



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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 48
Friday, June 1, 2012

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 34, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act - Hon. Ms. Coulombe

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Bill 37, An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.

Bill 39, Small Claims Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.

Bill 40, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act
- Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 41, An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 42, An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 43, Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act - Hon. Ms. Coulombe

Bill 44, Procurement Act - Hon. Mr. Leonard

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 Bill 55, An Act to Amend the Securities Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.
 Bill 57, An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Main Estimates, 2012-2013 (Adopted May 15, 2012)
 Capital Estimates, 2012-2013 (Adopted May 15, 2012)
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GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Hon. Mr. Northrup. Debated and carried December 6, 2011.
Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 24, 2011.
Motion 15 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried April 11, 2012.
Motion 19 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried December 13, 2011.
Motion 25 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated March 27, 29, 30, April 3, 4, 10, 13 and carried April 13, 2012.
Motion 28 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried March 28, 2012.
Motion 34 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried March 28, 2012.
Motion 35 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried March 28, 2012.
Motion 44 by Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C. Carried April 5, 2012.
Motion 47 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried April 24, 2012.
Motion 55 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried May 2, 2012.
Motion 65 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried May 30, 2012.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
 Bill 62, An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act - Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 1, 2011:

WHEREAS the Alward government proposed changes to the Prescription Drug Program that doubled the co-pay amount payable by seniors from \$250 to \$500;

WHEREAS seniors feel this increase breaks the Premier's campaign promise to "provide a better deal for seniors";

WHEREAS this sudden increase creates considerable financial hardship for low-income seniors;

WHEREAS the extra cost may prevent seniors from getting the medications they need;

WHEREAS the loss of medications could be harmful to the fragile health of seniors;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association, the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, and others have suggested ways to find additional savings within the Prescription Drug Program, which would avoid the need for drastic fee increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to reverse the sudden fee increase, keep the Premier's campaign promise to "provide a better deal for seniors", and explore alternate savings through the Prescription Drug Program.

Motion 6 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 1, 2011:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, which resulted in a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was "proud" to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

WHEREAS there is considerable disparity between what Premier Alward said while he was in the opposition and what he has done since forming the government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to honour the commitments made by the Premier when, as Leader of the Opposition, he expressed his support for the poverty reduction plan.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 22 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 15, 2011:

WHEREAS there is no children's hospital in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the serious illness of a child may therefore require parents and/or guardians to seek treatment out of province;

WHEREAS out of province travel, accommodations and other expenses often have to be paid out of pocket by parents and/or guardians;

WHEREAS there currently does not exist any policy, plan or fund to assist the parents and/or guardians of children with serious illness with these expenses;

WHEREAS this often creates financial hardship for the families of seriously ill children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Government of New Brunswick to implement and disburse a fund to provide financial assistance for out-of-province expense costs for the parents and/or guardians of seriously ill children who have to travel out of province for treatment.

Motion 32 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 5, 2012:

WHEREAS many factors contribute to economic growth;

WHEREAS a qualified workforce is critical to job creation and economic sustainability;

WHEREAS the business community has identified the lack of access to a qualified workforce as a significant roadblock to growth;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not addressed this issue through the creation of a fully integrated job creation plan that would include specific initiatives in response to this need;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to organize and facilitate a provincial employment summit before the end of May 2012, which would bring together stakeholders from the business community, the nonprofit sector, and postsecondary institutions, in order to understand the needs, identify the gaps, and propose a solution.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 39 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

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 of Bernard Lord in 2006, with no protection for cost overruns;

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 cost overruns at Lepreau;

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 sue the federal government for the full value of the cost overruns at Lepreau.

Motion 40 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

WHEREAS the increasing price of gas creates significant economic hardship for ordinary New Brunswickers, particularly those who live in rural regions; and

WHEREAS the Conservative government raised the gas tax by 2.9 cents per litre, plus HST in its first budget, despite its election promise not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers; and

WHEREAS the provincial government collected \$247.3 million in gas taxes in 2010-2011;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House urge the government to immediately implement a gas tax rebate for all New Brunswickers.

Motion 43 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mines is due to cease operation in Bathurst next year;

WHEREAS Brunswick Mines is an important employer in northern New Brunswick, with more than 900 employees and more than 1,200 jobs indirectly linked to the mine;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a significant and detrimental effect on the economy of northern New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to develop and release a strategy to stimulate and improve the northern New Brunswick economy to lessen the blow of the mine closure.

Motion 59 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 24, 2012:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mine is a significant employer and economic driver in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a devastating effect on the local economy;

WHEREAS there are many valuable assets on the Brunswick Mine site including several mills;

WHEREAS ore prices have risen to a level where other mining companies have expressed interest in establishing operations in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these assets may be beneficial in attracting other mining opportunities or economic development projects to create new employment opportunities;

WHEREAS one mill has already been dismantled and moved to another mine outside of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to give priority to ascertaining which Brunswick Mine's assets may be useful to retain; develop a strategy to entice new mine-related or other business to establish operations in the area; and use its best efforts to ensure these assets are retained and remain on site for the benefit of the people of New Brunswick.

Motion 61 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 7, 2012:

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.

Motion 63 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 7, 2012:

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.

Motion 64 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 7, 2012:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick economy includes several seasonal industries, such as fishing, forestry, farming, and construction;

WHEREAS there are several workers in the education system, such as teaching assistants, library assistants, and bus drivers, who do not work year-round;

WHEREAS the reforms brought forward by the federal government will make it even more difficult for seasonal workers and educational employees to qualify for employment insurance;

WHEREAS this will cause several workers to leave their communities to seek year-round employment in other communities;

WHEREAS the Premiers of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island have spoken out against these reforms;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to speak out against the employment insurance reforms and stand up for the New Brunswick labour force.

Motions for Returns

Motion 33 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 5, 2012:

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, regarding the number of vacancies in Parts I, II, III and IV of the New Brunswick civil service and the classification of each position and/or the position description as of today's date.

Motion 36 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

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, regarding the total number of applicants to the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors from the program start date of March 1, 2012 to present.

[Documents requested filed April 12, 2012]

Motion 37 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

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, related to the number of alternative level of care beds, how many beds have been designated, and the staffing complement of RNs, LPNs and PCAs for alternative level of care patients, in each of the province's hospitals.

[Documents requested filed May 18, 2012]

Motion 38 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2012:

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, related to the negotiations between the former Department of Supply and Services, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the former Department of Tourism and Parks, the Department of Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living and all other government departments and agencies, and New Castle Hotels & Resorts and Southwest Properties, regarding the Algonquin Hotel.

Motion 46 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 19, 2012:

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, relating to the operation of white-tailed deer farms in New Brunswick, since December 1, 2010.

[Documents requested filed May 25, 2012]

Motion 50 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 3, 2012:

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.

Motion 51 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 3, 2012:

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.

[Documents requested filed May 17, 2012]

Motion 52 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 3, 2012:

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.

Motion 53 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 10, 2012:

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, regarding the total number of applicants to the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors from April 1, 2012 to present.

[Documents requested filed May 11, 2012]

Motion 54 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 10, 2012:

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, related to the emergency response capacity program in Charlotte County, including the qualifications of staff, the hiring process, targets and objectives, timelines, budgets, and expenses incurred in wages, travel, office space rentals and consultation with stakeholders.

Motion 56 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 10, 2012:

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, from the Department of Health related to the allowable Medicare billing rates for New Brunswick family physicians who treat Canadian non-residents of New Brunswick and the allowable Medicare billing rates for Canadian family physicians outside of New Brunswick who treat New Brunswick residents.

[Documents requested filed May 18, 2012]

Motion 57 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 10, 2012:

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 detailed list of the 500 jobs that have been created by Invest NB according to what Minister Paul Robichaud said during question period on May 2, 2012, including the type of job, the economic sector, the average salary, the level and type of investment by Invest NB, and the location of the head office of the business.

[Documents requested filed May 11, 2012]

Motion 58 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 24, 2012:

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 from the Department of Health related to the outbreak of E. coli in the Miramichi region which occurred in May 2012, including, but not limited to: all reports, investigations, test results, correspondence and related documentation.

Motion 60 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 7, 2012:

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.

Motion 62 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 7, 2012:

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 5 by Mr. Collins. Debated and defeated December 15, 2011.

Motion 7 by Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried as amended December 1, 2011.

Motion 20 by Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried as amended December 15, 2011.

Motion 29 by Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried as amended April 5, 2012.

Motion 31 by Mr. Kenny. Debated and defeated April 26, 2012.

Motion 41 by Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried as amended April 12, 2012.

Motion 45 by Mr. Albert. Debated and carried as amended May 10, 2012.

Motion 48 by Mr. Doucet. Debated and carried as amended May 3, 2012.

Motion 49 by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc. Debated and defeated May 17, 2012.

WITHDRAWN

Motions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26 and 27 withdrawn
April 4, 2012.

Motions 21, 30 and 42 withdrawn May 9, 2012.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Fraser, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 21, 2011)
Petition 2: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 24, 2011.	(Response, February 7, 2012)
Petition 3: Mr. Fraser, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 8, 2011)
Petition 4: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 5: Mr. Fraser, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 6: Mr. Albert, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 7: Mr. Melanson, November 24, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 8: Mr. Fraser, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 21, 2011)
Petition 9: Mr. MacDonald, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 10: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 29, 2011.	(Response, February 7, 2012)
Petition 11: Mr. Boudreau, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 12: Mr. Arseneault, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 13: Mr. Kenny, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 14: Mr. Collins, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 15: Mr. Doucet, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 16: Mr. Melanson, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 17: Mr. Haché, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 18: Mr. Albert, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 19: Mr. D. Landry, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 20: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 21: Mr. Fraser, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 22: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 29, 2011.	(Response, December 13, 2011)
Petition 23: Mr. Fraser, November 30, 2011.	(Response, December 21, 2011)
Petition 24: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 30, 2011.	(Response, February 7, 2012)
Petition 25: Mr. Arseneault, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 26: Mr. Haché, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 27: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 28: Mr. Collins, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 29: Mr. Kenny, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 30: Mr. Albert, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 31: Mr. Doucet, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 32: Mr. D. Landry, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 33: Mr. Melanson, November 30, 2011.	(Response, December 21, 2011)
Petition 34: Mr. Fraser, November 30, 2011.	(Response, December 19, 2011)
Petition 35: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 36: Mr. Fraser, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 37: Mr. Melanson, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 38: Mr. Boudreau, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 11, 2012)
Petition 39: Mr. Melanson, November 30, 2011.	(Response, January 4, 2012)
Petition 40: Mr. Boudreau, December 6, 2011.	(Response, December 20, 2011)

Petition 41: Mr. Riordon, December 6, 2011. (Response, January 4, 2012)
 Petition 42: Mr. Fraser, December 6, 2011. (Response, December 21, 2011)
 Petition 43: Mr. Savoie, December 6, 2011. (Response, December 21, 2011)
 Petition 44: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, December 6, 2011. (Response, December 20, 2011)
 Petition 45: Mr. Fraser, December 8, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 46: Mr. Jack Carr, December 8, 2011. (Response, December 20, 2011)
 Petition 47: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, December 8, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 48: Mr. Fraser, December 9, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 49: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, December 9, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 50: Mr. Fraser, December 13, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 51: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, December 14, 2011. (Response, January 12, 2012)
 Petition 52: Mr. Riordon, December 15, 2011. (Response, January 24, 2012)
 Petition 53: Mr. Bonenfant, December 15, 2011. (Response, January 24, 2012)
 Petition 54: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, December 16, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 55: Mr. Albert, December 16, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 56: Mr. Melanson, December 16, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 57: Mr. D. Landry, December 16, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 58: Mr. Fraser, December 20, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 59: Mr. Fraser, December 20, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 60: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, December 20, 2011. (Response, February 7, 2012)
 Petition 61: Mr. Fraser, December 21, 2011. (Response, January 13, 2012)
 Petition 62: Mr. Fraser, March 28, 2012. (Response, April 10, 2012)
 Petition 63: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, March 28, 2012. (Response, April 10, 2012)
 Petition 64: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, March 30, 2012. (Response, April 10, 2012)
 Petition 65: Mr. Fraser, March 30, 2012. (Response, April 10, 2012)
 Petition 66: Mr. Collins, April 3, 2012. (Response, April 16, 2012)
 Petition 67: Mr. Fraser, April 3, 2012. (Response, April 17, 2012)
 Petition 68: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, April 3, 2012. (Response, April 17, 2012)
 Petition 69: Mr. Fraser, April 3, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 70: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, April 3, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 71: Mr. Boudreau, April 4, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 72: Mr. Melanson, April 4, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 73: Mr. Fraser, April 4, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 74: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, April 4, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 75: Mr. Fraser, April 5, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 76: Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, April 5, 2012. (Response, May 4, 2012)
 Petition 77: Mr. Doucet, April 5, 2012. (Response, April 26, 2012)
 Petition 78: Mr. Fraser, April 12, 2012. (Response, May 14, 2012)
 Petition 79: Mr. Collins, April 12, 2012. (Response, May 25, 2012)
 Petition 80: Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C., April 24, 2012. (Response, May 15, 2012)
 Petition 81: Mr. S. Graham, May 2, 2012. (Response, May 17, 2012)
 Petition 82: Hon. Ms. Coulombe, May 2, 2012. (Response, May 16, 2012)
 Petition 83: Mr. Bonenfant, May 9, 2012. (Response, May 18, 2012)
 Petition 84: Mr. Malloch, May 17, 2012.
 Petition 85: Mr. Savoie, May 29, 2012.
 Petition 86: Mr. Soucy, May 30, 2012.
 Petition 87: Dr. Parrott, May 31, 2012.

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- Question No. 19 by Mr. Fraser** (Response filed May 18, 2012)

Question No. 20 **By Mr. Fraser**
 Directed to: Hon. Ms. Dubé, Minister of Health

What work is the Department currently doing to bring forward the measures outlined in Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, which provides for the establishment of a fixed percentage of the tobacco tax collected to be dedicated to smoking cessation programs and nicotine replacement therapies? Has the Department consulted with the Department of Finance regarding implementing this Bill or the measures prescribed within?

Question No. 21 **By Mr. Fraser**
 Directed to: Hon. Ms. Dubé, Minister of Health

How many seniors are currently occupying acute care beds while waiting for a nursing home bed? Please provide a breakdown by region and hospital.

What is the government's target for reducing this waitlist this year, since the nursing home and special care home plan will take several years to be fully implemented?

Question No. 22 by Mr. Kenny (Response filed May 18, 2012)

Question No. 23 **By Mr. Albert**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Olscamp
 Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries

The National Farmers Union has asked for a food labeling program to promote New Brunswick food products, like the programs in place in Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. Given that the province has just identified value-added food as a strategic growth sector, will the minister commit to implementing a labeling system that will clearly identify New Brunswick food products?

Question No. 24 **By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Fitch
 Minister of Environment and Local Government

Can the Department of the Environment and Local Government please provide the Official Opposition with the projected time line of the full implementation of the Alward Government's new Local Governance System in New Brunswick?

Question No. 25 **By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams
 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Can the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure please provide the Official Opposition with the official status of the government garage located in Rexton, New Brunswick?

Question No. 26 **By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams
 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Can the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure please provide the Official Opposition with its plans for the Indian Island Road? There are about 3-4 kms without chip seal. Does the Department have any intention of repairing this road, and if so, what is the budget allocated to the project this year?

Question No. 27 **By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams
 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Can the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure please provide the Official Opposition with its plans for Route 126, within the Rogersville municipal limits? Does the Department have any intention of repairing this 3 km stretch of road? If so, what is the budget allocated to this project this year?

Question No. 28

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Can the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure please provide the Official Opposition with its plans for Route 134, between Richibucto and Kouchibouguac Park? What is the budget allocated to this project this year?

Question No. 29

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

Directed to: Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Minister of Economic Development

Can the Department of Economic Development please provide the Official Opposition with any and all information regarding the boundaries for the Northern Development Fund and the Northern New Brunswick Infrastructure Fund, created by the former Liberal Government? Have these boundaries changed within the Northern New Brunswick Job Creation Fund and the Miramichi Regional Job Creation Fund, created by the current Conservative Government?

If so, can the Department please advise as to whether or not Rogersville is still a part of these boundaries?

Question No. 30

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Fitch
Minister of Environment and Local Government

Can the Department of Environment and Local Government please provide the Official Opposition with details as to when the Department expects to release its "white paper" regarding the use of wastewater created during the hydraulic fracturing process, as well as a list of stakeholders consulted during the creation of said "white paper"?

Question No. 31

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Fitch
Minister of Environment and Local Government

Can the Department of Environment and Local Government please provide the Official Opposition with details as to who represents New Brunswickers living in Local Service Districts, as well as explain the process to be followed if said residents of LSDs vote for either a ban or a moratorium on fracking? As the representative of these LSDs, will the Minister of Environment and Local Government respect LSDs who vote for either a ban or a moratorium on fracking and other shale gas-related activities in New Brunswick?

Question No. 32 by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

(Response filed May 30, 2012)