenters agree that no matter the retailer, retail staff should be well trained and knowledgeable. Retailers should be able to inform patrons of the effects of use, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels and cannabidiol (CBD) levels, product recommendations, and guidelines for safe usage. It was suggested that provincial community colleges could offer training programs for retail workers.

Participants, including law enforcement, urged the Province to ensure legal recreational cannabis is priced to try to eradicate the illegal market.

Discussion: Legal Age

Working Group Recommendation

The federal *Cannabis Act* sets a minimum age of 18 for the possession and consumption of recreational cannabis. Although 18 will be the minimum legal age in Canada, the provinces and territories can set a higher age limit. The New Brunswick Working Group on the Legalization of Cannabis proposes that the legal age be set at 19 to harmonize with the legal age for alcohol and tobacco.

What We Heard

Many participants agree with the Working Group's proposed age of 19 as it aligns with the legal drinking age, the age of majority and would streamline enforcement efforts. Some also noted that because many young people already consume cannabis, setting the legal age higher than 19 could potentially fuel the illegal market.

However, presenters were not unanimous. The Committee heard that many, including the medical community, are concerned about the effect of cannabis on the developing brain. Some also suggested that using recreational cannabis may lead people to try "harder" drugs.

It was mentioned that in the United States, the prevalent legal age is 21, mostly harmonizing with their legal drinking age.

The Committee also heard from First Nations and communities close to the Quebec border that "cross border shopping" could be an issue, as it currently is for alcohol, if Quebec's legal age is lower than New Brunswick's.

Although most of what the Committee heard focused on youth, some participants cautioned that not all recreational cannabis users will be youth. They suggested that access to educational resources is necessary for all those who will be using recreational cannabis, be they 19 or 90.

Discussion: Youth

Working Group Recommendation

Although the federal government's *Cannabis Act* sets the age of consumption for recreational cannabis at 18, the medical community is clear that youth under the age of 25 who choose to consume cannabis incur increased health risks.

What We Heard

Focus on Education

Although many supported a legal age of 19, participants believe particular attention should be given to children and youth up to the age of 25. Participants were unanimous in their calls for education, especially for youth. Regardless of the legal age, the Committee heard that presenters want their children to be able to access information such as health and safety risks of recreational cannabis, usage guidelines and information about impaired driving.

Many participants suggested that public school curriculums should be adjusted to deliver information about cannabis to mirror current alcohol and drug programming. The Committee also heard calls for a community-wide approach to education so that mental health professionals, doctors, law enforcement, teachers, parents and other community-based organizations are empowered to help youth make safe and educated decisions about recreational cannabis.

The Committee heard widespread agreement that education focused on the prevention of drinking and driving is effective. It was suggested that these campaigns be used as a model for similar programs focusing on recreational cannabis.

Access

Although many presenters agree with a legal age of 19, they have concerns about the effects of recreational cannabis on young people. Of particular concern are the possible effects on the developing brain up to the age of 25. The importance of policies encouraging delayed exposure was a frequent theme throughout the public consultations.

Some worry that legalization, in particular the ability to grow up to four plants at home, would make recreational cannabis more accessible to youth and teenagers. Others argue that legalization would decrease youth's access to cannabis by reducing access to the illegal market supply.

Mental Health

Providing adequate mental health services, particularly for youth and students, was also a common theme. It was suggested that more resources will be needed in schools to help students struggling with mental health and addiction. There was a call for more mental health programs, treatment, and specialists.

Discussion: Growing at Home and Possession Limits**Working Group Recommendation**

New Brunswick is able to reduce the limits imposed by the federal government's *Cannabis Act* on the amount of recreational cannabis an adult can legally possess outside the home (30 g), and the personal cultivation of recreational cannabis (four plants per household, maximum 100 cm per plant). The Working Group does not see a benefit in reducing either amount, but recommends the following additional safety measures: requiring that cannabis grown at home must be kept secure and inaccessible by children or the public, defining "household" as a housing unit that has bathing and kitchen facilities (and therefore excludes a room in a rooming house or in a university residence building or other shared living spaces), and affirming that landlords are free to prohibit the cultivation of recreational cannabis.

What We Heard***Home Growth and Possession***

Participants did not take issue with a 30 g personal possession limit, although some, including municipalities and police officers, are concerned with the rules surrounding home growth. It was suggested by some that it may be difficult to enforce the height or the number of plants in a household. Others wondered how police officers would know if plants on a personal property are kept in a secure location inaccessible to children. A few participants proposed that, to aid police officers, persons choosing to cultivate recreational cannabis at home should be licenced.

A few participants were fearful that allowing any home cultivation would only further support organized crime. They also worry that home cultivation would make it easier for youth to access cannabis or for children to accidentally ingest cannabis products.

In light of these issues, municipalities asked if they will be able to regulate home growth, possession, and location of production facilities in their own communities.

Definition of Household

The Committee heard from participants that the definition of “household” used to determine home cultivation limits must be clear and free of loopholes. Some worry high-density housing, particularly with non-nuclear family arrangements, may be a problem for law enforcement. Others are concerned that possessing multiple properties, such as a house and a cottage, could complicate the definition of household. Participants also agreed that landlords should have the right to prohibit cannabis growth on their property.

Discussion: Public Safety**Working Group Recommendation**

As proposed, the federal Bill C-46 would allow police officers to conduct roadside saliva tests, which if positive, will be followed by blood tests. The Bill would establish impairment at a blood content of 5 ng/ml of THC or a combination of 2.5 ng/ml THC with a blood alcohol content higher than 0.05.

What We Heard***Detection***

Some participants are concerned about the long elimination half-life of THC in the body and the risk of false positives for impairment tests. They noted that current technology can detect THC levels but cannot detect impairment. They suggested that until the relationship between THC levels and impairment is better understood, employers and police officers are faced with detection and enforcement challenges that place workers and drivers at serious health and safety risks.

Impairment at Work

Case law authorizes employers to require employees to be unimpaired at work. In practice, there are many challenges, including prescription medication effects, addiction and determining when it is legal to test employees.

Some presenters expressed concern about their limited ability to detect cannabis impairment at work. In addition to the issues caused by the distinction between impairment and THC levels, employers indicated they want clear guidelines about when they are able to test their employees. The Committee heard that, particularly in industries with heavy machinery and transportation, employers want the ability to perform random testing on employees to ensure their safety and the safety of others around them. This also applies to learning institutions such as college trade workshops.

Presenters expressed that their recreational or medical usage on their own time could affect their jobs if better methods of detection are not introduced.

Impaired Driving

Police officers and participants expressed concerns about the efficacy of detection methods to apprehend cannabis-impaired drivers. There is widespread agreement that impaired driving is a serious issue and that law enforcement must be properly equipped to detect and prosecute people who drive under the influence of cannabis.

Discussion: Economic Development**Working Group Recommendation**

The legalization of recreational cannabis presents an economic opportunity for New Brunswick. Cannabis production, research and development could result in more jobs and significant economic opportunities. The Working Group noted that economic opportunism coupled with sound social policies could bring significant benefits to New Brunswick.

What We Heard***Production Opportunities***

A large number of presenters see cannabis production as an economic opportunity. They are looking forward to welcoming legal producers to their region, particularly because of the prospect of job creation in the province. Many are also hopeful that recreational cannabis production will generate auxiliary jobs in fields such as marketing, communication, information technology, research and testing.

Although licencing falls under the federal Department of Health, some people suggested that the provincial government and cannabis retailers should support small producers, including helping small illegal producers transition into the legal market. Small cannabis producers were likened to craft beer producers that can provide a larger variety of recreational cannabis products and diverse supply. This is also understood by some as a way to keep profits in the province and in the hands of small business owners.

Potency

Several participants suggested that THC potency limits would only serve to fuel the illicit market to produce more concentrated products. Entrepreneurs suggested that too many limits on products would stifle creativity and innovation in the field. Others cautioned that imposing potency limits may help discourage overconsumption and mitigate health risks.

First Nations

First Nations communities welcome the opportunity to participate in a new and growing market. Some are already offering courses to members of their community to help them become candidates for work in cannabis production facilities.

First Nations representatives expressed confusion by the lack of reference to Aboriginal Law in the Working Group's report. They also told the Committee they want to know how their government and communities will be affected so they can pursue relevant social programming and economic benefits.

Invest in Training

Many believe that the labour market is not equipped for the demands of recreational cannabis sale and production. The Committee heard calls for the development of training programs for retail workers and potential producers. It was suggested that post-secondary institutions offer training to work in the cannabis industry.

Discussion: Revenue and Expenditure

Working Group Recommendation

The legalization of recreational cannabis may create new tax revenues for the Province of New Brunswick, provided a provincial regulatory framework and retail model are in place by July 2018. However, legalization may also result in new costs such as administration, compliance, enforcement, health care, and education and awareness.

What We Heard

Supply

Many people are fearful that there will be a significant supply shortage when recreational cannabis is legalized as there are not enough legal producers to fulfill the projected demand. If confronted with inadequate supply, users may revert to the illegal market and affect provincial tax revenues. Some suggested that, regardless of the retail model, the retailer should initiate relationships and contracts with suppliers as quickly as possible to ensure New Brunswickers have a safe legal supply available in July 2018. Producers told the Committee that in order to grow an appropriate supply for New Brunswick's projected demand, they will need to be advised as soon as possible on any regulations regarding THC content as well as any other production considerations.

Smoke Free Places Act

The Committee heard widespread agreement that cannabis should not be consumed in public. The Province has already enacted amendments to include cannabis under the *Smoke Free Places Act*. Presenters noted that there is still a problem with smoking cigarettes in public, leading them to expect the same with cannabis. Therefore, participants urged stronger enforcement, especially for cannabis, given its strong smell and the possibility of "second-hand highs".

Revenue Sharing with Municipalities

Many municipalities are concerned about the costs they may incur through the legalization of recreational cannabis. Some believe enforcement costs will go up, particularly if there is an opportunity to enact bylaws restricting certain aspects of recreational cannabis consumption and growth. They are also concerned that without revenue sharing, municipalities will not be able to enforce provincial and municipal laws.

Education

Participants agreed that education is key to developing healthy attitudes toward recreational cannabis. The Committee heard that the legalization of recreational cannabis comes with a responsibility to educate New Brunswickers, particularly children and youth, about the risks of recreational consumption. Participants expressed concern that legalization should not lead to normalization and feel that education campaigns, both in and outside schools, would help mitigate this risk. Many believe that education could reduce early consumption.

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:

Premier Gallant, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the time has come to prorogue the third session of the fifty-eighth Legislature. Over the course of the past session, you have succeeded in many enterprises—all of them important to this province, to our communities, and to individual citizens. Thanks to you, our province is better positioned to address its challenges and make the most of new opportunities to ensure a brighter future.

I wish to extend my personal thanks to each member present for your continued dedication to public life and public service, for your commitment to this House, and for what you represent to the people who put you here. I encourage you to continue your diligent efforts on behalf of all New Brunswickers throughout the upcoming session, which begins this afternoon. I want to encourage you to follow parliamentary conventions and traditions and to have respect for the process and for one another, and I challenge you to embody the dignity this historic Chamber deserves. You are here because people have put their faith and hope in each of you. I also believe in you and in our legislative process. We are a constitutional monarchy. New Brunswick needs you—all of you—your leadership, your consensus, your cooperation, and your vision.

Difficult times require of you strength of character, conviction, passion, and shared inspiration. Your role is not an easy one, but you are here for the good of this province. Never forget that we are one New Brunswick. We are officially bilingual and proudly multicultural; we are one New Brunswick.

Now, with the completion of the third Session of this 58th Legislative Assembly, it is my responsibility and my privilege to issue the command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, that this Legislature stand prorogued. May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick. Thank you.

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 1 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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