



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

First Session, 57th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 16
Thursday, December 16, 2010

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[*Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)*]

Debatable Motions

Motion 15 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 16, 2010:

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.

Motion 16 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 16, 2010:

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.

Motion 5 by Mr. Haché, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 2, 2010:

WHEREAS the new Progressive Conservative government campaigned on a promise to be open and transparent;

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party's campaign platform vowed "responsible management of our public finances";

WHEREAS the Premier publicly stated that his party's campaign platform was his contract with the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick has appointed several high-profile Progressive Conservative Party members to high-paying positions with provincial boards, corporations, agencies, and commissions since October 12, 2010;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to fully disclose the recruitment and hiring process used to appoint members of provincial boards, corporations, agencies, and commissions since October 12, 2010.

Motion 10 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

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.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Leonard, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud that Motion 10 be amended as follows:

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.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. Alward
Bill 3, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs
Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Trevors
Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch
Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs
Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act - Hon. Mrs. Blais, Q.C.
Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch
Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act - Hon. Mr. Olscamp
Bill 11, An Act Respecting the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority
- Hon. Mr. Williams

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Supplementary Estimates 2009-2010 Volume II (Adopted December 15, 2010)
Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011 Volume I (Adopted December 15, 2010)
Capital Estimates 2011-2012

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 18 by Hon. Mr. Higgs, seconded by Hon. Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 22, 2011:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

CONCLUDED

Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 30, 2010.
Motion 14 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried December 14, 2010.
Motion 17 by Hon. Mr. Alward. Carried December 14, 2010.
Motion 19 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried December 15, 2010.
Motion 20 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried December 15, 2010.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions for Returns

Motion 1 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 2, 2010:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the names, job titles, job descriptions and remuneration of all persons hired by the Province on a contract, term, casual, part-time or full-time basis since October 12, 2010, including all parts of the civil service and crown corporations, boards, agencies and commissions.

Motion 2 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 2, 2010:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the names, job descriptions, job titles, and departments of all persons whose employment was terminated, whose casual positions ended, or whose contracts were not renewed with the province of New Brunswick since October 12, 2010.

Motion 6 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all the vehicles in the Department of Transportation's executive fleet purchased or leased for or by Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Special Assistants and Executive Assistants since October 12, 2010, including the year, make, model, purchase or lease price, type of fuel used, and Minister, Deputy Minister, Special Assistant and Executive Assistant's name for each vehicle.

[Documents requested filed December 9, 2010]

Motion 7 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

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 federal and provincial government departments, agencies and/or persons regarding the Saint John Harbour Bridge.

Motion 8 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

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 the Office of the Premier, the Office of the Minister of Energy and any provincial government

departments, agencies and/or persons, and the Government of Nova Scotia, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Emera Inc. and Nalcor Energy, regarding the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project partnership, since October 12, 2010.

Motion 12 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

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 invoices for RCMP services issued to municipalities in the province of New Brunswick, along with an accounting of all payments received from municipalities for RCMP services, for the fiscal year 2009-2010, as well as detailed year-by-year invoices and accounts receivable for any municipalities with outstanding balances, dating back to the year of the first underpayment.

Motion 13 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 9, 2010:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House documentation regarding the number of personal income tax filers and corporate income tax filers in the province of New Brunswick since the 2003 taxation year.

[Documents requested filed December 9, 2010]

CONCLUDED

Motion 3 by Mr. Kenny. Debated and carried as amended December 2, 2010.

Motion 4 by Mr. D. Landry. Debated and carried as amended December 9, 2010.

Motion 11 by Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried as amended December 9, 2010.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Hon. Mrs. Stultz, November 26, 2010.

Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Fitch, December 9, 2010.

Loredana Catalli Sonier, Q.C.
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly