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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, February 26, 2010

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Miramichi, Chatham, Barryville and surrounding areas who support the NB Power agreement. (Petition 221)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Saint-Charles - Saint-Ignace area urging the government to repair and maintain the Saint-Joseph Road to allow residents to access their property. (Petition 222)

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton-Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens of New Brunswick who oppose the sale of NB Power. (Petition 223)

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, March 4, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick and the Liberal Party of New Brunswick made a campaign promise to not sell any of NB Power; and

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick entered into negotiations to sell NB Power without a mandate from the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick then amended the original deal to instead sell off most of the assets of NB Power to Hydro-Québec; and

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick has indicated the deal between New Brunswick and Hydro-Québec is final; and

WHEREAS the government will not engage the public in meaningful consultation whereby their thoughts, concerns, suggestions, options and alternatives will be sincerely considered by government to alter the final agreement; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to cease the execution and implementation of the agreement with the Province of Québec and Hydro-Québec related to the sale of NB Power or any of its generation and transmission assets until the people of New Brunswick have been consulted in a general election.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, March 4, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Williams:

WHEREAS the announcement made by the government on February 25, 2010, regarding the current financial and legal state of the Atcon Group of Companies and the loan guarantees issued by the Province of New Brunswick represents a massive financial risk to the taxpayers of this province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly immediately convene a special sitting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to review any and all transactions between the province of New Brunswick and the Atcon Group of Companies.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, March 4, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

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 contracts, including personal service contracts, awarded through the Department of Supply and Services and exempted pursuant to section 27 of the regulation under the *Public Purchasing Act*, including the name of the department that awarded the contract, the name of the individuals or companies to which contracts have been awarded since April 1, 2009, and the amounts of the contracts.

Mr. Betts gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, March 4, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the names and positions of all appointments made by the Minister of Environment to any solid waste commission since July 24, 2009.

Hon. Mr. Byrne, Government House Leader, announced that the House would proceed with the Royal Assent Ceremony.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. Mr. Byrne moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. Schryer: (Motion 52)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. B. LeBlanc for Mr. Miles.

And the question being put, Motion 52 was carried.

Her Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 7, *Heritage Conservation Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

Bill 41, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2008-2009 (2).*

Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2009-2010 (1).*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, Her Honour's Assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 12.05 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:

Response to Petitions No. 200, 201, 202

February 25, 2010