
Thursday, December 19, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Green extended the condolences of the House to the family of the Member for Western Charlotte on the death of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Huntjens.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 9(2), Mrs. Mersereau rose on a question of privilege concerning the infringement of a Member's rights and concluded her remarks by giving notice of her intention to move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS, when the rights of one Member are infringed, the rights of all Members are infringed;

WHEREAS Rule 59 of the *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly* provides that, when the Speaker is in the Chair, no Member shall speak for more than 40 minutes at a time in any debate;

WHEREAS Hansard records the duration of debates in the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS all Members should be treated equitably and fairly, without regard to their political affiliation;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2002, during debate on the amendment to Motion 54, the Leader of the New Democratic Party and Member for Saint John Harbour rose in the House to deliver her speech on the amendment to Motion 54;

WHEREAS her speech was interrupted by the Deputy Speaker, who ruled that the time allocated for the speech by the Member for Saint John Harbour had elapsed;

WHEREAS, according to the Hansard recording, the Member for Saint John Harbour still had seven minutes left;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Speaker grant the Member for Saint John Harbour the time allocated under the Standing Rules of the House and provide her with an opportunity to complete her speech in the Legislative Assembly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker ensure that time allocation is respected in the future.

After hearing comment from the Government House Leader, Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement and report back to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, 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 all documents, memos, reports, studies, letters and/or e-mails regarding the construction of the physician recruitment and retention web site including who maintains the web site, the total cost to date of the project, who designed the web site and when did the work on the web site begin.

Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, 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 the number of vacant FTEs of all physician positions including all specialists in New Brunswick as of December 2, 2002.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading and Private Members' Motions, the House would resume the budget debate.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Repeal the Fiscal Stabilization Fund*, a debate arose thereon.

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. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

With the unanimous consent of the House, it was agreed to adjourn the debate on second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Repeal the Fiscal Stabilization Fund*, and to dispense with the time reserved for Private Members' Motions.

At 4.16 o'clock p.m., Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, declared a recess and left the chair.

5.35 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order of the Day for resuming the debate on the amendment to the Motion (Motion 54), That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, proposed by Mr. Richard and seconded by Mr. Shawn Graham, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 54 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following:

WHEREAS the Government has made unrealistic revenue and expenditure projections in the 2003-2004 budget;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has exhausted the Fiscal Stabilization Fund to cover up a deficit in Ordinary Account expenditures;

WHEREAS it has become apparent that this Government is heading down the road of deficit financing;

WHEREAS this Government does not provide any means to protect the people of New Brunswick from rising automobile insurance rates and in fact they intend to increase its revenue base from taxes on rising insurance premiums;

WHEREAS this budget does not adequately address the recruitment and retention of Health Care Professionals;

BE IT RESOLVED that this government lacks the confidence of this Legislative Assembly.

The debate was resumed.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, and a recorded vote having been requested, it was agreed that the division bells be rung for two minutes instead of the allotted ten-minutes.

Accordingly, the proposed amendment to Motion 54 was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 6

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Shawn Graham	Mr. Haché
Mr. Richard	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy

NAYS - 40

Hon. Norman Betts	Mrs. Fowlie	Mr. Landry
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Lord	Ms. Poirier	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Cosman	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. Carr	Mr. Cyr

Hon. Elvy Robichaud	Mr. Malley	Mr. Ashfield
Hon. Mr. Furlong	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mrs. Blaney	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. MacKenzie
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Forbes	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. Holder	Mr. Alward
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Jean Dubé
Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Moore
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams
Mr. John Betts		

Debate resumed on the motion THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government (Motion 54).

And the debate being ended and the question being put, and a recorded vote having been requested, it was agreed that the division bells be rung for two minutes instead of the allotted ten-minutes.

Accordingly, Motion 54 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 40

Hon. Norman Betts	Mrs. Fowlie	Mr. Landry
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Lord	Ms. Poirier	Ms. Keddy
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Hon. Elvy Robichaud	Mr. Malley	Mr. Ashfield
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Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Moore
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams
Mr. John Betts		

NAYS - 7

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Richard	Mr. Haché	Ms. Weir
Mr. Shawn Graham		

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Green, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty forthwith.

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

And after some time spent therein, 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, proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Bernard moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord,

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Green requested that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

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

RESOLVED, that consideration of Estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

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

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report Atlantic Health Sciences
Corporation 2001-2002
and Financial Statements

December 18, 2002