
Tuesday, December 11, 2001.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. McFarlane,

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Blaney,

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Private Investigators and Security Services Act.*

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

At the request of Hon. Mr. Green, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the House recess for a short period. Accordingly, at 2.32 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a short recess and left the chair.

2.59 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, he 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 breakdown of all hospital equipment purchased under the Medical Equipment Fund indicating the date of purchase, the amount and for what hospital the equipment was purchased.

Mr. J. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 46 that with leave of the House, On Tuesday, December 11, 2001, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS the federal Minister of Finance tabled a budget on December 10th, 2001; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Minister of Finance had identified balancing the budget, carrying through on promised tax cuts, high-way infrastructure, health care and equalization as 5 key priority areas that needed to be addressed in the federal budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognize the federal government's commitment to

deliver a balanced budget that will carry through on promised tax cuts in light of the country's economic situation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick call on the federal government to immediately release the details of their commitment to assist the province in completing the twinning of the TransCanada Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick express its concern that the federal government did not reflect the input of all provincial governments in setting the priorities of this budget, namely in the areas of health care and equalization.

Mr. Allaby advised that the official opposition would be willing to give unanimous consent for Mr. Dubé to move Motion 46 at this sitting, provided that debate on Motion 3 is first concluded and that debate on Motion 46 would be concluded by the end of Private Member's Motions today.

Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the 2002 - 2003 Capital Estimates of the Department of Education.

Debate resumed on the subamendment to Motion 3, moved by Mr. Haché, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau, as follows:

SUBAMENDMENT

THAT the amendment to Motion 3 be amended by adding in the fifth sentence after the word "available" the words "in hard copy" and by adding after the sixth sentence or resolved clause the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to ask Noranda to make its assessment data which has or is to be filed in hard copy according to the provisions of the *Mining Act* be made available in digital format as soon as possible.

And after some time, the debate being ended and the question being put, the subamendment was negatived.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 3, moved by Hon. Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. J. Dubé, as follows:

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, the amendment was carried.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 3 as amended as follows:

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

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;

WHEREAS these groups 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 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, Motion 3 as amended was carried.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the required notice and permit Mr. Dubé to move Motion 46 forthwith, provided that debate on the motion concludes within the time allotted for Private Members' Motions.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 46 Mr. J. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Alward, moved:

WHEREAS the federal Minister of Finance tabled a budget on December 10th, 2001; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Minister of Finance had identified balancing the budget, carrying through on promised tax cuts, high-way infrastructure, health care and equalization as 5 key priority areas that needed to be addressed in the federal budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognize the federal government's commitment to deliver a balanced budget that will carry through on promised tax cuts in light of the country's economic situation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick call on the federal government to immediately release the details of their commitment to assist the province in completing the twinning of the TransCanada Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick express its concern that the federal government did not reflect the input of all provincial governments in setting the priorities of this budget, namely in the areas of health care and equalization.

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.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 46 was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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 then 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.