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Daily Sitting 23

Saturday, March 3, 2001.

3 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following Statement:

STATEMENT

Honourable Members:

Prior to adjourning on December 20, 2000, the House adopted the following motion:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, 2001, 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.

Yesterday, I was informed by the Honourable the Premier, on behalf of the government, that the province's hospital workers had entered into a legal strike position and that strike action had begun.

The Premier advised that strike action by hospital support workers would have an immediate and serious effect on the ability of provincial hospitals to deliver important health services to the citizens of New Brunswick, and that a walkout of any duration would stand to cause severe and undue disruption within the province's health care system.

The Premier requested that I consider recalling the House immediately to consider back-to-work legislation.

Accordingly, being satisfied that the public interest did so warrant, and in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted December 20, 2000, Notice was issued by me yesterday, calling the House into session on Saturday, March 3rd, 2001 at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

I am tabling the letter from the Premier, dated March 2, 2001, and the Notice issued by me, dated March 2, 2001.

Hon. Mr. Harrison laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

Letter from Hon. Bernard Lord, Premier, dated March 2, 2001, requesting that the Speaker, Hon. Bev Harrison, recall the House to Saturday, March 3, 2001.

Notice of Hon. Bev Harrison, Speaker, to all Members that it is in the public interest that the House meet at an earlier time during the adjournment and that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick shall meet on Saturday, March 3, 2001, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon to transact business.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, laid upon the table of the House the returns of votes polled in the electoral districts of Campbellton and Caraquet in the by-election held February 25, 2001.

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

RESOLVED, that the returns be entered in the Journals of the House.

And they are as follows:

**RETURNS OF THE ELECTION
FOR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001**

CAMPBELLTON

Jean F. Dubé (PC) 3,541
Arnold Firlotte (Liberal) 2,314
Claude J. Albert (NDP) 195
GLADYS SWAN
Returning Officer

CARAQUET

Gaston Moore (PC) 4,122
Roberta Dugas (Liberal) 3,432
Gérard Béland (NDP) 188
AURÉLIEN LANTEIGNE
Returning Officer

Mr. Jean Dubé, member-elect for the electoral district of Campbellton, and Mr. Gaston Moore, member-elect for the electoral district of Caraquet, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, were introduced by the Honourable the Premier and took their seats in the House.

During the Oral Question Period, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised Members that the decision to close the building and public galleries was made in consultation with security staff and that the subsequent decision to keep the House open to the public was made at the urging of all parties.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the period for oral questions by ten minutes.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Betts,

Bill 30, *An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Certain Public Services in the Public Service*.

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

Hon. Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

THAT effective immediately upon the adoption of this Special Order of the House, the House shall meet at 8.30 o'clock a.m. each day of the week, including Saturday, Sunday and Monday, until such time as consideration of Bill 30, *An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Certain Public Services in the Public Service*, has been concluded; and

THAT the House not adjourn on any day except pursuant to a motion of the House.

Hon. Mr. Green gave notice of Motion 43 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

THAT, notwithstanding the Rules of the Assembly, and following the adoption of this motion, there shall be ten hours allocated to the consideration of the motion for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Ensure the Continuation of Certain Public Services in the Public Service*, and at the expiration of the ten hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order; and,

THAT there shall be ten hours allocated to the consideration of the said Bill in the Committee of the Whole, and at the expiration of ten hours, unless sooner concluded, the question on any amendments shall be put forthwith and decided without amendments or debate, and the Chairman shall put every question necessary to dispose of every section of the Bill not yet passed, and shall report the Bill forthwith to the House; and,

THAT there shall be three hours allocated to consideration of the motion for third reading of the said Bill, and at the expiration of three hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for third reading of the Bill; and,

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 44(1), consideration of the Bill, pursuant to this motion, be a Special Order of the Assembly to be called immediately after Orders of the Day.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 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 from the Office of the Premier, the Minister of Finance, or the Minister of Health, copies of all correspondence, including electronic, memos, reports, or any other document relating to the contract negotiations between the Government of New Brunswick and the province's hospital workers for the period February 2nd to March 2nd, 2001.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 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 copies of any and all correspondence, including electronic, or any other document, between the Office of the Premier, Minister of Health, and Minister of Finance and the Chair of the Labour and Employment Board for the period February 2nd to March 2nd, 2001.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 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 copies of any and all correspondence, including electronic, or any other document between the Office of the Premier, the Minister of Health, and/or, the Minister of Finance and the province's regional hospital corporations for the period of February 2nd to March 2nd, 2001.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Sunday, March 4, 2001, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Hon. Mr. Green requested the unanimous consent of the House to proceed immediately to second reading of Bill 30, and unanimous consent was denied.

And then, 4.22 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 2, 6, 7, 9 - November 21, 2000
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 10, 13, 16 - November 22, 2000
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 5, 15 - November 23, 2000
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 21, 25 - November 29, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motions 14, 18 - November 30, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 12 - December 5, 2000
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 26, 28 - December 7, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 20 - December 8, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 11 - December 15, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 34 - December 19, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 27 - December 22, 2000
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 35 - January 16, 2001
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 37 - January 24, 2001
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 20 - January 26, 2001
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 38 - February 1, 2001

Other

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Annual Report Region 3 Hospital Corporation 1999/2000 - December 22, 2000
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