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Hon. Graydon Nicholas Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Lifford to deliver a lengthy congratulatory message.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, December 9, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS economic development is vital to the financial future of our province;

WHEREAS job creation is important for incremental revenues;

WHEREAS the Official Opposition believes government has a very important role to play in helping create jobs;

WHEREAS the majority of the participants in the Future NB Summit in Moncton agreed that government is an integral partner in the economic development process;

WHEREAS government policies can either stimulate job creation or discourage it;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to demonstrate its commitment to economic development by setting a concrete job creation target of at least 15,000 new jobs to be created in New Brunswick over the next four years.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, December 9, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

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 invoices for RCMP services issued to municipalities in the province of New Brunswick, along with an accounting of all payments received from municipalities for RCMP services, for the fiscal year 2009-2010, as well as detailed year-by-year invoices and accounts receivable for any municipalities with outstanding balances, dating back to the year of the first underpayment.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, December 9, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House documentation regarding the number of personal income tax filers and corporate income tax filers in the province of New Brunswick since the 2003 taxation year.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have signed an energy agreement to give these two provinces a competitive advantage in regional supply of electricity, and

WHEREAS these two provinces have applied to the federal government for approximately \$400 million in infrastructure funding to help pay for transmission capacity for the power for the benefit of these two provinces,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government of New Brunswick to press the federal government, if assistance is provided for transmission capacity to Nova Scotia, to offer equivalent assistance to New Brunswick for added transmission capacity, for the benefit of New Brunswick's energy future.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Leonard, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended by:

Inserting the following before the "Be It Resolved Clause":

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick under the Leadership of Premier David Alward has proven within the first two months of their mandate that they are able and willing to negotiate with the federal government to deliver for the people of New Brunswick;

AND

by replacing all the words following "BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the" with the words "new government of New Brunswick to continue its work with the federal government to ensure equitable and fair treatment to this Province for energy initiatives that benefit Atlantic Canada's future."

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

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

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 3 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have signed an energy agreement to give these two provinces a competitive advantage in regional supply of electricity, and

WHEREAS these two provinces have applied to the federal government for approximately \$400 million in infrastructure funding to help pay for transmission capacity for the power for the benefit of these two provinces,

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick under the Leadership of Premier David Alward has proven within the first two months of their mandate that they are able and willing to negotiate with the federal government to deliver for the people of New Brunswick:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the new government of New Brunswick to continue its work with the federal government to ensure equitable and fair treatment to this Province for energy initiatives that benefit Atlantic Canada's future.

And the question being put, Motion 3 as amended was carried.

Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House. Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the Government that on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, the following Bills would be called for second reading: Bills 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. D. Landry moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the 2010 platform for the Progressive Conservative Party made no mention of the sale of NB Liquor;

WHEREAS the newly appointed CEO of NB Liquor was reported to have been musing about the sale of NB Liquor;

WHEREAS NB Liquor remitted \$161.9 million to the New Brunswick government in 2009-2010;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to clearly inform New Brunswickers about the Conservative government's intention regarding the possible sale of NB Liquor.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Higgs, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 4 be amended by:

Replacing the words

WHEREAS the 2010 platform for the Progressive Conservative Party made no mention of the sale of NB Liquor;

WHEREAS the newly appointed CEO of NB Liquor was reported to have been musing about the sale of NB Liquor;

WITH

WHEREAS the CEO of NB Liquor has the responsibility to seek ways to better serve New Brunswickers;

AND

That the words following "BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to clearly inform" be deleted and replaced with "and continue to consult with New Brunswickers, so that they are clearly informed about and involved in decisions regarding the innovative ways that we may better manage the NB Liquor Corporation for the benefit of all New Brunswickers."

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time of daily adjournment had arrived.

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