

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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 8 Friday, December 5, 2008

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers

Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (*Prior Notice to Speaker*) Introduction of Guests Messages of Congratulation and Recognition (10 minutes) Presentations of Petitions Answers to Petitions and Written Questions Presentations of Committee Reports Tabling of Documents Statements by Ministers Statements by Members (10 minutes) Oral Questions (30 minutes) Introduction of Bills Notices of Motions Notice of Opposition Members' Business Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House Orders of the Day

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate to conclude on Friday, December 5, 2008. (Hon. Mr. Premier)

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Bills Ordered for Third Reading

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Electrical Installation and Inspection Act - Hon. Mr. Foran Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act - Hon. Mr. B. LeBlanc

Bills to be Ordered for Second Reading

Adjourned Debates

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act - Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

- Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act Hon. Mr. Foran
- Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act Hon. Mr. Stiles
- Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Public Works Act Hon. Mr. Doherty

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

- Bill 4, An Act to Repeal the Divorce Court Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 5, An Act to Repeal the Surety Bonds Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 6, Modernization of Benefits and Obligations Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 7, Securities Transfer Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Crop Insurance Act Hon. Mr. Ouellette
- Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act Hon. Mr. Haché

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 16 by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Premier to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 9, 2008:

That this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

CONCLUDED

Motion No. 8 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.. Carried November 26, 2008.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Adjourned Debates

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act (Mr. Alward) be now read a second time.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 21 by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

WHEREAS businesses in New Brunswick are being faced with growing financial pressures in the current economic crisis; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent on government to find ways to ensure that New Brunswick's businesses are in a position to succeed; and

WHEREAS the current process for businesses to remit their property taxes is in a onetime lump sum payment; and

WHEREAS in many cases this has a significant impact on cash flow;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon government to allow for businesses in New Brunswick to remit their property tax payments on an equalized monthly basis.

CONCLUDED

Motion 9 by Mr. Alward. Debated and carried as amended December 4, 2008.

Motions for Returns

Motion 1 by Mr. Alward, seconded by Mr. Steeves to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all information in the possession of the government including targets, benchmarks, forecasts, time-lines or any other information, however recorded or stored related to the Government's self-sufficiency initiatives and the current progress of the Government in eliminating federal transfer payments by the year 2026.

[Documents requested filed December 4, 2008]

Motion 2 by Mr. C. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Blaney to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 relating to the privatization of services or goods in connection with hospital and medical services in New Brunswick.

[Documents requested filed December 4, 2008]

Motion 3 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 financial information detailing the full cost to change and implement the Government's new logo for each department and agency including the cost associated with updating websites, business cards, letterhead and any other government material on which the New Brunswick logo was changed for use.

Motion 4 by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 and information in the possession of Government or any Crown Corporation related to the budgeted cost to move the Marion 8200 drag line at the Salmon Harbor Mine from its former location to its new location, including the amount that had been budgeted for the project and the current amount that has been spent on the project.

Motion 5 by Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Mr. C. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 list of all doctors and medical specialists (with their area of specialization) hired by New Brunswick's Health Authorities since December 1st, 2007, also include a list of all doctors and medical specialists that have resigned or retired from New Brunswick's Health Authorities during the same period.

[Documents requested filed December 4, 2008]

Motion 6 by Mr. D. Graham, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 expense reports for each Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Assistant and Special Assistant since March 11, 2008.

Motion 7 by Mr. Jack Carr, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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, correspondence, memorandum to Departments and agencies regarding changes to government policy with respect to the handling, shipping, receiving and treatment of personal information in any format since the Department of Health lost personal information March 1st, 2008.

Motion 10 by Mr. Mockler, seconded by Mr. Olscamp to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House full itineraries and schedules of Premiers attending the Francophone Summit in Quebec City, a list of New Brunswick representatives in attendance, their expenses and their role at the summit, as well as a list of Premiers' meetings with representatives from different countries and a list of the countries or representatives that requested but did not have a meeting.

Motion 11 by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 in the possession of government related to repatriation statistics, including the number of persons repatriated and the number of persons who have left the province since October 1, 2006.

Motion 12 by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Jack Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 statistics in the possession of government regarding persons that left social assistance since October 2006, including all statistics relevant to the data referred to by Minister Schryer where she reported that 1433 households were no longer on social assistance, how those clients receive their revenue now, how many have a job and the number of clients that have returned to social assistance since leaving.

Motion 13 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Mockler to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 in the possession of government related to Premier Graham's Mission to China including all persons representing the Province of New Brunswick, schedules and itineraries of meetings, trip agenda and any memorandum, report or correspondence regarding the outcome of any meeting held during the mission.

Motion 14 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

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 correspondence, communication and information related to the province's deal with TransAlta for windmill energy production in the Moncton region, including any details related to the cost of electricity, total cost to the province, all fees and rates for energy generation, including all extra costs of any nature related to this project which will be assumed by the Province of New Brunswick, including any information to government subsidies for this source of power generation that were included in the deal.

Motion 15 by Mr. Jody Carr, seconded by Mr. Harrison to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

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 in the possession of government related to the current regions and populations of New Brunswick currently served by high speed broadband internet providers and a list of regions and populations of New Brunswick currently served by high speed broadband internet providers and a list of regions and their populations currently without broadband internet access.

Motion 17 by Mr. Betts, seconded by Mr. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

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 correspondence in the possession of government related to the current use and any information related to a possible future ban of cosmetic pesticides in the Province of New Brunswick, including all correspondence between the provincial government, local governments and interested parties related to the effects cosmetic pesticides have on their surroundings.

Motion 18 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

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, receipts, and account statements, in short, all documents in the possession of the Legislative Assembly related to the Government House Leader's comments to the effect that the length of the last session cost the government hundreds of thousands of extra dollars.

Motion 19 by Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Mr. C. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

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 in the possession of government related to the number of people hired by the two new Regional Health Authorities and the title of those positions, the names of persons who were promoted and the title of their previous position and new position, the expenses of all Regional Health Authority A and Regional Health Authority B staff including travel, hotel and meal costs, Board of Directors meeting expenses, the expenses of the Board Members and *per diems* since the restructuring of the Regional Health Authorities.

Motion 20 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

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 in the possession of government however recorded or stored related to any government contract or spending by any department, agency or corporation on advertising by any means, including any information related to advertising costs from Ministers promoting their position within any department agency or corporation since December 30, 2007.

PETITIONS

Petition No. 1 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 26, 2008.
Petition No. 2 presented by Mr. Steeves November 26, 2008. (Response filed December 2, 2008)
Petition No. 3 presented by Mr. Steeves November 26, 2008.
Petition No. 4 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 28, 2008.
Petition No. 5 presented by Mr. Williams November 28, 2008.
Petition No. 6 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 2, 2008.
Petition No. 7 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 2, 2008.
Petition No. 7 presented by Mr. Urquhart December 2, 2008.
Petition No. 8 presented by Mr. Fitch December 2, 2008.
Petition No. 9 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 3, 2008.
Petition No. 10 presented by Mr. Urquhart December 3, 2008.
Petition No. 11 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 4, 2008.
Petition No. 13 presented by Mr. Northrup December 4, 2008.
Petition No. 14 presented by Mr. D. Graham December 4, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Final Report of the Select Committee on Wellness (Presented by Mr. Collins on November 26, 2008)

REPORTS / DOCUMENTS

Filed with the Clerk of the House

Department of Fisheries Annual Report 2007-2008

(filed December 4, 2008)

Tabled in the House

Economic and Fiscal Update, Province of New Brunswick, December 3, 2008 (tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau)

Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 (Volume I) December 3, 2008 (tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau)

Supplementary Estimates 2007-2008 (Volume III) December 3, 2008 (tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 12:30 o'clock p.m. in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly