

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Third Session, 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

# ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 31 Thursday, April 16, 2009

#### **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

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#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

[Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)]

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

# Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Bill 30, Rural Economic Development Fund Act - Ms. Dubé Bill 50. Uranium Moratorium Act - Mr. Betts

#### **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.]

#### **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**

#### GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

# Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 46, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

# Bills to be Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 47, An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act - Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

Bill 48, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act - Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

Bill 49. An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act

- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

#### **Adjourned Debates**

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act* [Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau] be now read a second time.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

Bill 31, Demise of Crown Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 35, An Act to Amend the Nursing Homes Act - Hon. Mrs. Schryer

Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 38, An Act to Amend the Corrections Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles

Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act

- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

Bill 44, An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit 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
- Bill 34, An Act to Provide for the Amalgamation of the Trustees of Certain Presbyterian Churches in Saint John, New Brunswick Mr. Holder
- Bill 37, An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association Mr. A. LeBlanc
- Bill 42, An Act Respecting The Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John Ms. Robichaud

#### **BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT**

Bill 41, Essential Services in Nursing Homes Act - Hon. Mrs. Schryer

#### **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

Main Estimates 2009 - 2010
Capital Estimates 2009 - 2010
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 29 by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau. Debated March 19, 20, 24, 25 and 27 and carried March 27, 2009.

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

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

Motion 38 by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C. Carried March 18, 2009.

#### MOTIONS BY GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS

#### CONCLUDED

Motion 48 by Mr. Collins. Withdrawn April 3, 2008.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### Motions for Returns

**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 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 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Motion 35 by Mrs. Poirier**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 including emails, memorandum, correspondence of any kind, meeting minutes, market studies or analysis, cost analysis, and all contract information however recorded or stored related to the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation's decision to produce, sell and market *Selection Lager* and *Selection Light* beer through Moosehead Breweries.

[Documents requested filed April 9, 2009]

**Motion 36 by Mr. Holder**, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 including emails, memorandum, correspondence of any kind and meeting minutes, however recorded or stored related to the government's decision to end the Home Heating Assistance Program and initiate the Warm Hearts Warm Homes program offered through the Salvation Army.

**Motion 37 by Mr. Urquhart**, seconded by Mr. Steeves to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 any changes made by the Department of Public Safety regarding emergency measures preparedness related to flooding and emergency response since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**Motion 40 by Mr. Fitch**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 any action, policy change, tasks, communication, memorandum, or meetings that took place within government with regards to implementing the Auditor General's recommendations from the 2007 Volume 1 report.

[Documents requested filed April 9, 2009]

**Motion 41 by Mr. Olscamp**, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 the \$100-million dedicated tourism infrastructure fund set up by this government, and in particular the fund guidelines, the names and workplaces of the employees responsible for administering it, the projected budgets and actual expenditures, a list of projects subsidized by this fund, contracts awarded under this fund, and a list of work carried out without any contract or tender, the dates and location of all work carried out, the start and completion dates of the work, the aim or objective of the work, and, in each case, the number of jobs created.

[Documents requested filed April 9, 2009]

**Motion 42 by Mrs. Poirier**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

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 Miramichi Economic Development Fund in various projects and initiatives, including the names of any companies, organizations, associations, or groups benefitting 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.

**Motion 43 by Mr. Harrison**, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 2, 2009:

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 all studies and reports, all correspondence, memorandum, minutes of meetings and public consultation that led to the decision to cancel public ferry services.

**Motion 44 by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 2, 2009:

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 destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned airplane since June 18, 2008.

**Motion 45 by Mr. C. LeBlanc**, seconded by Mrs. Blaney to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 2, 2009:

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 the government including studies, reports, all transport statistics including the number of calls that were in response to 911 emergencies, the number of calls that were between hospitals, the number of calls between nursing homes and hospitals or non-emergency transportation between homes and hospitals related to ambulance service in New Brunswick since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

**Motion 47 by Mr. Northrup**, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 9, 2009:

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 2007 - 2008 Department of Energy exemptions to the *Public Purchasing Act*, a list of all exemptions to the *Public Purchasing Act* within NB Power and a list of all personal service contracts issued through the Department of Energy or NB Power during the same period.

**Motion 49 by Mr. Fitch**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 9, 2009:

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 and all expenses related to the promotion of the 2009 - 2010 Provincial Budget including all advertising costs of any nature and services paid to marketing or public relations firms and the names of those companies that were paid for their services.

**Motion 50 by Mrs Blaney**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 9, 2009:

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 and all correspondence, memorandums, or minutes of meetings in any format between the Minister of Health, Canadian Blood Services and any other agency, organization or entity related to New Brunswick's Blood Distribution Centre in Saint John.

#### 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.

Motion 39 by Mr. Alward. Debated and carried as amended March 26, 2009.

Motion 46 by Mr. Fitch. Debated and defeated April 2, 2009.

Motion 51 by Mrs. Blaney. Debated and carried April 2, 2009.

#### WITHDRAWN AS DOCUMENTS TABLED

Motions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 33 withdrawn March 18, 2009.

#### **PETITIONS**

(Response, December 10, 2008) Petition 1: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 26, 2008. Petition 2: Mr. Steeves, November 26, 2008. (Response, December 2, 2008) (Response, December 10, 2008) Petition 3: Mr. Steeves, November 26, 2008. Petition 4: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 28, 2008. (Response, December 10, 2008) Petition 5: Mr. Williams, November 28, 2008. (Response, December 16, 2008) Petition 6: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 2, 2008. (Response, December 15, 2008) Petition 7: Mr. Urguhart, December 2, 2008. (Response, December 15, 2008) Petition 8: Mr. Fitch, December 2, 2008. (Response, December 19, 2008) Petition 9: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 3, 2008. (Response, December 15, 2008) (Response, December 15, 2008) Petition 10: Mr. Urguhart, December 3, 2008.

Petition 11: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 4, 2008. (Response, December 23, 2008) Petition 12: Mr. Harrison, December 4, 2008. (Response, December 18, 2008) Petition 13: Mr. Northrup, December 4, 2008. (Response, December 18, 2008) Petition 14: Mr. D. Graham, December 4, 2008. (Response, January 14, 2009) Petition 15: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 9, 2008. (Response, December 18, 2008) Petition 16: Ms. Dubé, December 10, 2008. (Response, December 23, 2008) Petition 17: Mr. Williams, December 11, 2008. (Response, December 17, 2008) Petition 18: Mr. Olscamp, December 16, 2008. (Response, December 19, 2008) Petition 19: Mr. Betts, December 16, 2008. (Response, January 6, 2009) Petition 20: Ms. Poirier, December 17, 2008. (Response, January 21, 2009) Petition 21: Mr. Williams, December 17, 2008. (Response, January 6, 2009) Petition 22: Mr. Williams, December 18, 2008. (Response, January 26, 2009) Petition 23: Mr. Betts, December 18, 2008. (Response, January 9, 2009) Petition 24: Mr. Steeves, March 18, 2009. (Response, April 1, 2009) Petition 25: Mr. Alward, March 20, 2009. (Response, April 1, 2009) Petition 26: Mr. Harrison, March 20, 2009. (Response, April 3, 2009) Petition 27: Mr. Northrup, March 24, 2009. (Response, April 1, 2009) Petition 28: Mr. Northrup, March 25, 2009. (Response, April 1, 2009) Petition 29: Mr. McGinley, March 26, 2009. (Response, April 9, 2009) Petition 30: Mr. Northrup, March 26, 2009. (Response, April 7, 2009) Petition 31: Hon. Mr. Albert, March 26, 2009. Petition 32: Mr. Northrup, March 31, 2009. (Response, April 7, 2009) Petition 33: Mr. Betts, April 2, 2009. Petition 34: Mr. Williams, April 14, 2009.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Petition 35: Mr. Betts, April 15, 2009.

First Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments (Presented by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C. April 3, 2009)

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)

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly