
Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Richard rose on a Question of Privilege and submitted that refusing to table the pilot log records of the New Brunswick government plane requested in Motion 64, and subsequently providing the same information to *The Daily Gleaner* for an article that appeared on January 11, 2003, was a breach of privilege.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Mr. Speaker introduced Marian Johnston, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees in the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, who is on attachment for two weeks with the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 87 that on Tuesday, January 21, 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 any information, documentation, reports and other materials or research which the Minister of Health and Wellness relied on or referred to in the media reports which indicated a data base on prescription drugs would cost \$50 million.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Department of Training and Employment Development.

Debate resumed on the proposed sub-amendment to the amendment to Motion 66 moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 66 be amended as follows:

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

"WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 are in need of further upgrading;"

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was negated on the following recorded division.

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Mr. Richard	Mr. Lee	Mr. Allaby
Mr. Shawn Graham	Mr. Haché	Mr. Kennedy

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Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Malley	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Dale Graham	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Savoie
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Forbes	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Holder	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Mr. John Betts	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Alward
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Jean Dubé
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Landry	Mr. Moore
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Laforest	Mr. Williams
Mr. Cosman	Ms. Keddy	

Prior to resuming the debate on the amendment to Motion 66, Mr. Deputy Speaker requested Members to avoid using the term “hypocrite” and to avoid reference to Members by their name and not their constituency.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 66 moved by Hon. Mr. Mockler, seconded by Hon. Elvy Robichaud, as follows:

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

And after some further time, Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Richard, moved a sub-amendment, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 66 be amended as follows:

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

"WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 are in need of further significant reconstruction;"

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the question of privilege submitted by Mr. Richard earlier in the day:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

At this time, I will make reference to a notice of privilege that was put forward earlier today by the member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé.

It is a well-established practice that announcements made outside the House cannot be the subject of a question of privilege. In looking at Motion 64, I observed that the request in the motion seemed to go well beyond any information that appeared to be released to the media. Normally, leased aircraft are the responsibility of the

Department of Transportation and chartered aircraft are the responsibility of all the departments, and you have to glean more information, which, it appears to me, would take longer to do.

Having made this observation, it is also a well-established practice that in order to allow members to carry out their parliamentary duties and make public as much factual information as possible, government papers and documents should generally be produced on notices of motions in a reasonable time. That reasonable time may very well be now. It seems that the motion was brought in on December 12, which was before the Christmas break.

That having been said, it is not the role of the Speaker to decide which documents must be tabled or whether all documents have been tabled. As such, I find this matter to involve a question of courtesy, as I indicated before, on December 9, 1999, and not a question of privilege.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Bernard in 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. Bernard resumed 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, 9.56 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:

Annual Report, Provincial Holdings Ltd.	January 10, 2003
Documents requested in	
Notices of Motions 53 and 68	January 10, 2003