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Daily Sitting 55

Tuesday, May 30, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers

Hon. Mr. Green laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "*Healthy Minds*" Breakfast Program Pilot Evaluation, October 1999 - March 2000.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

Debate resumed on Motion 55, moved by Ms. Weir, as follows:

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy acknowledges that his government is proceeding with the sale of NB Power assets in the absence of public debate, public disclosure; or public review; and

WHEREAS in other provinces, such as Nova Scotia, these decisions could not be taken without public review and scrutiny; and

WHEREAS the New Brunswick *Public Utilities Act* only permits the Public Utilities Board to review rate increases by NB Power that exceed 3%, or decisions for significant capital investments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that consideration be given to amending the *Public Utilities Act* to grant the Public Utilities Board powers to review any sale of assets by NB Power to private corporations, or sale of buildings or equipment, plants, leases or other capital holdings.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, advised Members to refrain from using Points of Order for the purpose of interrupting debate.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 55 was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 7

Mr. Blanchard	Mr. Haché	Mr. Richard
Mr. Allaby	Mrs. Mersereau	Ms. Weir
Mr. Lee		

NAYS - 26

Hon. E. Robichaud	Mr. Weston	Ms. Keddy

Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Malley	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Cyr
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Holder	Mr. Ashfield
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Bernard
Mr. J. Betts	Mr. McGraw	Mr. MacKenzie
Mrs. Fowlie	Mr. Steeves	Ms. Dubé
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Alward
Mr. Cosman	Mr. Laforest	

Motions 17, 22, 24, and 36 by Ms. Weir were, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 20, 2000.

Motions 61, 98, 118, 125, and 131, by Mr. S. Graham were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 63 by Mr. Allaby was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motions 80, 100, 121, 135, 136, 137, and 141, by Mrs. Mersereau were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motions 83 and 143, by Mr. Blanchard were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 114 by Mr. C. Thériault was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 127 by Mr. Richard was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 133 by Mr. Lee was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 78 by Mr. Allaby was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Motion 86 by Mr. Richard was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Motion 90 by Mr. Blanchard was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 102 by Mrs. Mersereau was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Motion 103 by Mr. Richard, was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Motion 106 by Mr. S. Graham was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, June 1, 2000.

Motion 107 by Mr. S. Graham was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 111 by Mrs. Mersereau was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 112 by Mr. Haché was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, July 4, 2000.

Motion 115 by Mr. Richard was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motions 116 and 117 by Mr. Haché were, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 128 by Mr. C. Thériault was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 130 by Mr. S. Graham was, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motion 132 and 134 by Mrs. Mersereau were, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Motions 73, 110, 119, and 129 by Ms. Weir were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 75, 113, 138, 139, and 140 by Ms. Weir were, by leave of the House, stood over to Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 142, Mrs. Mersereau moved, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

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 the positions by classification, department and regions which are going to be eliminated in 2000-2001, 2001-2002.

And the question being put a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

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

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, 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 78.1, 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.

And then, 10 o'clock 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:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 100, 121, 136 and 142 - May 26, 2000