

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK First Session, 56th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 23 Thursday, March 22, 2007

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THIRD READING

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Fisheries Development Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

Bill 35, An Act to Amend the Higher Education Foundation Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act - Hon. Mr. D. Landry

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[In accordance to rotation prescribed by Standing Rules 44(2.4), (2.5), and (2.6)]

Debatable Motions

Motion 30 by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Huntjens to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 8, 2007:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing a serious shortage of appropriate housing for seniors over the next several decades; and

WHEREAS the solution to this problem is not necessarily to build only new nursing homes or only add more beds, but rather to provide more living options to New Brunswick's seniors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to act swiftly to provide appropriate housing options to New Brunswick's senior citizens to further accommodate them and their families during these years of their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to implement a matched \$5000 grant or a low interest \$10,000 loan to all New Brunswickers who wish to upgrade their homes so that seniors may live these golden years in the company and care of their families.

Motion 32 by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Brewer to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 22, 2007:

WHEREAS the Northeast United States is a large and important energy market; and WHEREAS Premier Shawn Graham is successfully promoting New Brunswick as a supplier of energy to the northeastern states; and

WHEREAS several major energy projects are posed for expansion and growth in New Brunswick; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature encourage the government to continue to pursue aggressively the goal of establishing New Brunswick as the energy hub for this region.

Motion 34 by Mr. R. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 22, 2007:

WHEREAS the recent census showed significant population declines in the northern population in the northern cities of New Brunswick, especially Campbellton; and

WHEREAS a strong population base and solid population growth are essential for the economical growth needed to reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS Premier Shawn Graham created the Population Growth Secretariat to deal effectively with this issue; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature endorse the creation of the Population Growth Secretariat and urge the Secretariat to continue on in their endeavour to achieve its goal.

Motions for returns [In order of their introduction in the House]

Motion 8 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Harrison to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 15, 2007:

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 documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, relating to the automobile insurance negotiations between the Province of New Brunswick and the insurance industry.

[Documents requested filed March 2 and 9, 2007]

Motion 12 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Huntjens to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 15, 2007:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed information including flight records, final destination, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and occupants however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of the provincially leased airplane since October 3rd, 2006.

[Documents requested filed March 1, 2007]

Motion 21 by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 22, 2007:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Province and the State of Maine on February 9, 2007 related to Maine/New Brunswick electrical interconnections, as well as copies of all documents pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding, including but not limited to background materials and briefing materials.

[Documents requested filed March 1, 2007]

Motion 23 by Mr. Northrup, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 22, 2007:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all documentation of any kind relating to the review of gasoline price regulation conducted by the Province of New Brunswick since October 3rd, 2006, including a copy of any report, study or briefing materials provided to the province by Don Barnett or any person or persons employed or contracted by Don Barnett.

[Documents requested filed March 15, 2007]

Motion 27 by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 1, 2007:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all documentation, e-mails, and correspondence of any kind related to the creation of the Department of Fisheries, including the cost of establishing the department, the cost of relocating the department, and setting up the departmental offices in Suite 830, Carleton Place, and all correspondence related to any consultation or discussion about relocating the head office outside Fredericton.

[Documents requested filed March 20, 2007]

Motion 33 by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 22, 2007:

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 names of the businesses and business leaders who expressed their pleasure with the results of the 2007/2008 budget to the Minister of Business New Brunswick, as was referred to by the Minister during oral questions March 14, 2007.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government. (Motion 28)

Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Jamieson.

Debate to resume Thursday, March 22, 2007.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Elections Act - Mr. Harrison

Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act

- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Forest Products Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Hon. Mr. Graham

Bill 24, An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Police Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Police Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 31, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act

- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

Bill 42, An Act to Repeal the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act - Hon. Mrs. Robichaud

Bill 43, Special Appropriation Act 2007 - Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Economic Development Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C. Bill 34, An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Supplementary Estimates 2006-2007 Volume I (Transmitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson March 13, 2007)

Supplementary Estimates 2005-2006 Volume II (Transmitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson March 21, 2007)

BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS

Bill 32, Franchises Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility and Balanced Budget Act [Mr. Volpé] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 8, *Rural Economic Development Fund Act* [*Mr. Mockler*] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act* [*Mr. Betts*] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act* [*Mr. Steeves*] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act [Mr. Holder] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act* **[Mr. Ashfield]** be now read a second time. Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the*

Off-Road Vehicle Act [Hon. Mr. Foran] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act* [Mr. Alward] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 38, *An Act Respecting Payday Loans* [Mr. Fitch] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 40, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act [Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act* [Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau] be now read a second time.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED:

Motion 19 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson. Carried February 9, 2007. Motion 20 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson. Carried February 9, 2007. Motion 25 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson. Carried February 20, 2007. Motion 26 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson. Carried February 20, 2007. Motion 31 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson. Carried March 21, 2007.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion 35 by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 27, 2007:

WHEREAS it is a widely accepted principle that tax reduction stimulates economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick has enjoyed years of tax reduction that generated record job creation and strong financial growth; and

WHEREAS the provincial budget tabled on March 13, 2007 abandons this successful approach to building prosperity in New Brunswick by raising taxes on people and small business; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to return

immediately to the positive measures of tax reduction that New Brunswick previously enjoyed.

CONCLUDED:

Motion 1 by Mr. R. Boudreau. Debated and carried February 27, 2007.

Motion 2 by Mr. Volpé. Debated and carried as amended February 22, 2007.

Motion 3 by Mr. Carr. Debated and carried as amended February 20, 2007.

Motion 4 by Mr. Carr. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 5 by Mr. Carr. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 6 by Mr. Betts. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 7 by Mr. Steeves. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 9 by Mrs. Poirier. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 10 by Mr. Stiles. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 11 by Mr. Robichaud. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 13 by Mr. Robichaud. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 14 by Mr. Olscamp. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 15 by Mr. Robichaud. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 16 by Mr. Williams. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 17 by Mr. Northrup. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 18 by Mrs. Dubé. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 22 by Mrs. Blaney. Withdrawn March 1, 2007.

Motion 24 by Mr. Betts. Debated and carried as amended March 1, 2007.

Motion 29 by Mr. Huntjens. Withdrawn March 20, 2007.

PETITIONS

Petition No. 1 by Mr. Brewer presented February 20, 2007.

(Response filed March 7, 2007)

Petition No. 2 by Mr. Steeves presented February 20, 2007.

(Response filed March 9, 2007)

Petition No. 3 by Mr. Steeves presented February 21, 2007.

(Response filed March 20, 2007)

Petition No. 4 by Hon. Mr. Doucet presented February 21, 2007.

(Response filed March 14, 2007)

Petition No. 5 by Mr. A. LeBlanc presented February 21, 2007.

(Response filed March 12, 2007)

Petition No. 6 by Mr. Fraser presented February 22, 2007.

(Response filed March 2, 2007)

Petition No. 7 by Hon. Mr. Jamieson presented February 28, 2007.

(Response filed March 14, 2007)

Petition No. 8 by Hon. Mr. Albert presented March 14, 2007. Petition No. 9 by Mr. Huntjens presented March 20, 2007. Petition No. 10 by Mr. Williams presented March 21, 2007.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Friday, March 23, 2007 immediately upon the adjournment of the House in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly