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# **Journals**

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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

**Thursday, December 10, 2009**

**Fourth Session of the 56th Legislative Assembly  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Urquhart, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to allow McGee's convenience store at Thomaston Corner to become a NB Liquor agent. (Petition 58)

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Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Moncton, Salisbury, Riverview, Cornhill and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 59)

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Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Beaverdam, Fredericton, New Maryland, Charters Settlement, Fredericton Junction, Taymouth, Rusagonis and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 60)

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Mr. Holder, Member for Saint John Portland, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Woodstock, Millville, Burtts Corner, Douglas, Zealand, Upper Keswick, Stone Ridge, Cross Creek and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 61)

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Mr. C. LeBlanc, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Charlo, Nash Creek, Balmoral, Moncton, Dalhousie and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 62)

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Mr. Jody Carr, Member for Oromocto, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Napan, Glenwood, Moncton, Black River, Caraquet, Miramichi, Lower Newcastle, Russellville, Chatham and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 63)

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Mr. Jack Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Miramichi, Russellville and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 64)

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Mr. Fitch, Member for Riverview, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Salisbury, Colpitts Settlement, River Glade, Grand Bay, Havelock, Durham Bridge, Moncton and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 65)

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Mr. C. Landry, Member for Tracadie-Sheila, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Salisbury, Petitcodiac, Colpitts Settlement, Wheaton Settlement, Havelock and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 66)

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Mr. Olscamp, Member for Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Lower Mountain Road, Colpitts Settlement, Salisbury, The Glades, River Glade, Boundary Creek, Moncton, Petitcodiac, Mount Eagle and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 67)

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Ms. Blaney, Member for Rothesay, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Rothesay, Quispamsis, Clifton-Royal and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 68)

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Mr. Alward, Member for Woodstock, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Woodstock, Millville, Burtt's Corner, Kingsley, Zealand and surrounding areas urging the government to proclaim a plebiscite/referendum on whether the province should sell NB Power. (Petition 69)

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 17, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

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, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the current costs to date and projected future costs regarding the restoration of the Petitcodiac River.

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Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 17, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

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 copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Province and the State of Maine on February 9, 2007, all copies of correspondence between the State of Maine and New Brunswick regarding the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of New Brunswick and the Province of Quebec including but not limited to background materials, studies, reports and briefing materials.

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Debate resumed the motion that Bill 11, *NB Power Referendum Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Mr. Alward moved, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS many people of New Brunswick have made their concerns, reservations and questions regarding the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec extremely public; and

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick as the principal shareholders of NB Power have not been given the opportunity to have their opinions heard via a referendum or general election; and

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick has said that this deal must be signed on or before March 31, 2010, in order to avoid an electricity rate increase of 3%; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to halt any proposed rate increase to any NB Power customers until such time as a general election has been held or a referendum is convened on this issue, whereby the people of New Brunswick may decide in an open, transparent and democratic forum as to their wishes, for this publicly owned and operated utility without the fear of any increase in rate or financial penalty.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion was defeated.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *No One Left Behind Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Alward, the Leader of the Opposition, had accused Hon. Mr. Keir of telling “half-truths.” Mr. Deputy Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the remark, which he did.

And the debate continuing, Mr. Volpé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Murphy had used unparliamentary language when he accused Mr. Alward of “feigning sincerity.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated he would review the transcript and report back to the House if necessary.

And after some further time, Mr. Volpé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Murphy had used unparliamentary language when he compared Mr. Alward to a bull and a steer, and stated they “spread the same thing.” Mr. Deputy Speaker advised he would review the transcript and report back to the House if necessary.

And the debate continuing, after some further time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o’clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2008-2009

Office of the Attorney General

December 10, 2009