



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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 7
Thursday, November 2, 2017

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

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

Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.

Debate to resume on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Public Health Act – Hon. Mr. Bourque
 Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act – Hon. Mr. LePage
 Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act – Hon. Mr. LePage
 Bill 5, An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services – Hon. Mr. Bourque
 Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act – Hon. Mr. Fraser
 Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act – Hon. Ms. Rogers
 Bill 8, An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal – Hon. Ms. Rogers
 Bill 9, An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum – Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.
 Bill 11, Transparency in Election Commitments Act – Hon. Ms. Harris
 Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act – Hon. Ms. Harris
 Bill 13, An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826 – Hon. Mr. Fraser
 Bill 14, Exotic Animals Act – Hon. Mr. Doucet

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, October 31, 2017:

THAT unless otherwise provided by Standing Rule or Special Order of the House, the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional calendar for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature:

Tuesday, October 24 to Friday, October 27, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, October 31 to Friday, November 3, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, November 7 to Friday, November 10, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, November 14 to Friday, November 17, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, December 5 to Friday, December 8, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, December 12 to Friday, December 15, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, December 19 to Friday, December 22, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, January 30 to Friday, February 2, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 6 to Friday, February 9, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 13 to Friday, March 16, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 20 to Friday, March 23, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 27 to Thursday, March 29, 2018, inclusive;

THAT during certain weeks in which the Assembly is adjourned, the following dates are available for committees to meet:

Tuesday, November 21 to Friday, November 24, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, November 28 to Friday, December 1, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, January 9 to Friday, January 12, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, January 16 to Friday, January 19, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, January 23 to Friday, January 26, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 13 to Friday, February 16, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 20 to Friday, February 23, 2018, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 27 to Friday, March 2, 2018, inclusive;

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

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 29, 2018, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2018;

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 7 by Hon. Mr. Doucet. Carried October 25, 2017.

Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Doucet. Carried October 25, 2017.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 1 by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS there is considerable public concern regarding glyphosate spraying in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there is conflicting public and scientific information as to the use of glyphosate in our forestry sector;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately form a working group on glyphosate, comprised of the Departments of Health, Public Safety, Environment, and Energy and Resource Development with stakeholders from outside of government, that would provide a report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations for government, within nine months;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to suspend the spraying of glyphosate on New Brunswick Crown lands until such time as the working group has tabled their report and recommendations have been submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Motion 4 by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Oliver to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the sport of curling has a long history in Canada, introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants with now more than 1000 curling clubs across Canada, and an official Olympic sport;

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and eye-hand coordination;

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to men and women of all ages and abilities, it is adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and chairs;

WHEREAS curling is a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity;

WHEREAS curling clubs in New Brunswick are run by not-for-profit groups in all regions of the province, promoting community involvement and participation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government to declare the third week of January every year as “New Brunswick Curling Week”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly visit the curling clubs in their area during that week, and the rest of winter to promote and encourage the local curling clubs.

Motion 5 by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Oliver to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has stated that research shows eighty percent of a child’s learning is visual;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has also stated that studies show only fourteen percent of Canadian children entering the primary school system receive professional eye care;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists state that studies show the earlier a vision problem is diagnosed and treated, the less negative impact it will have on a child’s development;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists also state that an important component of early detection and treatment of eye and vision problems is for all children to receive a professional vision examination before entering school;

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick’s program, “Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision” already offers a vision program to children of low income families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to offer free professional eye exams for all children before they become of school age, and that it become mandatory to be tested before entering elementary school.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS’ PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act – Mr. Coon

OPPOSITION MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. K. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Shephard to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults’ alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a high school program in place where students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

Motion 3 by Mr. Northrup, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the tourism sector in New Brunswick is an important part of our fabric;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of tourists visit our province each year;

WHEREAS camping enthusiasts make up a significant portion of the tourists each year;

WHEREAS some of those camping enthusiasts like to travel with multiple vehicles and trailers in order to have the vastest experience to explore all the beautiful parts of our province;

WHEREAS other provinces in Canada allow for the towing combination of more than two vehicles on their highways and roads;

WHEREAS New Brunswick does not currently allow a combination of more than two vehicles, which creates a barrier to interprovincial travel;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to change acts and regulations to allow combinations of two or more vehicles, for recreational purposes, on main highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to maintain a length limit as well as other safety precautions, to account for the safety of all those travelling on the roads.

Motion 6 by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. K. MacDonald to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

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;

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 the outside of 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.

Motion 10 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS the Legislature is accountable to the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important for a legislative committee to have the power to question witnesses and obtain expert advice;

WHEREAS the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation recommended that Public Accounts Committees should have the power to subpoena witnesses if they refuse to appear, and call for the production of documents;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Public Accounts Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

WHEREAS the standing committees of the Parliament of Canada have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

WHEREAS the House can authorize a committee to call for persons, papers and records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Public Accounts Committee, Crown Corporations Committee, Economic Policy Committee and Social Policy Committee be authorized by the Legislative Assembly to call for persons, papers and documents.

Motion 11 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 2, 2017:

WHEREAS Legislative Officers should be accountable to the Legislative Assembly and the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a 2011 Legislative Assembly report recommended that Legislative Officers appear annually before committee to answer questions about their annual reports;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the New Brunswick Legislature state that reports to the House of Legislative Officers stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers;

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers provides a forum through which the Legislative Officers are accountable to the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS in 2017 only one Legislative Officer has reported to the Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Legislative Officers, except for the Auditor General who already appears before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be required by the Legislative Assembly to appear annually before the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers to answer questions on their annual reports and any other reports filed with the Legislature.

Motion 12 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. K. MacDonald to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 9, 2017:

WHEREAS alcohol is the leading cause of injury and death in Canada;

WHEREAS a 2012 Statistics Canada survey found that 20% of New Brunswickers were heavy drinkers;

WHEREAS excessive drinking bears numerous known health risks including cancer and cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS the availability and visibility of alcohol has increased with the increase in agency stores and the introduction of wine in grocery stores;

WHEREAS increased availability and visibility of alcohol result in greater consumption rates;

WHEREAS NB Liquor is neither tracking the effects of nor implementing public awareness campaigns along with this increased availability;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's tobacco control strategy has reduced smoking prevalence and lung cancer mortality;

WHEREAS a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing alcohol consumption can help to reduce alcohol harm;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol related injuries and deaths in the province.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Oliver, October 27, 2017.

Petition 2: Mr. Holder, October 27, 2017.

Petition 3: Ms. Shephard, October 27, 2017.

Petition 4: Mr. Fairgrieve, October 31, 2017.

Petition 5: Ms. Shephard, November 1, 2017.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

Correspondence to Kim MacPherson, Auditor General, dated October 13, 2017, from Bill Levesque, President of RDC

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Fraser November 1, 2017)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix A)

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

APPENDIX A**WRITTEN QUESTIONS****Question No. 1 by Mr. Higgs**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier share with the House the expected impact of the carbon tax on New Brunswickers and the economy?

Question No. 2 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier share with the House the economic impact studies on cannabis for New Brunswick?

Question No. 3 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Which other provinces have invested in cannabis producers in Canada, and how much have they invested?

Question No. 4 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Does the Premier know why Dr. Cleary was fired and will he share all available information with the Legislature, does he agree with her dismissal?

Question No. 5 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Will the Premier confirm the Statistics Canada figures that indicate no job growth and a shrinking labour force since he has taken office?

Question No. 6 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

It was learned at Crown Corporations Committee that WorksafeNB was urged to hurry their announcement regarding the premium hike and to make the announcement before the studies were completed. Did the instructions to fast track the announcement regarding premium hikes come from the Premier's Office?

Question No. 7 by Mr. Higgs

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Gallant
Premier of New Brunswick

Has any taxpayer money been given to Sears, whether from ONB, or from any other department, from any program from the Government of the Province of New Brunswick?