
Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Alward, Member for Woodstock, laid upon the table of the House a petition requesting that the government place fencing on Route 7 to curb the moose-vehicle collisions. (Petition 6)

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Tuesday, December 24, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Shawn Graham:

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 owned or leased government vehicles used by Members of the Executive Council and ministerial staff indicating the make and year of each vehicle and to which person it is assigned.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Tuesday, December 24, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Shawn Graham:

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 current policy regarding the use of government owned or leased vehicles to Members of the Executive Council and the ministerial staff.

Hon. Paul Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 70 that on Friday, December 20, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

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| Tuesday | 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. |
| | 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. |
| | 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. |
| | 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. |
| Friday | 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. |
| | 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. |

That this Special Order shall come into effect on the first sitting day following the conclusion of the budget debate and shall remain in effect until such time as the House has concluded its consideration of the estimates in the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Paul Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would proceed to the order of Private Members' Motions. With unanimous consent, the House would proceed immediately to the debate on Motion 66 and upon conclusion, to the resumption of the debate on Motion 1, following which, the House would resume the budget debate.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *Statute Revision Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *Statute Revision Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the debate on Motion 1 be set aside and that Mr. Shawn Graham be permitted to move Motion 66.

Accordingly, pursuant to Notice of Motion 66, Mr. Shawn Graham, seconded by Mr. Haché, moved:

WHEREAS highway infrastructure has been cited as a key to economic development in Northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS Routes 17 and 11 are critical components of this infrastructure;

WHEREAS the Premier has stated his willingness to seek a 50-50 federal-provincial agreement for improving this highway;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support in principle a 50-50 federal-provincial agreement of \$180 million for the improvement of Route 17 and Route 11.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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. Richard raised a point of order that the Member for Albert should withdraw a hand gesture purposefully made toward one of the Member's opposite.

Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, stated that as he had not witnessed any such gesture, he therefore could not rule on the matter.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Mockler, seconded by Hon. Elvy Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 66 be amended by:

Adding the words "is a component of one of the cornerstones in *Greater Opportunity: New Brunswick's Prosperity Plan* and" after the word "infrastructure" in the first WHEREAS clause

Adding the words "as trade corridors for northern and eastern New Brunswick;" after the word "infrastructure" in the second WHEREAS clause

Deleting the third WHEREAS clause and inserting in its place:

"WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 were neglected from 1987 to 1999;

WHEREAS the governments of Canada and New Brunswick have demonstrated the value of partnership in upgrading highways in this province, most recently with the announcement of a new \$400 Million, 50/50 cost shared agreement to complete the twinning of the Trans Canada Highway,

WHEREAS the Coalition des maires du nord du Nouveau-Brunswick, a coalition of mayors along both of these routes from St. Leonard across northern New Brunswick to Shediac, have endorsed routes 11 and 17 as their priorities for highway upgrading;

WHEREAS there have been public statements by the federal Cabinet Minister for New Brunswick, Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, indicating her commitment to investing \$90 Million in federal funds in improving routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS the Premier publicly stated that the Province is prepared to sign a 50/50 deal with Ottawa to improve routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS a letter was sent to Hon. Claudette Bradshaw and Hon. David Collenette indicating that the Province is prepared to proceed with negotiations towards a \$180 Million, 50/50 cost shared, 5 year agreement for improvements to routes 11 and 17;

Adding the following words to the end of the resolution after the words “Route 11”: “and calls upon the Government of Canada to proceed immediately with negotiations with the Province.”

And the question being put on the amendment, Mr. Richard raised a point of order that the proposed amendment was out of order as it did not materially amend the original motion.

Several Members spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, referred to Marleau and Montpetit's *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* at page 452 which states:

A motion in amendment arises out of debate and is proposed either to modify the original motion in order to make it more acceptable to the House or to present a different proposition as an alternative to the original.

Accordingly, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, ruled the amendment to be in order.

And a debate ensuing on the proposed amendment, after some time, Mr. Haché raised a point of order that the Minister of Transportation had referred to a Member by name and not by riding as is the tradition of the House.

Several Members spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, stated that it is the custom in the House that no Member refer to another by name.

Debate continued on the proposed amendment to Motion 66.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Haché, moved the following sub-amendment to the proposed amendment to Motion 66:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 66 be amended as follows:

By deleting “WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 were neglected from 1987 to 1999,”

Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired and he would therefore defer ruling on the admissibility of the proposed sub-amendment until Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the debate on the motion (Motion 54),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

And after some further time, the Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

Hon. Elvy Robichaud requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the hours of daily sitting and unanimous consent was denied.

Mr. Allaby rose on a point of order that the hours of daily sitting can not be extended once the Speaker has announced that the time has expired.

Mr. Speaker stated that once the expiration of time as been announced, the House is technically adjourned and all motions other than a motion to adjourn the House, are out of order.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.