
Thursday, May 27, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers

Mr. Jamieson laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens urging the government to keep the St. Joseph's Hospital emergency room open. (Petition 40).

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 Intergovernmental and International Relations, including Intergovernmental Conferences, Council of Atlantic Premiers, Culture and Sport Secretariat, Service New Brunswick, and Advisory Council on the Status of Women, including the Women's Issues Branch.

Motion 70 by Mr. Lamrock was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

At 2.10 o'clock p.m., at the request of Mr. Lamrock and with the leave of the House, Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.21 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 9, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Ms. Robichaud, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS women's average hourly wage is 79 % of men's in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Advisory Council on the Status of Women states that approximately half the wage gap is "caused by the age-old tradition of paying 'women's' jobs less than jobs usually held by men";

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government must show leadership in the area of pay equity;

WHEREAS there are still parts of the public service which are not covered by the *Pay Equity Act* and which include New Brunswick government employees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to amend the *Pay Equity Act* so that it applies to all parts of the public service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to actively pursue an objective of ensuring that the *Pay Equity Act* applies to the private sector.

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 further time, Hon. Ms. Blaney, seconded by Hon. Mr. Volpé, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT Motion 9 be amended:

In the first resolution clause, by adding the following words after the first “to”:

“continue to implement pay equity in all parts of the public service through negotiated agreements, and consider to”

In the second resolution clause, by deleting the following words “the *Pay Equity Act* applies to the private sector” and replacing them with the following:

“pay equity is achieved in the private sector through various available means”

Mr. Allaby stood on a Point of Order and submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order as its effect would be to negate the intent of the original motion.

Several Members spoke on the Point of Order.

Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, ruled the amendment to be in order as it did not have the effect of negating the original intent of the motion but rather proposed an alternative proposition for the consideration of the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr

Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Holder
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

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Mr. McGinley	Mr. Branch	Mr. Albert
Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Paulin
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Burke	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Haché	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Armstong	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Landry	Mr. Foran	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 9 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS women's average hourly wage is 79 % of men's in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Advisory Council on the Status of Women states that approximately half the wage gap is "caused by the age-old tradition of paying 'women's' jobs less than jobs usually held by men";

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government must show leadership in the area of pay equity;

WHEREAS there are still parts of the public service which are not covered by the *Pay Equity Act* and which include New Brunswick government employees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to continue to implement pay equity in all parts of the public service through negotiated agreements, and consider to amend the *Pay Equity Act* so that it applies to all parts of the public service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to actively pursue an objective of ensuring that pay equity is achieved in the private sector through various available means.

And the question being put, Motion 9 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, Mr. Holder, took the chair.

And after some further time Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2004-2005
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,387,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Executive Council Secretariat	1,654,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	306,000
Women's Issues Branch.....	427,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	2,387,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program:

Advisory Council on the Status of Women	414,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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