
Thursday, May 20, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers

Mr. Sherwood from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 20, 2004.

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 Second Report of the session.

Your Committee met on May 18, 2004, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act.*

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 48, *An Act to Incorporate Firecrest Hambro Trust Corporation Canada Limited.*

and reports that they have made certain progress therein.

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.

Milton Sherwood, MLA.
Chairman.

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

Hon. P. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition had used unparliamentary language. Accordingly, the remarks were withdrawn, at the request of Mr. Speaker.

Hon. P. Robichaud announced it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Murphy, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS one in 500 children is affected by autism;

WHEREAS in the case of *Auton v. British Columbia*, the BC Court of Appeal ruled that British Columbia's failure to provide effective treatment for a child with autism was a violation of that child's rights under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in possession of the report *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* from the Interdepartmental Committee on Services to Persons with Autism which was completed in November 2001;

AND WHEREAS the window of maximum recovery closes each day on New Brunswick children who go without treatment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to implement the recommendations of *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* forthwith and immediately.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

THAT Motion 8 be amended by:

Adding after the third "WHEREAS" clause, an additional clause that states the following:

"WHEREAS government has responded to a number of the key recommendations in the report *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick*, through a \$2.8 million annual investment which provides funding for evidence-based services for preschool age children, a training initiative to develop provincial capacity to deliver quality services to these children and support to community centers through funding projects and initiatives;" and

In the resolution clause, by adding the following words between the words “government” and “to”:

“to continue its current investment of \$2.8 M annually”.

And the question being put, Mr. Lamrock rose on a Point of Order and submitted, citing §568. of *Beauchesne’s Parliamentary Rules & Forms, 6th Edition*, that the amendment was not in order as it was neither intelligible nor consistent with itself.

At 2.45 o’clock p.m., Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement and declared a recess and left the chair.

3 o’clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and ruled the amendment to Motion 8 was both relevant to the question on which the amendment was proposed and was consistent as it provided additional information for the House to consider. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed amendment to Motion 8 to be in order.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

Mr. Lamrock rose on a Point of Order and submitted that the Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée had used unparliamentary language. Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, cautioned all Members against the use of unparliamentary language.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 8 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS one in 500 children is affected by autism;

WHEREAS in the case of *Auton v. British Columbia*, the BC Court of Appeal ruled that British Columbia’s failure to provide effective treatment for a child with autism was a violation of that child’s rights under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in possession of the report *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* from the Interdepartmental Committee on Services to Persons with Autism which was completed in November 2001;

WHEREAS government has responded to a number of the key recommendations in the report *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick*, through a \$2.8 million annual investment which provides funding for evidence-based services for preschool age children, a training initiative to develop provincial capacity to deliver quality services to these children and support to community centers through funding projects and initiatives;”

AND WHEREAS the window of maximum recovery closes each day on New Brunswick children who go without treatment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to continue its current investment of \$2.8M annually to implement the recommendations of *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* forthwith and immediately.

And the question being put, Motion 8 as amended was carried.

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

And after some time, Hon. P. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order and submitted that the Member for Moncton North had used unparliamentary language when referring to a Minister of the Crown. Mr. C. LeBlanc stated he had not heard the remark in question and he would review the Hansard and report to the House, if necessary. He cautioned Members against using offensive language when referring to one another.

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