
Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. S. Graham,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Fowlie,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 44, *Securities Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Ashfield,

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills be read a second time at the next sitting.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into further consideration the estimates for the Department of Finance.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre moved:

WHEREAS the annual budget of the Department of Health comprises the largest percentage of the New Brunswick provincial budget;

WHEREAS the report of the Health Services Review Committee highlighted the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

WHEREAS the report of the Premier's Health Quality Council reinforced the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

AND WHEREAS the final report of the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada recommends the establishment of accountability as the sixth principle of the *Canada Health Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly endorse the addition of "Accountability" as the sixth principle of the *Canada Health Act*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to encourage other governments to support the addition of this sixth principle.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some time, Hon. E. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Volpé, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended by:

adding the following two clauses after the fourth “Whereas” clause:

“AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the provinces entered into Medicare funding on a 50:50 basis;

AND WHEREAS today the federal government only provides 16.5% of funding for Medicare services, while the Romanow report recommends a minimum of 18%, increasing to 25%;

and by deleting all the words after “BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED” and replacing them with the following:

“that the Legislative Assembly endorses “accountability to Canadians” as a principle to be added to the *Canada Health Act*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly also endorses the concept of “sustainability of federal funding” as another principle of the *Canada Health Act*, to ensure accountability for both health spending and health funding.”

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 3.01 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, declared a recess and left the chair.

3.15 o'clock p.m.

Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 3.

And after some time, Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre, moved a sub-amendment, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 3 be amended by:

In the first resolution clause, after the word “accountability” removing “to Canadians”.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 3.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, declared a recess and left the chair

3.38 o'clock p.m.

Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to the amendment to Motion 3.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the sub-amendment was negatived.

The debate being ended on the amendment to Motion 3, the Speaker put the question and the amendment was carried.

Debate resumed on Motion 3 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the annual budget of the Department of Health comprises the largest percentage of the New Brunswick provincial budget;

WHEREAS the report of the Health Services Review Committee highlighted the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

WHEREAS the report of the Premier's Health Quality Council reinforced the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

AND WHEREAS the final report of the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada recommends the establishment of accountability as the sixth principle of the *Canada Health Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, and the provinces entered into Medicare funding on a 50:50 basis;

AND WHEREAS today the federal government only provides 16.5% of funding for Medicare services, while the Romanov Report recommends a minimum of 18%, increasing to 25%;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly endorses "accountability to Canadians" as a principle to be added to the *Canada Health Act*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly also endorses the concept of "sustainability of federal funding" as another principle of the *Canada Health Act*, to ensure accountability for both health spending and health funding.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, 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, 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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 52

April 16, 2004