

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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 18 Wednesday, March 18, 2009

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 29 by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Premier to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 17, 2009:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Debate adjourned by Mr. Alward.

Debate to resume Thursday, March 19, 2009.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Bills Ordered for Third Reading

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Adjourned Debates

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Public Works Act - Hon. Mr. Doherty Bill 26, Species at Risk Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act - Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS

Bill 28, Limitation of Actions Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

PRIVATE BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 29, An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Dental Hygienists
- Mr. Collins

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

2009 - 2010 Capital Estimates Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 Volume I (Adopted December 10, 2008) Supplementary Estimates 2007-2008 Volume III (Adopted December 10, 2008)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

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.

Motion 24 by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C. Debated and carried December 16, 2008.

Motion 31 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried December 17, 2008.

Motion 34 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried December 18, 2008.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Bill 30, Rural Economic Development Fund Act - Ms. Dubé

Adjourned Debates

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

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 urge the government to consider the advisability of providing a one per 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; and, that said tax sharing, if implemented, remain in place for a period of three years.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

CONCLUDED:

Motion 9 by Mr. Alward. Debated and carried as amended December 4, 2008. Motion 21 by Ms. Dubé. Debated and carried as amended December 18, 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.

[Documents requested filed December 18, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 19, 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.

[Documents requested filed January 15, 2009]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 19, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed January 29, 2009]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 18, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 19, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 18, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed January 15, 2009]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 19, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed February 10, 2009]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 19, 2008]

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.

[Documents requested filed December 16, 2008]

Motion 27 by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 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 documents in government possession regarding the installation of wildlife fences along New Brunswick highways since October 2, 2006, including statistics on the frequency of collisions involving deer and moose, the number of fences built (specifying the total length of fencing and whether on one or both sides of the highway), their location, documents relating to calls for tenders in connection with these fences, and, for each fence construction project, the related contracts, the names and addresses of the companies involved in construction and in the provision of materials and services, the kinds of materials used, the expected duration and total cost of the work, the budgets provided, and any budget overruns, where applicable.

[Documents requested filed February 11, 2009]

Motion 28 by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Mockler to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 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 concerning any money invested since October 2, 2006, by the Acadian Peninsula Economic Development Fund in various projects and initiatives, including the names of any companies, organizations, associations, or groups benefiting from such investments, the conditions these beneficiaries of the development fund had to meet, as well as the objectives of these investments, and the number of jobs created for each project, indicating whether the jobs were permanent or temporary, regular or part-time, and whether they still exist today.

[Documents requested filed January 23, 2009]

Motion 30 by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Mockler to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 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 appointments made by this government since October 2, 2006, to boards of directors or executive boards of committees, task forces, commissions, agencies, or other organizations accountable to government, including the following information pertaining to all appointments: the names of the people concerned; the date they assumed their duties; the length of their term; their salary, bonuses, and financial compensation of any kind, including authorized expense account limits and amounts claimed on these expense accounts.

[Documents requested filed February 25, 2009]

Motion 32 by Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Mr. Williams to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 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 the Government related to advertising purchased to promote the Department of Health, services the Department provides or the Minister responsible since March 1st, 2008 to December 18th, 2008.

Motion 33 by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 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 the Government related to any equipment under contract, rented or leased by the Department of Transportation by district and Department of Transportation garage or depot whether tendered or untendered, lists of the names of contractors or individuals, amount and value of each contract and a description of the services delivered since October 3, 2006.

[Documents requested filed February 27, 2009]

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.

(Response filed December 16, 2008)

Petition No. 6 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 2, 2008.

(Response filed December 15, 2008)

Petition No. 7 presented by Mr. Urguhart December 2, 2008.

(Response filed December 15, 2008)

Petition No. 8 presented by Mr. Fitch December 2, 2008.

(Response filed December 19, 2008)

Petition No. 9 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 3, 2008.

(Response filed December 15, 2008)

Petition No. 10 presented by Mr. Urguhart December 3, 2008.

(Response filed December 15, 2008)

Petition No. 11 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 4, 2008.

(Response filed December 23, 2008)

Petition No. 12 presented by Mr. Harrison December 4, 2008.

(Response filed December 18, 2008)

Petition No. 13 presented by Mr. Northrup December 4, 2008.

(Response filed December 18, 2008)

Petition No. 14 presented by Mr. D. Graham December 4, 2008.

(Response filed January 14, 2009)

Petition No. 15 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 9, 2008.

(Response filed December 18, 2008)

Petition No. 16 presented by Ms. Dubé December 10, 2008.

(Response filed December 23, 2008)

Petition No. 17 presented by Mr. Williams December 11, 2008.

(Response filed December 17, 2008)

Petition No. 18 presented by Mr. Olscamp December 16, 2008.

(Response filed December 19, 2008)

Petition No. 19 presented by Mr. Betts December 16, 2008.

(Filed January 6, 2009)

Petition No. 20 presented by Ms. Poirier December 17, 2008.

(Filed January 21, 2009)

Petition No. 21 presented by Mr. Williams December 17, 2008.

(Filed January 6, 2009)

Petition No. 22 presented by Mr. Williams December 18, 2008.

(Filed January 26, 2009)

Petition No. 23 presented by Mr. Betts December 18, 2008.

(Filed January 9, 2009)

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

Budget 2009-2010 (Tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau March 17, 2009)

Main Estimates 2009-2010

(Transmitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on March 17, 2009)

The New Brunswick Economy 2009

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau March 17, 2009)

The Plan for Lower Taxes in New Brunswick 2009-2012

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau March 17, 2009)

Filed in the Clerk's Office

Quadrennial Municipal Election - Report of the Municipal Electoral Officer - May 12, 2008 (Filed March17, 2009)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly