

Daily sitting 33

Friday, May 3, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to maintain the operation of the Anchorage Provincial Park. (Petition 31)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to retain the current ferry operating schedule for Grand Manan. (Petition 32)

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Ms. Wilson referred to Mr. Gallant by name and not by title. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and Ms. Wilson withdrew the reference.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Arseneault referred to Mr. Gallant by name and not by title. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and Mr. Arseneault withdrew the reference.

Hon. Mr. Soucy gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud:

WHEREAS Atlantic Premiers announced earlier this week, through the Atlantic Workforce Partnership (AWP), that they will harmonize apprenticeship programs across the region and deliver online training to small-and medium-sized businesses, which will make the region a national leader in the delivery of critical skills training; and,

WHEREAS the progress of the AWP is further evidence of the responsiveness of Atlantic provinces to their labour market needs and job training, an area of provincial responsibility; and

WHEREAS Atlantic Canadian governments will need to consider if the program meets the needs of the provincial economies and labour markets, and whether provinces will participate in the program or opt out with full compensation as in other areas of provincial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS there are widespread concerns among small-and medium-sized businesses regarding the announced Canada Jobs Grant, in particular the proposal to redirect \$300 million of the \$500 million allocation from provincial programming supported by the Labour Market Agreements to the Canada Jobs Grant, thereby

reducing the range of programming for skills and labour market development presently delivered by provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recent unilateral decisions of the federal government regarding skills, training and employment supports, including changes to labour market agreements and the proposed Canada Jobs Grant, raise considerable concerns for the future economic growth and prosperity of Atlantic Canada.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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, regarding the pricing and negotiations for the contract for flight service for members of Executive Council and their staff, including but not limited to executive assistants, special assistants, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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, regarding all flights taken via any private charter service by members of Executive Council and their staff, including but not limited to executive assistants, special assistants, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, 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, however recorded, stored or archived, from the Department of Finance in regards to the construction of any and all NB Liquor agency stores, including but not limited to the tendering process, the names of the companies involved, the bids, and the results, since October 13, 2010.

And then, 10.30 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.