

Tuesday, December 4, 2001.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Saint Charles - Acadieville area urging the Department of Transportation to chip seal one kilometre at the Blanchard trail in Aldouane. (Petition 4)

During Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Hon. Mr. Green raised a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition, in introducing a guest, had gone beyond the scope of that item of routine proceedings.

Mr. Speaker cautioned Members to respect the parameters established for this item of business.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time,

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Transportation of Primary Forest Products Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Blaney,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act.*

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

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, 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 copies of all documentation whatsoever, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, memorandums, minutes of meetings and/or reports between the Department of Environment and Local Government, the Department of Finance and the municipalities dealing with the issue of assessment roll back for mills.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following third reading and Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 4 and 5.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS the mandate of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations holds public hearings related to Crown Corporations;

AND WHEREAS NB Power is the largest Crown Corporation in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the decisions NB Power must make regarding three major development projects are very important to the people of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS NB Power CEO James Hankinson has expressed his desire to appear before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations prior to his retirement in January;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Hankinson possesses a wealth of experience from his five years as CEO of NB Power that would be beneficial in helping the members and the public to better understand the issues concerning the future of NB Power and the three development projects in question;

AND WHEREAS providing the people of New Brunswick with a better understanding with the issues concerning NB Power and the three major development projects would be consistent with this government's pledge to be open and transparent;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to call Mr. Hankinson to appear before the committee prior to December 31, 2001 .

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 2 was negatived on the following recorded division:

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Mrs. Mersereau  
Mr. Allaby  
Mr. Richard

Mr. Lee  
Mr. Haché

Mr. S. Graham  
Mr. Kennedy

## NAYS - 27

Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Cosman	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Carr	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Ashfield
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. McFarlane	Mr. Forbes	Ms. M. Dubé
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. Holder	Mr. Alward
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. McGraw	Mr. J. Dubé
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Moore
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Laforest	Mr. Williams

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Richard, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau, moved:

WHEREAS Noranda's decision to terminate mining activities in New Brunswick is sad news for Bathurst and the economy of all New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the government will have to do something about the loss of revenues and jobs that comes with Noranda's decision to close down;

WHEREAS the government will have to be very creative and put measures in place to revitalize and diversify the economy in areas depending on mining as a prime source of income;

WHEREAS Noranda has accumulated a vast bank of technical exploration data over the past 50 years;

WHEREAS, a few years ago, an Ontario mining company, Gold Corporation, allowed access to its files for other firms which wanted to use its data;

WHEREAS the government of Ontario recently bought information from mining companies in order to make it available to people in the exploration field;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to convince Noranda to freely, graciously and with great speed make its entire compiled database, both digital and hard copy, for Bathurst Camp, publicly available;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Noranda make its currently held claims readily available to bonafide companies under readily acceptable option terms.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

During the debate, Mrs. Mersereau raised a point of order stating that she considered certain comments of Mr. Bernard to be a personal attack. Several Members spoke on the Point of Order. Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker advised that he would review the transcript and report to the House if necessary. Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, urged Members to avoid attributing motives to other Members.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. J. Dubé, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended by:

Deleting the second WHEREAS clause in its entirety and substituting therefore:

“WHEREAS all levels of government, the community, and the various stakeholders will need to work together to deal with the loss of revenues and jobs as a result of this decision;”

By deleting the words “the government” in the third WHEREAS clause and substituting instead “these groups”

By deleting the fifth and following clauses in their entirety and adding the following in their place:

“WHEREAS Noranda has already made 95% of its exploration information from the Bathurst Camp available;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the various groups involved to continue to seek for innovative ways in which the acquired knowledge from exploration in the Bathurst Camp can be used to develop new opportunities for the people of the Bathurst region.”

And the question being put, Mr. Allaby stood on a point of order and submitted that the amendment was out of order as it negated the intent of the original motion.

Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order as it did not negate the original motion and served to make the motion more acceptable to the House.

Debate resumed on the proposed amendment.

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

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

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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, 6 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:

<i>New Brunswick Police Commission 2000-2001</i>	November 26, 2001
<i>Annual Report Department of Education</i>	November 29, 2001
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 28	November 26, 2001