
Wednesday, December 10, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members that this item of business should not be used for political argument or debate.

Mr. Targett gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Brewer:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Burke gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Justice.

Mr. Murphy gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Family and Community Services.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Regional Development Corporation.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Paulin:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Office of Human Resources.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Intergovernmental and International Relations.

Mr. Brewer gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Supply and Services.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Energy.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all revenues and expenditures for Larry's Gulch fishing lodge for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House proceed to the order of second reading, following which, there would be discussion with the Opposition with regard to the order in which further business of the House would be taken up.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 19, 2003, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 30, 2004, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

The order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Ms. Weir rose on a point of order and expressed concern that the woman who had chained herself to the Legislature earlier during the day had been charged after her removal and submitted that this matter did not warrant charges, given the tradition of peaceful protesting in New Brunswick.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the issue was not a point of order but a concern and informed the House that the Office of the Speaker had responsibility for security within the precincts.

Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the appropriate authorities had been called to handle the matter and that the Speaker would express his concerns and those of the Assembly regarding the appropriate course of action that should be taken to resolve the matter.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

Debate resumed on the motion for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Saint John Champlain should direct his comments through the chair. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Hon. Ms. Fowlie rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Moncton North was referring to a Minister in an unparliamentary manner. Mr. Deputy Speaker cautioned Members against making personal attacks.

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

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

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

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

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

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick - Volume 1 - 2003	December 9, 2003
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick - Highlights - Volume 1 - 2003	December 9, 2003