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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, January 22, 2010

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

Friday, January 22, 2010.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves welcomed to the House Mr. Michael Currie, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island. Mr. MacIntyre joined with Mr. Steeves in this regard.

Mr. Jack Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Napan, Black River Bridge, Douglastown, Miramichi and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 146)

Mr. C. LeBlanc, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Dalhousie and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 147)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Grand Manan area who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 148)

Mr. Holder, Member for Saint John Portland, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Rothesay, Saint John, Little Lepreau, Hampton and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 149)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of home support workers at Le Phare des services Communautaires in Bouctouche urging the government to allocate more funding to the home support industry. (Petition 150)

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and requested that Mr. Robichaud withdraw the term “incompetent” in reference to the Minister of Energy, which he did.

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, January 28, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick are the principle shareholders of NB Power and its assets; and

WHEREAS the Premier's decision to sell off many of those assets and transmission rights to Hydro-Québec without the consent of the people has created tremendous public backlash because the people of New Brunswick were not consulted about the deal; and

WHEREAS there are many questions surrounding the final written contract between Hydro-Québec and the province of New Brunswick because the government has chosen to keep many aspects of the negotiated deal between the two parties involved secret;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge this government to table the contract between the province of New Brunswick and Hydro-Québec a minimum of 30 days before the deal is signed so that the final agreement can receive the essential public scrutiny that it requires and the shareholders deserve.

Mr. Jody Carr gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, January 28, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS timely access to the justice system is fundamental in providing a just and democratic society, and

WHEREAS Legal Aid is a fundamental necessity that helps ensure timely access to justice especially for vulnerable citizens, including women who are experiencing family violence, Aboriginal women, and those of low income; and

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick has cut funding for Legal Aid during the last two consecutive budgets and eliminated court mediators despite the government's own reports recommending otherwise; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to form a provincial action committee with representatives from government departments and community representatives mandated to implement recommendations to improve access to family court services, expand the use of alternatives to family courts to resolve family law issues, and provide increased access to legal information and legal aid in family law matters.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault, Deputy Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Supply and Services; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 12 and 7.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3 o'clock p.m.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. Robichaud in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2010 - 2011

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$116,756,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2011:

Administration	2,475,000
General Services	8,657,000
Buildings Group	101,181,000
Corporate Information Management Services	4,496,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	53,000
Voted	116,756,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$385,589,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2011:

Public Works and Infrastructure	385,589,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2010 - 2011	Voted
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WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Supply and Services - Algonquin Properties Limited	1,500,000
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INVENTORIES

Supply and Services.....	2,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Robichaud in the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Lavoie took the chair.

And after some further time, Ms. Robichaud resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 7, *Heritage Conservation Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 3 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

2008-2009 Annual Report, Department of Supply and Services	January 19, 2010
2008-2009 Annual Report, Research and Productivity Council	January 21, 2010
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 25	January 21, 2010