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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

Friday, December 10, 2010

**First Session of the 57th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

Friday, December 10, 2010.

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Williams,

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority.*

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, December 16, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Petitcodiac Causeway was one of the worst environmental disasters in New Brunswick history;

WHEREAS the previous government took the first step in righting this wrong by embarking on a restoration project, and the causeway gates were opened earlier this year;

WHEREAS the opening of the causeway gates has been praised by environmentalists around the world, including David Suzuki;

WHEREAS certain members of the Government caucus have expressed their desire to see the restoration project halted;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government of New Brunswick to express its support for the restoration project, and to continue to lobby the federal government for financial assistance in continuing the restoration project.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, December 16, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS a strong education system is vital to the future of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has required school districts in the province to cut 1% from their budgets this year and 2% for the next four years;

WHEREAS economists and experts at the Future NB Summit agreed that education spending should be maintained and exempted from across-the-board budget cuts;

WHEREAS the government believes strongly in consulting with New Brunswickers before making decisions that affect them;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to reverse its decision to cut school district budgets by 1% this year and 2% for the next four years.

Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of the government that Bill 10 be called for second reading, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 4 and, with leave, Bill 10.

Hon. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, Bill 11 would be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time.

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 10 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

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

At 11.27 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.36 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 11.37 o'clock a.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:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 6, 13 December 9, 2010
Annual Report 2009-2010, Recycle NB December 10, 2010