
Thursday, March 31, 2005.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham paid tribute to the memory of the late Kenneth Johnson, Liberal Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac (1995-1999); and Harold Culbert, Liberal MP for Carleton-Charlotte (1993-1997).

The Leader of the Official Opposition also paid tribute to the memory of the late Albert (Ab) Rector, Confederation of Regions Member for Oromocto (1991-1995) and Interim CoR Leader. Mr. Carr joined with Mr. S. Graham in this regard.

Mr. Foran paid tribute to the memory of Const. Anthony Fitzgerald Orion Gordon; Const. Lionide Nicholas Johnston; Const. Brock Warren Myrol; and Const. Peter Christopher Schiemann, the four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers who lost their lives under tragic circumstances in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, on March 3, 2005.

During Congratulatory Messages, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to keep their remarks brief to remain within the time limits imposed by the Standing Rules which limit this item of routine business to 10 minutes.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed to the House Jean-Guy Laforest, Progressive Conservative Member for Grand Falls Region (1999-2003).

Mr. S. Graham, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Acadian Peninsula requesting that the government suspend the rural New Brunswick health plan until a unifying health care project is defined. (Petition 20)

Ms. Weir, Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition of the New Brunswick Young New Democrats urging the government to freeze tuition and develop a model for equitable funding of postsecondary education in the province. (Petition 21)

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Belledune area requesting that the

government address the announcement of the plant closure in relation to the union and that CGC process material locally.
(Petition 22)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Acadian Peninsula who oppose the closure of the Caraquet hospital and request that the government suspend the rural New Brunswick health plan in the Acadian Peninsula. (Petition 23)

Mr. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Acadian Peninsula who oppose the closure of the Caraquet hospital and request that the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* be respected and that health care be increased. (Petition 24)

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, it was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by one-half hour.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Ashfield,

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

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

With leave of the House to dispense with Notice, Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:
(Motion 54)

That the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Lamrock for Mr. McGinley;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. V. Boudreau for Mr. Kenny;

That the membership of the Select Committee on Health Care be amended by substituting the name of Mr. R. Boudreau for Mr. MacIntyre and the name of Mr. V. Boudreau for Mr. Lamrock;

That the membership of the Select Committee on Education be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Foran for Mr. Lamrock.
And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Thursday, April 7, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

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, invoices, reports pertaining to the Department of Tourism and Parks for a trip to London that was scheduled for the month of March 2005, including any invitations extended to potential participants by the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, April 7, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

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 information and details regarding publicity carried out by Health Authority 6 from March 31, 2004, to March 31, 2005, including media announcements (written, oral, and visual), publicity for the health plan, the logo, *Synapse* magazine, and advertising posters.

Mr. V. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, April 7, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the definitions used by Ambulance Services for the types of patients transported as generated in statistical reports by the Provincial Ambulance Centre and/or the Department of Health and Wellness regarding the payment centre. The definitions requested include: 1. Emergent 2. Urgent 3. Non-urgent 4. Invalid Transfer.

Mr. V. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, April 7, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the

House the number of nurses in each of the categories: full-time, part-time and casual for each of the Regional Health Authorities as of December 31, 2003, to December 31, 2004.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:
Resolved, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until 1.30 o'clock p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that second reading of Bills (36 and 37) introduced earlier in the sitting be deferred until Tuesday, April 4, 2005.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *Right to Read Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *Right to Read 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 33, *Healthy Students Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *Healthy Students 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 34, *Franchises Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *Franchises Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 35, *Capital Appropriations Act 2005-2006*.

Motions 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51 and 52 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 28, Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Allaby, moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature affirm that a deficit occurs when expenditures in a fiscal year are greater than its revenues.

And the question being put, 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.

And after some further time, Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the remaining time allocated for debate on Motion 28.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 28 was carried.

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