

Daily sitting 36

Thursday, May 9, 2013

*1 o'clock p.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 37)

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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 38)

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Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 9, 2013

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Education begs leave to submit this their First Report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk convened a meeting of the Standing Committee on Education on April 18, 2013, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bonenfant, Mr. Killen was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, Ms. Coulombe was elected Vice-Chair.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 18, 23, 25, May 2 and 8, 2013, to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted April 4, 2013.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report and recommends these estimates to the House.

I move, seconded by the Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.  
Chair.

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2013-2014  
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,074,539,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2014:

Corporate and Other Education Services . . . . .	11,347,000
Elementary and Secondary Education . . . . .	996,068,000
Early Childhood Development . . . . .	67,177,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	53,000
Voted . . . . .	1,074,539,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2013 - 2014	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Education and Early Childhood Development . . . . .	350,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Education and Early Childhood Development . . . . .	122,000

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Leonard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *The New Brunswick Oil and Natural Gas Blueprint*.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,  
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Expenditure Restraint*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to debate Motion 50 prior to taking into consideration Opposition Members' Business.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 50, Hon. Mr. Soucy moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud:

WHEREAS Atlantic premiers are working together to strengthen the regional economy and create jobs, while providing training opportunities for Atlantic Canadians;

WHEREAS the federal government has unilaterally introduced changes to the Employment Insurance program without consultation or shared analysis, which are now being felt by workers, communities and employers - particularly in seasonal industries, which make up a significant portion of the Atlantic economy;

WHEREAS Atlantic premiers will be launching a pan-Atlantic consultation and research initiative to fully understand the impact of recent changes, the initial results of which will be shared with the Council of the Federation at their meeting in July;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all parties in this House urge the federal government to immediately suspend the changes to the Employment Insurance program pending the completion of an evidence-based approach that will ensure our long-standing economic drivers in the resource sectors, employing thousands of people and supporting generations of families, will continue to have the support and assistance to thrive from the Government of Canada.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 50 was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Response to Petitions 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15

May 8, 2013