

Daily sitting 31

Thursday, April 26, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fitch used unparliamentary language. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the provincial government released a regional service commission model providing for the establishment of 12 regional service commissions by January 2013;

WHEREAS several people are expressing concern and raising relevant questions about the proposed regional service commissions;

WHEREAS the public information sessions held by the Department of Environment and Local Government failed to provide people with the information they need and deserve or to adequately and sufficiently answer the many questions that were asked;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to delay its plans to implement the new Regional Service Delivery Model for one year in order to provide an opportunity for meaningful consultation and engagement, including public meetings in local service districts and rural communities.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, 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 but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, between the Department of Health, Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network, and another government department, agency or Crown Corporation, related to the "orphan patient" lists kept by the Horizon Health Network and the Vitalité Health Network, including but not limited to the number of people currently, as at today's date, on the wait lists for family physicians, broken down by region.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 since March 31, 2011.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

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 but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, from the Department of Health, Premier's Office, any minister and/or MLA, employees of any minister and/or MLA, the Vitalité Health Network and any other government department, agency or Crown Corporation, related to the provincial breast cancer centre of excellence, from October 10, 2010 to present.

Hon. Mr. 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 Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Public Safety; and Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines drivers have been on strike for more than three months;

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines is the only public inter-city mode of transportation in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers depend on Acadian Coach Lines for transportation;

WHEREAS the federal government has refused to intervene in this strike, with New Brunswick's Conservative MPs, cabinet ministers and Senators remaining silent on the issue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to demand the federal government intervene in this labour dispute so that public inter-city transportation can resume in New Brunswick.

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, Motion 31 was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *Energy Drink Sales Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply 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.

At 8.51 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

8.52 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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 that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$137,313,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services and Planning	5,361,000
Community and Correctional Services	43,373,000
Police, Fire and Emergency Services	68,997,000
Safety Services	19,635,000
Less Amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	137,313,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$287,554,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services	5,794,000
Policy and Planning	1,349,000
NB Public Libraries	14,766,000
Student Financial Assistance	20,118,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	103,711,000
Adult Learning	9,513,000
Labour	3,181,000
Employment Development	17,092,000
Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreement	14,854,000
Labour Market Development	90,351,000
Population Growth	6,878,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	287,554,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission 277,096,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

New Brunswick Police Commission 358,000

Labour and Employment Board 616,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$7,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission:
Deferred Maintenance Program 7,500,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$62,900,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Student Loan Advances 62,900,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2012 - 2013

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

WorkSafe NB

- Finance 360,000

- Education and Early Childhood Development 160,000

- Health 515,000

- Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour 30,000

Voted 1,065,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Public Safety	25,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000

INVENTORIES

Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 8.56 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.