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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
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Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reverse the decision to eliminate the Film Tax Credit. (Petition 125)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition requesting that Crown lands be sustainable, managed to maintain and increase the allocation levels at the mills, and meet world class environmental certification standards. (Petition 126)

Hon. Mr. Alward laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Proposals for Legislative Reform in New Brunswick*, by Don Desserud and Cody Waite, University of New Brunswick, 2011.

Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 47, 48, 49, 46, 44, 33, 34, 42, 6, 50 and 45.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 90, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS when in Opposition, the now Premier and the now Minister of Health both demanded the purchase of 3T MRIs to be placed in hospitals throughout the province, including locations such as Edmundston, Bathurst and Miramichi;

WHEREAS now that they are in government, the Premier and the Minister of Health have reversed their endorsements of 3T machines and will not be purchasing any for any hospital in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS doctors at the Moncton City Hospital and Saint John Regional Hospital are united in their stance that their hospitals, as major trauma centres and the only two neurological Centres of Excellence in the province, require 3T machines;

WHEREAS the Moncton City Hospital and the Saint John Regional Hospital provide specialty services to New Brunswickers from all parts of the province;

WHEREAS it is vitally important to give our medical professionals the equipment and tools they need to make the most accurate

and timely diagnosis and provide the best treatment possible to patients in the health care system;

WHEREAS various expert reports, including the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health report, indicate that the 3T machine is preferred over the 1.5 machine in advanced neurological applications;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to change its decision and purchase 3T machines for Moncton City Hospital and the Saint John Regional Hospital.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Dubé, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 90 be amended by:

In the first WHEREAS clause replace the words “both demanded the purchase of 3T MRIs to be placed in hospitals throughout the province, including locations such as Edmundston, Bathurst and Miramichi;” with “insisted on widely available quality diagnostic imaging equipment for all the people of New Brunswick”;

Delete the second, fourth and sixth WHEREAS clauses;

In the third WHEREAS clause, by replacing all the words following “WHEREAS” with “some doctors in the medical community are advocating for 3T equipment;”

In the fifth WHEREAS clause deleting the word “vitality”, and replacing the word “give” with “provide”, replacing the word “need” with “require”, replacing the words “make the most accurate and timely diagnosis” with “continue to diagnose”, replacing the words “the best” with “quality”, and deleting the word “possible;”

By adding two WHEREAS clauses before the resolution clause:

“WHEREAS this Government has initiated an aggressive three year, multi-million dollar, province wide plan to upgrade our ageing MRI inventory, ensuring all regions of the province have access to magnetic resonance imaging diagnostic services;”

“WHEREAS since the last Provincial election, there has been “a comprehensive review of existing public literature, studies, materials, and other information and documentation” by the Canadian Association for Drugs and Technology in Health;”

In the resolution clause, deleting the words following “the government” and replacing them with “to continue pursuing

an aggressive plan that ensures the availability of appropriate diagnostic imaging equipment for all New Brunswickers and continues to evaluate further evidence and clinical experience related to 3T MRI and advancing medical imaging technology for certain specialized diagnostic needs.”

Mr. Collins rose on a point of order and submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order as it did not retain any elements of the original motion. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken as the proposed amendment offered an alternative proposal for the consideration of the House.

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

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

WHEREAS when in Opposition, the now Premier and the now Minister of Health insisted on widely available quality diagnostic imaging equipment for all the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS some doctors in the medical community are advocating for 3T equipment;

WHEREAS it is important to provide our medical professionals the equipment and tools they require to continue to diagnose and provide quality treatment to patients in the health care system;

WHEREAS this Government has initiated an aggressive three year, multi-million dollar, province wide plan to upgrade our ageing MRI inventory, ensuring all regions of the province have access to magnetic resonance imaging diagnostic services;

WHEREAS since the last Provincial election, there has been “a comprehensive review of existing public literature, studies, materials, and other information and documentation” by the Canadian Association for Drugs and Technology in Health;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to continue pursuing an aggressive plan that ensures the availability of appropriate diagnostic imaging equipment for all New Brunswickers and continues to evaluate further evidence and clinical experience related to 3T MRI and advancing medical imaging technology for certain specialized diagnostic needs.

And the question being put, Motion 90 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 92, Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Melanson, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Maeng family of Moncton has lived in Canada since 2003, operating a business, contributing to the economy and paying taxes;

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has denied an extension of the family's temporary resident permit, effectively deporting the family to South Korea, due to the youngest son's medical conditions;

WHEREAS the members of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly firmly believe that immigration is a key factor in growing our population and, therefore, our economy;

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick believe in a just society and protection of the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS the actions taken by CIC are unwarranted, cold-hearted and morally wrong;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to lobby the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to reverse its decision to deny the extension of the Maeng family's temporary resident permit.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Stultz, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 92 be amended by:

Deleting the fifth WHEREAS clause;

By adding a sixth WHEREAS clause that reads "WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has a productive and effective working relationship with the Government of Canada;"

By adding a seventh WHEREAS clause that reads "WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is optimistic that a suitable resolution can be found that will keep the Maeng family in Moncton;"

In the resolution clause, by replacing the word "lobby" with "collaboratively work with", and deleting the word "Canada" following "Citizenship and Immigration", and by replacing the words "reverse its decision to deny the extension of" with "extend."

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

WHEREAS the Maeng family of Moncton has lived in Canada since 2003, operating a business, contributing to the economy and paying taxes;

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has denied an extension of the family's temporary resident permit, effectively deporting the family to South Korea, due to the youngest son's medical conditions;

WHEREAS the members of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly firmly believe that immigration is a key factor in growing our population and, therefore, our economy;

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick believe in a just society and protection of the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has a productive and effective working relationship with the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is optimistic that a suitable resolution can be found that will keep the Maeng family in Moncton;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to collaboratively work with the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration to extend the Maeng family's temporary resident permit.

And the question being put, Motion 92 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 91, Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Melanson, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Alward government is proposing a two-tiered minimum wage for the province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour has refused to engage in meaningful consultation with many of the stakeholders who would be directly affected by such a change in the minimum wage system;

AND WHEREAS a two-tiered minimum wage is a direct attack on the most vulnerable wage earners;

AND WHEREAS the Alward government has shown a double standard by creating high paying patronage appointments for people who were on the Tory campaign bus while at the same time trying to cut the wages of the lowest income earners;

AND WHEREAS a two-tiered minimum wage will give rise to discrimination of many members of society including women and youth;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to reject any move to establish a two-tiered minimum wage for New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition had used the word "arrogant" in referring to the Minister and submitted that the word should be withdrawn. The Leader of the Opposition spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the word, which he did.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act.*

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 48, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions.*

Bill 49, *An Act Respecting Expenditure Restraint.*

Bill 50, *An Act Respecting Vital Statistics.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

And then, 9.55 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:

Response to Petitions 101 and 104	June 8, 2011
Response to Petitions 47 and 48	June 9, 2011
Documents requested in	
Notices of Motions 80 and 89	June 9, 2011