

Daily sitting 45

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government not to implement the Regional Services Commission governance model until it is studied, understood and voted upon. (Petition 85)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act.*

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

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 stored, recorded or archived, related to the severance pay-out and pension allowance for the former member for Rothesay, from May 1, 2012 to present.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the proposed bylaws for the Horizon Health Network contain a provision to prohibit medical staff from speaking out publically on issues of concern related to health care:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Medical Society has expressed concern with the provision and the lack of consultation with members of the medical profession;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Medical Society has further indicated that patient advocacy and the ability to offer valued input to system administrators is critical for physicians and in the best interests of health care;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to suspend the imposition of the bylaw that limits the ability of physicians and other medical professionals until such time that a meaningful consultation can be held and the matter addressed to the satisfaction of the medical professionals.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Thursday, June 7, 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 correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, between the Department of Health, the office of the Minister of Health, the CEO of Horizon Health Network and the CEO of Vitalité Health Network related to the budgets of the health networks for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Alward government has refused to take on the federal government for the \$1 billion in cost overruns caused by AECL, a federal crown corporation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has decided not to fight for the interests of New Brunswick by seeking compensation for the millions of dollars in additional costs the province will be burdened with in relation to the new federal omnibus crime bill;

WHEREAS the Alward government did not fight for adequate compensation from the federal government for the future upkeep and maintenance of the Harbour Bridge;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to secure the support of the federal government in keeping the presence of Canadian Blood Services as a production and distribution facility in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not voiced concern about federal job cuts in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not confirmed its support for the fishing industry by speaking out against proposed federal changes to the owner/operator policy;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not spoken out against cuts by ACOA to the regional economic development agencies;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not stood up for New Brunswick in relation to the proposed EI eligibility changes which will have a devastating effect on our seasonal industries, our communities and our people;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to stand up and speak out against the federal government on measures that have negative economic and financial consequences for New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 57 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 55, 25, 50, 51, 52, 53, 49, 44, 56 and 43.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, Bills 58, 59 and 60 would be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 57 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further 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 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*

Bill 44, *Procurement Act.*

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.*

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012.*

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, 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.

And then, 5.45 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 Petition 83

May 18, 2012

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 37, 56

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