

Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Dale Graham, recognized the appointment of Ryan Ballak as the new Clerk Assistant and Committee Clerk.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the Session: Brian Cooke, Back Bay; Christopher Davis, Lincoln; Julie Frigault, Moncton; Ben Graham, Jacksonville; David Kerr, Fredericton; Danielle LaPointe, Kars; Caleb Nunn, Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia; Jack Simpson, Fredericton; Samuel Titus, Fredericton.

The returning pages are: Keenan Cook, Fredericton; Kyle Davenport, Perth-Andover; Andrew MacDougall, Burton; Brigid Wheaton, Central Blissville.

Mr. Boudreau welcomed to the House Brian Gallant, the newly elected Leader of the Liberal Party. The Honourable the Premier joined in this regard.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House David Coon, the newly elected Leader of the Green Party.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Leonard to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 2, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Reform.*

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Regional Service Delivery Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Trevors,

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

By Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

By Mr. Fraser,

Bill 8, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, December 6, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS the impending closure of the Xstrata Mine in Bathurst will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs, both directly and indirectly;

WHEREAS the northern economy has suffered numerous blows in recent years with the decline of various industries, and the Xstrata closure will only exacerbate this economic downturn;

WHEREAS the knowledge base, expertise and human resources in the region would provide an excellent training ground for those interested in learning mining skills;

WHEREAS mining companies around the world are looking for thousands of workers skilled in mining trades;

WHEREAS a mining trades program and a mining centre of excellence, and resulting research opportunities, would provide important economic opportunities for northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the training facility and centre of excellence would help both northern New Brunswick and mining all across Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to engage the mining industry and the federal government in a partnership to establish a Mining Centre of Excellence and training centre in Bathurst following the mine's shutdown.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, December 6, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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 insufficient protection for such excessive cost overruns by the federal Crown Corporation AECL;

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 Point Lepreau;

WHEREAS the Opposition supports the intention of the Minister of Energy to obtain full compensation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to define full compensation and explain to the people of New Brunswick how the Minister of Energy will obtain full compensation from the federal government for the full value of the cost overruns at Point Lepreau.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, December 6, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

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 contracts between all departments, agencies, Crown Corporations, boards or other entities of the provincial government and Alexander Proudfoot, from October 13, 2010 to present.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 4)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Fridays shall be as follows:

Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Third Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, November 30, 2012, Bills 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would be called for second reading.

And then, 12.25 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2011-2012

Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport November 28, 2012

Annual Report 2011-2012

Department of Tourism and Parks November 28, 2012