
Thursday, May 2, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Furlong laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Teacher Supply / Demand, Province of New Brunswick, December 2001*.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. N. Betts,
Bill 42, *Common Business Identifier Act*

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

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

Debate resumed on Motion 6, moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS one of the five areas on which the government was supposed to focus after the June 7, 1999 election was creating new job opportunities;

AND WHEREAS these new job opportunities have yet to materialize;

AND WHEREAS this government is not economically proactive and New Brunswick is no longer one of the places where outside businesses choose to do business and set up;

AND WHEREAS this government simply took advantage of the favourable world economic situation of the past few years to blow its own trumpet as regards the economy;

AND WHEREAS the government blames the events of September 11 and unfavourable world economic conditions to explain its lack of vision and leadership as regards job creation;

AND WHEREAS the government's sectoral strategies for achieving greater economic development have yet to materialize;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature condemn the government's poor record on economic development and job creation.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Steeves moved in amendment, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended by:

Adding the following clause preceding the first whereas clause:

“WHEREAS economic growth and job creation in the province were stagnant in the twelve years leading up to the June 7th 1999 election, and”

Mr. Speaker having put the question, rose and advised the House that preambles were an accepted practise of the House, could be amended and, accordingly, the amendment was in order.

Mr. Allaby rose on a point of order and suggested that an amendment moved by a Member who did not support the original motion might not be in order.

Mr. Speaker stated that the chair could not infer a Member’s support or opposition to a motion and therefore ruled the point of order not well taken.

Debate resumed on the amendment.

And after some time, Ms. Dubé sought the unanimous consent of the House to continue speaking beyond the 20 minutes allotted under the Standing Rules and unanimous consent was denied.

Hon. Mr. Mockler rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Edmundston had already sought and received the unanimous consent of the House to continue speaking.

Mr. Speaker ruled that a request for unanimous consent must be directed through the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced 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, Mr. Dubé took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur was being repetitious in debate.

The Chairman ruled that the Member could proceed with questioning and that the Chair would be cognizant of the rules regarding relevance and repetition in debate.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting 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 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.