

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Trevors, Member for Miramichi Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to save the passenger and freight train service from Moncton to Campbellton. (Petition 2)

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Hon. Mr. Soucy laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Advice to Premier, Background, Possible Impact of Changes to the Employment Insurance Program on New Brunswick, June 13, 2012, Updated June 28, 2012, Prepared by Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.*

Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Soucy was not in order as it was redacted in certain parts and was not in both official languages. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order and, with the unanimous consent of the House, the document was withdrawn.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 19, *Community Funding Act.*

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

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children Act.*

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 2 and 3; following which Bills 11, 9 and 10 would be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 4 and 6.

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Hon. Mr. Higgs, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
December 11, 2012.

His Honour the Administrator transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2011-2012, Volume I*, required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) J. Ernest Drapeau.  
Chief Justice.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Hon. Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Higgs proceeded to deliver the 2013-2014 capital budget speech.

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

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty forthwith.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

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Mr. Urquhart moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

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

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

The Chair recognized the appointment of Rose Campbell as the new Clerk Assistant.

At 3 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.10 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed.

And after some 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 progress on the following Bill:

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

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 11, 9, and 10 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 4, 6, and, with leave, 11, 9 and 10.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed 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 4, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

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

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 11, 9 and 10 be forthwith taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole.

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

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That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

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Hon. Ms. Blais, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, gave notice that on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, Bills 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 would be called for second reading.

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And then, 4.35 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.