

Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation, in particular Bill 30.

The House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

At 11.13 o'clock a.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

11.24 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

Debate resumed on the following amendment to Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, moved by Mr. Allaby:

AMENDMENT

That section 3 of the Bill be amended by adding after subsection (8) the following:

“3(9) Notwithstanding subsection (7) the Corporation is a Crown Corporation.”

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS – 6

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Shawn Graham	Mr. Allaby	Ms. Weir

NAYS - 21

Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Carr	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Cyr
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Malley	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. Stiles	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Alward
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Moore
Mr. Cosman	Mr. Landry	Mr. Williams

Debate resumed on the following amendment to Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, moved by Ms. Weir:

AMENDMENT

That section 3 of the Bill be amended by adding after subsection (4) the following:

“3(4.1) No person other than Her Majesty in right of the Province or an agent of Her Majesty in the right of the Province shall hold or acquire any or all of the shares of any class of shares created pursuant to subsection (4).”

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS – 6

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Shawn Graham	Mr. Allaby	Ms. Weir

NAYS – 19

Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Malley	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Stiles	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Alward
Ms. Poirer	Mr. Landry	Mr. Moore
Mr. Cosman	Mr. Cyr	Mr. Williams
Mr. Carr		

With unanimous consent, the House reverted back to Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages.

Mr. Holder welcomed to the House Peter MacKay, federal Member of Parliament for Pictou-Antigonish.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard took the chair.

Debate resumed on the following amendment to Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, moved by Ms. Weir:

AMENDMENT

That section 3 of the Bill be amended by adding after subsection (8) the following:

“3(9) Notwithstanding section 123 of the *Business Corporations Act*, no amalgamation shall take place of the NB Power Holding Corporation and one or more of its wholly-owned subsidiary corporations without approval of the Legislative Assembly.”

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

	YEAS – 4	
Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Allaby	Ms. Weir
Mr. Lee		
	NAYS – 21	
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Jordan	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Malley	Mr. Cyr
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Stiles	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Mr. Forbes	Ms. Dubé
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Holder	Mr. Alward
Mr. Cosman	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Moore
Mr. Carr	Mr. Landry	Mr. Williams

Debate resumed on the motion that section 3 of Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, stand as amended.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion that section 3 of Bill 30 stand as amended was carried on the following recorded division:

	YEAS – 25	
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Landry
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Malley	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Stiles	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Cyr
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Forbes	Mr. MacKenzie
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Holder	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Ms. Poirer	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Alward
Mr. Cosman	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams
Mr. Carr		
	NAYS – 5	
Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Allaby	Ms. Weir
Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy	

Ms. Weir rose on a point of order and submitted that the request for a recorded division on the motion that section 3 of Bill 30 stand as amended was not in order as it was not made in a timely manner. Ms. Weir also requested that the chair review the video of the request for a recorded division. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the request for a recorded division to be in order.

And after some time Mr. Ashfield took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee reports, reported:

February 7, 2003 That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 30, *Electricity Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker 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, 6.02 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.