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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

**Thursday, December 16, 2010**

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

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Thursday, December 16, 2010.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the House had exceeded the ten minutes reserved for Messages of Congratulation and Recognition. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 12, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2009-2010* (2).

Bill 13, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011* (1).

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Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bills 12 and 13 were ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 12, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2009-2010* (2).

Bill 13, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011* (1).

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The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill 12, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2009-2010* (2).

Bill 13, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011* (1).

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Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 23, 2010, he would move the following resolution seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS according to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, the average undergraduate arts tuition cost in New Brunswick has been frozen at \$5,423 for the last four academic years, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11; and

WHEREAS affordable tuition is very important to allow students access to post-secondary education in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that an educated work force is vital to the future of New Brunswick;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to ensure that a public university education in New Brunswick will continue to be affordable and accessible.

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Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Thursday, December 23, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS post-secondary education is crucial to the future prosperity of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the previous Liberal government made record investments in our universities and community colleges including funding for both infrastructure and programs;

AND WHEREAS the previous Liberal government brought forward one of the most comprehensive programs in the country to address access to post-secondary education and student debt;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to continue to demonstrate its commitment to post-secondary education to ensure continued access to post-secondary education remains a priority.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Mr. Collins moved, 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.

And the question being put, 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 after some time, Hon. Mr. Williams, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 15 be amended by:

In the first Whereas clause by deleting the words after “the Petitcodiac Causeway was” and replacing them with “constructed by the Liberal Government in the late nineteen sixties”

In the second Whereas clause by deleting all the words following “Whereas the” and replacing them with “causeway gates were opened in April of this year”.

By inserting the following after the second whereas clause:

“WHEREAS the primary goal of the restoration project is to restore the passage of fish;”.

By deleting the third and fourth whereas clauses.

In the resolution clause by deleting all the words following “to express its support for the” and replacing them with “continued monitoring of the project, and to continue to seek funding from the federal government for costs associated with this project.”

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

#### SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 15 be amended as follows:

In the third whereas clause, following the words “passage of fish,” adding the words:

“and to restore the river to its natural state”;

In the resolution clause, following the words “associated with this project,” adding the words:

“with the ultimate goal being the full restoration of the Petitcodiac River.”

And the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. B. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Tait
Hon. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. K. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Jody Carr	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Betts

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Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Killen	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Soucy	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Davis

And the question being put, the amendment to Motion 15 was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 15 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Petitcodiac Causeway was constructed by the Liberal Government in the late nineteen sixties;

WHEREAS the causeway gates were opened in April of this year;

WHEREAS the primary goal of the restoration project is to restore the passage of fish;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government of New Brunswick to express its support for the continued monitoring of the project, and to continue to seek funding from the federal government for costs associated with this project.

And the question being put, Motion 15 as amended was carried.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 16, Mr. Albert moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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And then, 6 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:

Annual Report 2009,

Conflict of Interest Commissioner

December 16, 2010