

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

## ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 47 Thursday, May 21, 2009

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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

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

## Adjourned Debates

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act* [Mr. Alward] be now read a second time.

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

#### Debatable Motions

**Motion 60 by Ms. Dubé**, seconded by Mr. Olscamp to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 21, 2009:

WHEREAS mental illness costs the Canadian economy \$14 billion a year;

WHEREAS mental illness, like physical illness, can take various forms, including affective disorders, eating disorders, suicide, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, alcoholism and addiction, and post-traumatic stress disorder;

WHEREAS 20% of residents will experience mental illness at some point in their lives and the remaining 80% will be affected by the illness of a close relative, a friend, or a colleague;

WHEREAS depression is expected to be one of the leading causes of disability worldwide by 2020 and suicide is one of the 10 leading causes of death in Canada;

WHEREAS discrimination and stigmatization cause people experiencing mental illness and addiction as much distress as the actual disorder;

WHEREAS early detection and intervention in the area of mental health and addiction should also be considered from a general public health perspective, since, like physical health, prevention is crucial to ensuring an individual's general wellness;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to pool all resources in order to ensure better coordination between health professionals, social workers, patients, and families, including striking a committee of deputy ministers who will meet monthly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide more resources, health workers, and social workers to work with people with mental illness and their families:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Health, the Minister of Social Development, the Minister of Education, and the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour to work on awareness campaigns aimed at various target markets: teenagers, employers, Aboriginals, and the general public.

**Motion 59 by Mr. Jack Carr**, seconded by Mrs. Blaney to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 21, 2009:

WHEREAS ambulance service is a vital and integral aspect of our provincially delivered and operated healthcare system; and

WHEREAS the government chose to consolidate ambulance services into one public sector company; and

WHEREAS Ambulance New Brunswick was designed to better deliver ambulance service to the people of New Brunswick and serves now as a critical component of our healthcare system; and

WHEREAS it has become apparent that there are issues surrounding deployment, proper global positioning systems, up to date road condition information, resources including the number of vehicles and paramedics in the system; and

WHEREAS our publicly delivered healthcare system should not discriminate against a person's ability to pay for services during an emergency situation or for medically necessary transportation from one place to another; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly unanimously urge the government to reconsider the \$130 ambulance user fee so that all New Brunswickers may continue to utilize this essential emergency service free of charge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outstanding issues related to deployment, global positioning systems, up to date road condition information and all available resources be resolved immediately so that New Brunswick's paramedics can do their jobs.

## **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

## Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Bill 74, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Mr. MacDonald

## Adjourned Debates

Resuming the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 53, Lobbyists Registration Act [Mr. Alward] be now read a second time.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 50, *Uranium Moratorium Act* [Mr. Betts] be now read a second time.

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

#### Debatable Motions

**Motion 54 by Mr. Alward**, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 23, 2009:

WHEREAS economies across Canada have been in a state of decline during recent months and local, provincial and federal governments have been searching for tools to infuse money into regions to generate more stable financial markets; and

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick is currently facing an extremely difficult financial position with yearly deficits increasing and the provincial net debt growing at an unsustainable rate that will have negative impacts on the province's finances for decades and generations to come; and

WHEREAS research and development funds must be a key component to revitalizing the New Brunswick economy by investing money in education, technology, infrastructure, and industry; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick currently ranks as one of the lowest amongst all Canadian Provinces for investments in research and development from federal, provincial, business, non-profit organizations, higher education, and foreign investment sectors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to seek out every available resource for increased funding including new federal, provincial, and private industry funds so that this vital component of our economy can help New Brunswickers and our businesses revitalize our provincial economy in order to return this province to one of job creation, prosperity, and a leader in technology, research and development of world class products and services.

## [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 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 28, Limitation of Actions Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- 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 42, An Act Respecting The Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John Ms. Robichaud
- Bill 46, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau
- Bill 51, An Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists Mr. Miles
- Bill 52, An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act Hon. Mr. B. LeBlanc
- Bill 55, An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act Hon. Mr. Brewer
- Bill 56, An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act Hon. Mr. Brewer
- Bill 57, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 58, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act Hon. Mr. Stiles
- Bill 59, Recording of Evidence Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 66, An Act to Repeal the Small Claims Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 67, An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.
- Bill 68. An Act to Amend the Order of New Brunswick Act Hon, Mr. S. Graham
- Bill 69, Automated Defibrillator Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

## Bills to be Ordered for Second Reading

- Bill 62, An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act Hon. Mr. Ouellette
- Bill 70, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act Hon. Mr. Foran
- Bill 71, An Act to Amend the Highway Act Hon. Mr. Foran
- Bill 72, An Act to Amend the Education Act Hon. Mr. Lamrock
- Bill 73, An Act to Amend the Electricity Act Hon. Mr. Keir

## **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 35, An Act to Amend the Nursing Homes Act Hon. Mrs. Schryer
- Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act Hon. Mr. Stiles
- Bill 44, An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act Hon, Mr. V. Boudreau
- Bill 48, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 60, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act Mr. Alward

## PRIVATE BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

- Bill 37, An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association Mr. A. LeBlanc
- Bill 63, An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Law Society of New Brunswick Mr. McGinley, Q.C.
- Bill 64, An Act to Incorporate Les Religieux de Sainte-Croix d'Acadie Mr. Collins
- Bill 65, An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act Mr. Collins

#### **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.

Motion 55 by Hon. Mr. S. Graham. Debated and carried April 17, 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 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 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 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.

[Documents requested filed May 4, 2009]

**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.

[Documents requested filed May 4, 2009]

**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 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.

## [Documents requested filed May 7, 2009]

**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.

**Motion 53 by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 23, 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 contracts awarded through the Department of Supply and Services including personal service contracts, that received an exemption under section 27 of the Regulations of the *Public Purchasing Act* including the department that issued the contract, the names of any individuals or companies that received contracts and the dollar amount that was awarded from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

## [Documents requested filed May 15, 2009]

**Motion 56 by Mr. C. Landry**, seconded by M<sup>me</sup> Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 30, 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 records and documents in government possession, however recorded or stored, related to any domestic or international travel by the Minister of Education, his staff, or members of his department and the reason for each trip, since October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

**Motion 57 by Mr. Fitch**, seconded by Mr. Williams to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 7th, 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 persons that travelled to Toronto during the Premiers' March 31<sup>st</sup> visit to the Economic Club of Canada, all persons that travelled on behalf of the Department of Business New Brunswick, the Office of the Premier, or any government department, including any other person that travelled to Toronto during the period in question that was paid for by the government and any expenses that were incurred.

Motion 58 by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Huntjens to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 21st, 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 documentation or communication however recorded or stored, related to any cost analysis, reports, community discussions or third party consultation related to the decision to build the new jail in Shediac.

#### 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.

Motion 52 by Mr. MacDonald. Debated and carried as amended April 23, 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.

Motions 18, 35, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 47 withdrawn April 30, 2009.

#### **PETITIONS**

Petition 1: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 26, 2008. (Response, December 10, 2008) Petition 2: Mr. Steeves, November 26, 2008. Petition 3: Mr. Steeves, November 26, 2008. Petition 4: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 28, 2008. Petition 5: Mr. Williams, November 28, 2008. Petition 6: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 2, 2008. Petition 7: Mr. Urguhart, December 2, 2008. (Response, December 15, 2008) Petition 8: Mr. Fitch, December 2, 2008. Petition 9: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 3, 2008. Petition 10: Mr. Urguhart, December 3, 2008. Petition 11: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 4, 2008. Petition 12: Mr. Harrison, December 4, 2008. Petition 13: Mr. Northrup, December 4, 2008. Petition 14: Mr. D. Graham, December 4, 2008. Petition 15: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 9, 2008. Petition 16: Ms. Dubé, December 10, 2008.

(Response, December 2, 2008) (Response, December 10, 2008) (Response, December 10, 2008)

(Response, December 16, 2008) (Response, December 15, 2008)

(Response, December 19, 2008)

(Response, December 15, 2008)

(Response, December 15, 2008)

(Response, December 23, 2008)

(Response, December 18, 2008) (Response, December 18, 2008)

(Response, January 14, 2009)

(Response, December 18, 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) (Response, April 1, 2009) Petition 25: Mr. Alward, March 20, 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. (Response, April 20, 2009) Petition 32: Mr. Northrup, March 31, 2009. (Response, April 7, 2009) Petition 33: Mr. Betts, April 2, 2009. (Response, April 22, 2009) (Response, April 22, 2009) Petition 34: Mr. Williams, April 14, 2009. Petition 35: Mr. Betts, April 15, 2009. (Response, April 22, 2009) Petition 36: Mr. Williams, April 16, 2009. (Response, April 22, 2009) (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 37: Mr. Harrison, April 17, 2009. Petition 38: Mrs. Blaney, April 21, 2009. (Response, May 19, 2009) Petition 39: Mr. Holder, April 21, 2009. (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 40: Mr. Harrison, April 21, 2009. (Response, May 5, 2009) Petition 41: Mrs. Blaney, April 22, 2009. (Response, May 19, 2009) Petition 42: Mr. Holder, April 22, 2009. (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 43: Mrs. Blaney, April 23, 2009. (Response, May 19, 2009) Petition 44: Mr. Holder, April 23, 2009. (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 45: Mr. Harrison, April 23, 2009. (Response, May 5, 2009) Petition 46: Mr. MacDonald, April 23, 2009. (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 47: Mrs. Poirier, April 23, 2009. (Response, May 7, 2009) Petition 48: Mr. Holder, April 24, 2009. (Response, May 4, 2009) Petition 49: Mrs. Blaney, April 24, 2009. (Response, May 19, 2009)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Petition 50: Ms. Lavoie, May 15, 2009.

First Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments
(Presented by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C. April 3, 2009)
Second Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments
(Presented by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C. May 12, 2009)

First Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills
(Presented by Mr. Kennedy May 12, 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)

## **REPORTS / DOCUMENTS**

## **TABLED IN THE HOUSE**

Document entitled Seniors' Guide to Services and Programs - Being informed in your community (Tabled by Hon. Mr. Kenny May 20, 2009)

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly