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Daily Sitting 2

Wednesday, November 15, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2000.

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Returning from last session: Billy Power, Val D'Amour; Tracy Broadley, Fredericton; and Leanne Murray, Woodstock. The new Pages are: Christine Paré, Gaspé, Québec; Julie Richard, Shediac; Christopher Wilson-Smith, Fredericton; Heather Tilley, Saint John; Kevin Plummer, Surrey, British Columbia; Todd Tingley, Fredericton; Peter McGaw, Fredericton; Erin Garland, Moncton and Renée Bourgoin, Head Page.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to the late John Stewart Brooks, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly for Victoria County (1952-1974), recently deceased.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the period for Oral Questions.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Sherwood,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Mesheau,

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Infirm Persons Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*.

By Hon. Mr. McFarlane,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills be read the second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Thériault gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

WHEREAS health care is of great importance to New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS in seven months since the budget and four months since the eight health care corporations provided spending plans to government, these plans are still secret;

WHEREAS the government announced an extra \$46 million toward hospital corporation projected deficits without making public the corporation spending plans;

WHEREAS the government intends to establish regional health authorities to enhance local input into health care decision-making, without spending plans nor a long-term plan for sustainability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to bring forward forthwith its plans for health care renewal and sustainability as a framework within which the new regional health authorities would be expected to operate.

Mr. Thériault gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

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 budget proposals received by the Department of Health and Wellness from the eight (8) regional hospital corporations for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Thériault:

WHEREAS the government has promised an energy policy to be presented this fall;

WHEREAS one of the most significant energy issues to the people of New Brunswick is the future of NB Power;

WHEREAS comments from the government have suggested that the future of NB Power will not be included in the upcoming energy policy;

WHEREAS no energy policy could be considered comprehensive that does include the future of the province's greatest energy presence;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to include a plan for the future of NB Power in the energy policy to be released this fall.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cyr:

WHEREAS the government successfully sought a mandate to empower people and communities by instituting new elected district education councils; and

WHEREAS the government successfully sought a mandate to empower people and communities by instituting new regional health authorities; and

WHEREAS the government successfully sought a mandate to empower people and communities by instituting new community economic development agencies; and

WHEREAS the government successfully sought a mandate to empower people and communities by holding a referendum on the future of VLT machines in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick endorses the principle that people and communities should be empowered to take an active role in the decisions affecting their lives.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House visitor figures from Kings Landing Historical Settlement and Le Village Historique for the 1999 and 2000 season.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Health and Wellness, copies of any and all letters, correspondence, reports, reviews, analysis, memos, including electronic, on any changes to the services offered at the Woodstock Hospital, or the potential closure of the Woodstock Hospital.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

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 any and all funding or expenditures provided by the Department of Health or the province's regional hospital corporations to the New Brunswick Health Care Association.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, November 21, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Forbes:

WHEREAS the National Research Council has recently selected New Brunswick for the site of its national e-commerce research centre;

AND WHEREAS four New Brunswick municipalities provided high quality submissions to the National Research Council outlining their interests and assets relating to the location of the facility in their community;

AND WHEREAS the submissions of the four municipalities brought together business, academic and government representatives in the spirit of collaboration and pride in their communities and in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick agreed to contribute to the National Research Council project to ensure that all four municipalities are an integral part of the research institute's ongoing activities;

AND WHEREAS the full economic and social benefits offered by the National Research Council's activities in the province will only be realized if everyone involved in the research program, including communities, the business sector, and all levels of government, share a commitment to pursue a spirit of collaboration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick commits to supporting a spirit of collaboration between all involved parties in ensuring the full success of the National Research Council's program and activities in New Brunswick in the years ahead.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, including but not limited to memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, reports since June 21, 1999, regarding the current restructuring of government.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, including but not limited to memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, reports since June 21, 1999, regarding the privatization of veterinary services.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Thériault:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all organizational charts for government departments on March 31, 2000; all organizational charts for government departments as of April 1, 2000; all organizational charts as of November 15, 2000.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

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 documents, including but not limited to memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, reports pertaining to the interdepartmental committee on zoonotic rabies.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House

1. A chart of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (1999-2000) that includes all divisions, branches, commissions, boards, regional offices, programs and services;
2. A list of all the staff employed by the department in 1999;
3. A list of all the staff employed today and an explanation for any changes;
4. A detailed budget for the department in 1999-2000 before the restructuring changes were made by the present government by division, branch, commission, board, regional office, program and services;
5. A list of all the NB/Federal Partnership Agreements and the budgets of each such agreement;
6. A list of all the NB/Private Partnership Agreements and the budgets of each such agreement;
7. The number of loans given and amounts involved;
8. A list of all the subsidies given and the amounts involved;
9. A detailed proposed budget for 2000-01 under the government's restructuring;
10. A list of the individuals on the "Transition Committee" of the government as well as their responsibilities and action plans;
11. A list of all acts and regulations administered by the department before the restructuring and an indication of where the responsibility for those acts and regulations reside after the restructuring;
12. A copy of the 1999 Agriculture Commodities/Farm Organization Directory.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

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 the Program Review in 2000-2001, 2001-2002.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all contracts with Quebec Hydro including those dealing with the Mill Bank Generating Station as well as copies of all correspondence, e-mails, memos, and any other documents relating to the contracts with Quebec Hydro at the Mill Bank Generating Station.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, November 23, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 copy of the registry established for fish plant workers in the Acadian Peninsula including all documentation, correspondence, memorandums, electronic mail relating to or concerning the establishment of the registry, the criteria for eligibility for the registry itself and for eligibility for the training program, and an indication of any employees that were ruled ineligible for such registry with an explanation of any such decision.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until tomorrow at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that second reading of Bills 2 through 9 introduced during the sitting be deferred until Friday, November 17, 2000.

And then, 12.31 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:

Annual Report Atlantic Lottery Corporation 1998-1999 - September 20, 2000
Annual Report Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne 1999-2000 - October 26, 2000
Annual Report Department of Finance - November 1, 2000
Annual Report Department of Human Resources Development-NB - November 1, 2000
Annual Report Kings Landing Corporation 1998-1999 - September 18, 2000
Annual Report Labour and Employment Board 1999 - 2000 - November 2, 2000
Annual Report Municipal Statistics for 2000 - July 17, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation - October 25, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Liquor Corporation - August 18, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation - October 20, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Museum 1998-1999 - September 29, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Power Corporation - 1999-2000 August 10, 2000
Annual Report New Brunswick Tire Stewardship Board 1999 - September 27, 2000
Annual Report Office of the Comptroller 1999-2000 - November 1, 2000
Annual Report Office of the Ombudsman 1998-99 - September 8, 2000
Annual Report Region 7 Hospital Corporation 1999-2000 - July 19, 2000
Annual Report Research and Productivity Council 1999-2000 - November 2, 2000
Annual Report Service New Brunswick 1999-2000 - October 13, 2000
Annual Report Youth Council of New Brunswick - October 24, 2000

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Atlantic Lottery Corporation Shareholders' Agreement - August 10, 2000

Members' Expenses Report 1999-2000 - November 6, 2000