

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Olscamp welcomed to the House Mr. Yvon Poitras, a former Progressive Conservative MLA (1982-1987) and Cabinet Minister.

Mr. Lifford, Member for Fredericton-Nashwaaksis, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Minister of Local Government to table the legislation which authorized certain public hearings, votes, and a twenty-year signed cost sharing agreement, on behalf of the unincorporated local service district or Estey's Bridge, for access to major recreational facilities in Fredericton, and, if no such legislation exists, urging the Minister to rescind the agreement and remove the cost from the local service district tax rate. (Petition 10)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Ms. Blais had used unparliamentary language when she stated that a Member had "misled" the House. The Minister withdrew the remarks.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Trevors,

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Police Act.

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Scalers Act.

Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Forest Products Act.

Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, April 7, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick film tax credit is an essential component of New Brunswick Film's mandate of promoting and supporting the development of an economically viable and vibrant film industry in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Conservative government has eliminated funding for the New Brunswick film tax credit;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick film industry is a multimilliondollar industry, and a \$3.5-million investment in 2009 generated \$55.8 million in economic spin-offs for the province; WHEREAS, without the New Brunswick film tax credit, production companies and other industry players will simply go elsewhere;

WHEREAS, since the elimination of the film tax credit was announced, at least two film production companies have already announced plans to move out of the province, taking jobs with them;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to acknowledge the importance of the New Brunswick film tax credit and reinstate this tax credit.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, April 7, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between provincial government departments, Executive Council office, the Premier's Office, agencies and/or persons and any federal government departments, Executive Council Office, Prime Minister's Office, Regional Minister's Office, the office of Member of Parliament Rodney Weston, agencies and/or persons regarding the Saint John Harbour Bridge.

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 14, following which, with leave, Bill 14 would be called for third reading and the Royal Assent Ceremony would take place.

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

At 11.37 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess and left the chair.

11.47 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

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

Bill 14, An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority.

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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 14 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 14, An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

At 1.50 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.03 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed a Bill at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 14, An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's Assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled. His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 2.11 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 2010, WorksafeNB	March 31, 2011
Annual Report 2010,	
New Brunswick Insurance Board	March 31, 2011