

Daily sitting 12

Friday, December 14, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud welcomed to the Assembly Mr. Vincent Hommeril, Consul General of France in the Atlantic Provinces, and Mr. Fabrice Blazquez, Head of the Economic and Trade Office of the French Embassy in Canada. Mr. Boudreau joined in this regard.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, December 20, 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 a list of all work contracted out, for each district government garage, to local contractors via an invitation to bid, including the amount of the successful bids, a description of the work done and the area in which the work was done, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, December 20, 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 a list of all Department of Transportation and Infrastructure tenders awarded, including a description of the tender, the name of the successful bidder and the amount of the successful tender, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, December 20, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

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 list of all overpayments owing to the Department of Social Development, with a breakdown of those owing due to accounting errors, due to unreported

income, and due to change in economic unit; the date and amount of each overpayment; the number of accounts settled and the amount of each settlement; and whether the individual overpaid is a current social assistance client.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 20, 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 from any MLA, Minister or government department, regarding Chancery Place, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 20, 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 a list of all Department of Transportation and Infrastructure tenders recalled, cancelled and/or changed, including any correspondence regarding the recalls, cancellations or changes, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 20, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

WHEREAS public transportation is a vital component to economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province;

WHEREAS VIA Rail is eliminating its ticket agents and decreasing its routes in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS CN Rail has recently threatened to abandon its Newcastle line in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these services connected communities and brought social and economic opportunities to New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS jurisdiction for inter-provincial transportation rests with the federal government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to demand the federal government invest in infrastructure and provide the necessary funding to ensure these public transportation opportunities continue to exist, for the socio-economic well-being of our province.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,
Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Bill 23 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 12 and 13 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 2, 3, 19 and 21.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*.
Bill 13, *City of Saint John Government Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 12 and 13 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*.
Bill 13, *City of Saint John Government Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

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 directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

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

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

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 19, *Community Funding 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, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report 2011-2012,

Department of Social Development

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