



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
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ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 13
Tuesday, December 16, 2008

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

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Commission Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

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COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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- Hon. Mr. Foran

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.

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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

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act

- Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles

Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act - Hon. Mr. B. LeBlanc

Bill 23, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2008-2009 (1) - Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

Bill 24, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2007-2008 (3)) Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 24 by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C., seconded by Mr. Harrison to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2008:

WHEREAS between 1869 and 1948 approximately 100,000 British Home Children were brought to Canada to work on farms and as domestic helpers;

WHEREAS many of these children came to New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these children lived through separation from their families and country and many experienced difficult conditions and hardship in their new homes;

WHEREAS it is estimated that 12 percent of the Canadian population is descended from the British Home Children;

WHEREAS the story of the British Home Children is a significant piece of our history and heritage;

WHEREAS in 2009 the surviving British Home Children and descendants will be commemorating the 140th anniversary of the first arrival of these children in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature recognize 2009 as the Year of the British Home Child.

CONCLUDED

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C... Carried November 26, 2008.

Motion 16 by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau. Debated and carried December 9, 2008.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Adjourned Debates

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 one-time 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.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 26 by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 2008:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's forest industry is undergoing unprecedented changes and hardships; and

WHEREAS these hardships are being felt by thousands of New Brunswickers including the 40,000 woodlot-owning families; and

WHEREAS the seven regional woodlot marketing boards and the Federation of Woodlot Owners are also being negatively impacted by the economic crisis facing the industry; and

WHEREAS these eight organizations provide considerable support and services to the industry, including silviculture, certification, education and training, market development, forest management, administration of government programs, non-timber forest products, woodlot owner rights, and day-to-day inquiries; and

WHEREAS in 2007, the Self-Sufficiency Task Force recommended that the Government should "*support private woodlot marketing boards in strengthening their role with respect to silviculture, certification, education and market development,*" and that said recommendation should be acted upon within one year; and

WHEREAS in January 2008, the Government of Canada provided the Government of New Brunswick with \$30 million through the Community Development Trust; and

WHEREAS the province and the forestry industry would benefit from having strong private woodlot marketing boards and a strong federation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to provide a one cent per acre tax sharing on the private woodlot land base to the Federation of Woodlot Owners and another one cent per acre tax sharing on the private woodlot land base to the regional marketing boards as a source of sustainable funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said tax sharing shall remain in place for a period of three years.

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.

[Documents requested filed December 11, 2008]

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.

Motion 22 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 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 any format, in the possession of government, all correspondence and memos, and any minutes of meetings related to the projected cost of the Point Lepreau refurbishment, the amount spent to date, and the overall projected cost of completing the project, including time lines and projected completion dates from contractors.

Motion 23 by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Steeves to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 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 relating to any costs or expenses, including road and infrastructure repairs, business and housing repair claims submitted to the government, the amount of funds the Federal Government transferred to the Province of New Brunswick following the 2008 spring flooding.

Motion 25 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 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 copies of each letter or memorandum sent by the Minister of Finance on December 9th, 2008 to each government agency, department or crown corporation asking them to reconsider any salary increases or bonus programs for the current year or past years, including any letters of response or correspondence arising from the Minister's request.

CONCLUDED

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

PETITIONS

- Petition No. 1 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 26, 2008.
(Response filed December 10, 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.
(Response filed December 10, 2008)
- Petition No. 4 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 28, 2008.
(Response filed December 10, 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. Urquhart December 2, 2008.
(Response filed December 15, 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.
(Response filed December 15, 2008)
- Petition No. 11 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 4, 2008.
- Petition No. 12 presented by Mr. Harrison December 4, 2008.
- Petition No. 13 presented by Mr. Northrup December 4, 2008.
- Petition No. 14 presented by Mr. D. Graham December 4, 2008.
- Petition No. 15 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 9, 2008.
- Petition No. 16 presented by Ms. Dubé December 10, 2008.
- Petition No. 17 presented by Mr. Williams December 11, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Final Report of the Select Committee on Tax Review
(Presented by Mr. MacIntyre December 12, 2008)
- Final Report of the Select Committee on Wellness
(Presented by Mr. Collins on November 26, 2008)

REPORTS / DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

Report entitled *Status Report #1 - December 2008 - Responses to Date on the Recommendations from the Disability Action Plan Strategy - The Path to Self-Sufficiency and Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities in New Brunswick - December 2007*

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. S. Graham December 12, 2008)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 12.30 o'clock p.m. in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Loredana Catalli Sonier
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly