
Friday, May 7, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers

Mrs. Dubé, Minister of Education and MLA for Edmundston, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the north-western region of the province expressing opposition to the proposal by Bennett Environmental to incinerate at Belledune contaminated soil from as far away as Texas and their opposition to the transportation of such contaminated materials across the province. (Petition 34)

Mr. Sherwood, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills met in an organizational session on August 6, 2003.

On motion of Mr. Holder, Mr. Sherwood was elected Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Holder, Mr. Betts was elected Vice-Chairman.

Your Committee met again on May 4, 2004, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists,*

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 41, *An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists,* which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. Betts, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Milt Sherwood, M.L.A.
Chairman

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the Report of the Committee and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 92 that on Thursday, May 13, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

WHEREAS the budget tabled in this House on March 30, 2004, depicted a grave financial situation in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Government has announced that 750 job cuts will be forthcoming in the Civil Service;

WHEREAS Members of the Legislative Assembly are also in the service of the public, and;

WHEREAS there has been a 2.5% increase in the salaries of MLAs and increases in the per diem rate for committee work;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House overturn the decision of the Legislative Administration Committee taken on December 18, 2003, with respect to committee pay for Members of the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 2.5 % wage increase on MLAs base salary be rolled back, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this House urge the Government to establish a Commission made up of academics and members of the private sector that shall be charged with determining future rates of remuneration for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. S. Graham requested the unanimous consent of the House to dispense with notice and debate the resolution at today's sitting of the House, which was denied.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education.

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

And after some time spent therein, it was agreed by unanimous consent to recess the House between 12.30 o'clock p.m. to 1.30 o'clock p.m. and to adjourn at 3 o'clock p.m.

And after some further time, the Chairman left the chair to resume at 1 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. C. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some further 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, 3 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.