



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK First Session, 57th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 23
Wednesday, March 30, 2011

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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Introduction of Guests
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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 interrupted due to expiration of time.

Debate to resume Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch
Bill 14, An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority
- Hon. Mr. Williams

PRIVATE BILLS REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 15, An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association - Ms. Wilson

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.
Motion 27 by Hon. Mr. Williams. Carried March 23, 2011.
Motion 28 by Hon. Mr. Williams. Carried March 23, 2011.

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.

Motion 29 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women was created under the Progressive Conservative government of Richard Hatfield in 1977;

WHEREAS the Conservative government of David Alward has eliminated funding for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women;

WHEREAS women make up more than 50 per cent of the population of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Advisory Council has been an effective and recognized voice for women in the province of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the elimination of the Advisory Council's funding has effectively silenced this very important advocacy group;

WHEREAS the Opposition is unaware of any submission to the budget consultation process that suggested the elimination of the Advisory Council's funding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Government of New Brunswick to acknowledge the importance of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women by reinstating it as an arm's-length independent entity.

Motions for Returns

Motion 23 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

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 all departments, Crown Corporations, boards, commissions and agencies, including but not limited to Executive Assistants, Special Assistants and Policy Advisors, by the Province on a contract, term, casual, part-time or full-time basis since October 12th, 2010.

Motion 24 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed information—including flight records, final destination, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and occupants—however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage since October 12, 2010, of the airplane leased by the province and any other airplane leased by the province of New Brunswick since October 12, 2010.

Motion 25 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all information in the possession of the government related to ad campaigns launched in and out of New Brunswick by the current Progressive Conservative government since October 12th, 2010, including ads on consultation, including mandates, terms of reference, budgets, lists of firms, principals of firms, contracts awarded to firms, personnel, salaries, ad transcripts, tender processes, lists of tenders and proposals, and a copy of the contracts.

Motion 26 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

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 in contract, term, casual, part-time, or full-time positions who have been transferred by the province to another department, including Crown corporations, boards, agencies, and commissions, since October 12, 2010.

Motion 30 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 31, 2011:

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 Point Lepreau refurbishment.

Motion 31 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 7, 2011:

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 correspondence in any form between all employees and elected officials of District 16 School Board, District 16 District Education Council, MLAs, Executive Assistants to the MLAs, the Department of Education, the Department of Supply and Services and the Premier's office since November 1, 2010 that would relate in any way to St. Andrews Elementary School in Miramichi, in relation to any issue that could affect the health and safety of the children, employees or the general public. This information would include, but is not limited to, any notifications, recommendations, cost estimates on repairs, and all other materials related to the issue of mould in St. Andrews Elementary School and in relation to any other issues that could have a similar effect on the people who use that facility.

Motion 32 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 7, 2011:

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 NB Power regarding the Dalhousie generation plant, since September 27, 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.

WITHDRAWN AS DOCUMENTS TABLED

Motions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 withdrawn March 29, 2011.

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)
Petition 3: Mr. Fraser, March 25, 2011.	
Petition 4: Ms. Wilson, March 25, 2011.	
Petition 5: Mr. McLean, March 25, 2011.	
Petition 6: Mr. Fraser, March 29, 2011.	
Petition 7: Mr. D. Landry, March 29, 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.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly