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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, February 19, 2010

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Urquhart, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Dieppe, Miramichi, Bathurst, Black River Bridge, Glenwood, Redmondville, St. Margarets, Napan and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 212)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Kings East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Napan, Miramichi, Escuminac, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Quarryville and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 213)

Following Oral Questions, it was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Statements by Ministers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Lamrock, Q.C.

Bill 39, *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Thursday, February 25, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS none of the financial information regarding the sale of NB Power has been released to the public; and

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick has voted against a motion calling on the release of the final contract at least 30 days prior to any sale of NB Power's assets; and

WHEREAS there are many concerns regarding the debt that will remain on the books of NB Power and the utility's ability to pay down those debts after the sale of most of the assets of NB Power has been finalized; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to submit all financial and legal documents within the government's possession prior to the signing of a contract regarding the proposed sale of NB Power's assets to the Office of the Auditor General so that this independent officer of the Legislature may review the proposed sale to ensure that the utility is not left in a position where a structural debt exists with limited or no means of servicing that debt following the conclusion of any proposed sale of NB Power's assets.

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

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

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

At 12.20 o'clock p.m., Ms. Robichaud declared a recess and left the chair.

12.36 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed 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 directed that she report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 12, *New Brunswick Internal Services Agency 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.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Fraser, 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, and asked leave to sit again.

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