

**55**



**Journals**  
(Unrevised)

Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

**Thursday, March 18, 2010**

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

---

Thursday, March 18, 2010.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Kings East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Derby, Derby Junction, Miramichi, Gray Rapids, Millerton, Bellefond, Beaverbrook, Sunny Corner, Blissfield, Napan and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 236)

---

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of St. Margarets, Miramichi, East Point, Chatham, Whitney, Bay du Vin, Napan, Tracadie-Sheila and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 237)

---

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Nigadoo, Beresford, Bathurst, Petit-Rocher, Dunlop and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 238)

---

Hon. Mr. Arseneault laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Be inspired. Be ready. Be better. The Action Plan to Transform Post-Secondary Education in New Brunswick, Progress Report - March 2010.*

---

Hon. Mr. Byrne, Government House Leader, gave notice that on Friday, March 19, 2010, Bills 40, 43, 45, 49 and 51 would be ordered for second reading.

---

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 49, Mr. Fitch moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the term “lying” in reference to Hon. V. Boudreau, which he did.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Hon. V. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Byrne, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That -Motion 49 be amended by:

After the “Whereas” clause, add

“WHEREAS the Atcon Group of Companies are currently under court ordered proceedings;”

In the resolution clause, delete the words “immediately convene a special sitting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to review” and replace with “urge the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at its next session and when Court proceedings have been finalized, to request officials of Business New Brunswick to be made available to that Committee to answer questions regarding”

And the question being put on the amendment, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment to Motion 49 was carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 49 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the announcement made by the government on February 25th, 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;

WHEREAS the Atcon Group of Companies are currently under court ordered proceedings;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at its next session and when Court proceedings have been finalized, to request officials of Business New Brunswick to be made available to that

---

Committee to answer questions regarding any and all transactions between the Province of New Brunswick and the Atcon Group of Companies.

And the question being put, Motion 49 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Alward:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, the Minister of Energy, Mr. Doug Tyler and the President and Chief Executive Officer of NB Power since January 1, 2009 related to any business dealings with the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Québec.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Hon. Mr. Keir, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended by:

After the word "House", add

" , on or before June 30, 2010, "

And the question being put on the amendment, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

---

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