



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK First Session, 57<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

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ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 19  
Wednesday, March 23, 2011

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### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers  
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Introduction of Guests  
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Statements by Members (10 minutes)  
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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

#### GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government. (Motion 18)

***Debate adjourned by Mr. Arseneault.***

***Debate to resume Thursday, March 24, 2011.***

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

## COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates 2011-2012

Supplementary Estimates 2009-2010 Volume II (Adopted December 15, 2010)

Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011 Volume I (Adopted December 15, 2010)

## GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

### 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

### OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

#### *Debatable Motions*

**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.]*

**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.

***[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]***

**Motion 21 by Mr. Collins**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 23, 2010:

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.

**Motion 22 by Mr. Collins**, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 23, 2010:

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.

### ***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.

**[Documents requested filed December 21, 2010]**

**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.

**[Documents requested filed December 21, 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.

**[Documents requested filed December 22, 2010]**

**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.

**[Documents requested filed January 11, 2011]**

**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.

**[Documents requested filed January 10, 2011]**

**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.

**Motion 15 by Mr. Collins.** Debated and carried as amended December 16, 2010.

## PETITIONS

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

(Response, December 22, 2010)

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

(Response, January 17, 2011)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Select Committee on Point Lepreau,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Estimates,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Law Amendments,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Legislative Officers,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Private Bills,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Privileges,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Procedure,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

Standing Committee on Public Accounts,

First Report, December 17, 2010.

**DOCUMENTS/REPORTS**

***Tabled in the House***

2011-2012 Economic Outlook

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Higgs March 22, 2011)

2011-2012 Budget, New Brunswick, New Direction

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Higgs March 22, 2011)

2011-2012 Main Estimates

(Transmitted by message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on March 22, 2011)

***Filed in the Clerk's Office***

Annual Report 2009-2010, Office of the Ombudsman

(Filed March 21, 2011)

Annual Report 2009-2010, Child and Youth Advocate

(Filed March 21, 2011)

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