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Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Fitch laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the parents of students at Ste-Bernadette School urging the government to construct a new school. (Petition 2)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. P. Robichaud had referred to the absence of a Member from the House. Mr. Speaker ruled that while the Member had not referred to the absence of a specific Member, Members should avoid making such statements.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act.*

Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, gave notice that on Friday, December 10, 2010, Bill 10 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the proposed amendment to Motion 4, moved by Hon. Mr. Higgs, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, as follows:

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 after some time, Mr. D. Landry, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved a sub-amendment as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 4 be amended as follows:

by adding, after the words “and continue to consult with New Brunswickers,”, the words “while reporting to the Legislative Assembly on consultation methods and results,”.

At 2.54 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.15 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the sub-amendment moved by Mr. D. Landry be withdrawn and a new sub-amendment be proposed.

Mr. D. Landry, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved a sub-amendment as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 4 be amended as follows:

by adding, after the words “and continue to consult with New Brunswickers,”, the words “reporting to the Legislative Assembly on these consultations,”.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the sub-amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment as amended as follows:

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, reporting to the Legislative Assembly on these consultations, 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, the amendment to Motion 4 as amended was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 4 as amended as follows:

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

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 and continue to consult with New Brunswickers, reporting to the Legislative Assembly on these consultations, 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, Motion 4 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. Melanson moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 11 be amended by:

Replacing the words “the Official Opposition” with “this House” and replacing the word “jobs” with “an atmosphere where business and innovation thrive” from the third WHEREAS clause.

By adding the following after the fifth WHEREAS clause:

“WHEREAS the government must restore the province’s fiscal balance in order to ensure that we can make future strategic investments that support our companies, increase innovation, and improve productivity;”.

By deleting all the words following “economic development by” from the BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED clause and inserting: “ensuring that optimal conditions are in place and that strategic investments are made to support the private sector in generating jobs and wealth in New Brunswick over the next four years.”

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Boudreau, moved a sub-amendment as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 11 be amended as follows:

In the sixth WHEREAS clause, replace the words “in order to” with “and, in parallel”; and remove the word “future”.

In the BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED clause, adding after the words “over the next four years,” the phrase “to allow the government to create at least 15,000 new jobs.”

And the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 11 be amended by:

Replacing the words “the Official Opposition” with “this House” and replacing the word “jobs” with “an atmosphere where business and innovation thrive” from the third WHEREAS clause.

By adding the following after the fifth WHEREAS clause:

“WHEREAS the government must restore the province’s fiscal balance in order to ensure that we can make future strategic investments that support our companies, increase innovation, and improve productivity;”.

By deleting all the words following “economic development by” from the BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED clause and inserting: “ensuring that optimal conditions are in place and that strategic investments are made to support the private sector in generating jobs and wealth in New Brunswick over the next four years.”

And the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 11 as amended as follows:

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

WHEREAS job creation is important for incremental revenues;

WHEREAS this House believes government has a very important role to play in helping create an atmosphere where business and innovation thrive;

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;

WHEREAS the government must restore the province's fiscal balance in order to ensure that we can make future strategic investments that support our companies, increase innovation, and improve productivity;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to demonstrate its commitment to economic development by ensuring that optimal conditions are in place and that strategic investments are made to support the private sector in generating jobs and wealth in New Brunswick over the next four years.

And the question being put, Motion 11 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the Point Lepreau refurbishment project is three years behind schedule and \$1 billion over budget;

WHEREAS the refurbishment contract was signed by the former Progressive Conservative government in 2006;

WHEREAS the delays in the refurbishment project require the province of New Brunswick to purchase electricity from other jurisdictions at a cost of approximately \$1 million a day;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy has stated in this House that his government will accept nothing less than full compensation from the government of Canada for the cost of replacement electricity;

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada has stated publicly that the federal government will only honour its contractual obligations in the refurbishment project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to demand from the

federal government full compensation of the cost of replacement power resulting from the delay in the refurbishment project at Point Lepreau, for the good of all New Brunswickers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 10 be amended by:

In the first whereas clause insert the words “projected to be” before the words “\$1 billion over budget”;

By replacing the second whereas clause with:

“WHEREAS these delays took place under the former Liberal government’s watch;”

In the third whereas clause, by deleting the words “purchase electricity from other jurisdictions at a cost” and replacing them with “incur overall project overrun costs”;

In the fourth whereas clause by replacing the words “cost of replacement electricity” with “project cost overruns”;

By deleting the fifth whereas clause;

By replacing the words “of the cost of replacement power” with “for the project cost overruns” in the resolution clause.

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, 5.57 o’clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

New Brunswick Health Council, Our Health, Our Perspectives, Our solutions. Results of Our First Engagement Initiative with New Brunswick Citizens - October 2010	December 8, 2010
Annual Report 2009-2010, Office of the Comptroller	December 3, 2010
Annual Report 2009-2010, Supply and Services	December 9, 2010