

Daily sitting 56

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker offered condolences to the family of the late retired Constable Bernard Pilotte, who served as a security officer at the Legislative Assembly (2003-2014).

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Third Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 22, 2014

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Third Report of the session.

Your Committee met on April 22, 2014, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common*;

and reports that it has made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

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

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*

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

Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds.*

By Hon. Ms. Shephard,

Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Friday, April 25, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

WHEREAS a better future for New Brunswick depends on improved economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS a more prosperous New Brunswick will improve the standard of living of the province's residents; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Medical Association's consultation with Canadians about the social determinants of health has delivered a clear message: poverty is the main issue that must be addressed to improve the health of Canadians and eliminate health inequities; and

WHEREAS improvements to an individual's standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved health outcomes; and

WHEREAS improvements to the standard of living are shown to have a direct correlation with significantly improved literacy and numeracy outcomes; and

WHEREAS our future prosperity depends on providing quality opportunities to our young people and young families that will keep them in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the development of natural resources has been shown to create meaningful economic growth and employment in other Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS the creation of jobs in the oil and gas sector in our province will enable many New Brunswickers to end their commute to western Canada, improving their and their family's quality of life; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing serious fiscal challenges that could threaten the services provided to our residents; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick can leverage the province's natural resources to improve our economic prosperity and for the betterment of our society; and

WHEREAS the recent volatility in natural gas pricing has shown the importance for New Brunswick to develop a domestic supply of natural gas for the benefit of our residents and our industries; and

WHEREAS Public Health England has concluded that the risks to public health from exposure to emissions from shale gas extraction are low if operations are properly run and regulated; and

WHEREAS the rules and regulations New Brunswick has adopted for the oil and gas sector to ensure the protection of our water and environment are described by Deloitte, after studying several North American jurisdictions, as "more stringent and more demanding than all other markets examined"; and

WHEREAS researchers from institutions such as the University of Michigan, the US Geological Survey, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Syracuse University, University of California at Berkeley, Penn State, and the Royal Academy of Engineering along with regulators from the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas have all stated their opinion that properly regulated shale gas development using the hydraulic fracturing process is safe to groundwater and the environment; and

WHEREAS the environmental benefits of gas development using hydraulic fracturing have been confirmed by the International Panel on Climate Change in their recent Mitigation of Climate Change report which stated "the rapid deployment of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling technologies, which has increased and diversified

the gas supply and allowed for a more extensive switching of power and heat production from coal to gas; this is an important reason for the reduction of GHG emissions in the United States”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick declare its support for the Government of New Brunswick in proceeding with the immediate responsible expanded development of a natural gas industry, that includes the use of hydraulic fracturing, in our province.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Bills 70, 71, 72 and 73 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 68, 67 and 66.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*
Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act.*
Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Landry in 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 had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$73,496,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	7,023,000
Forest Management and Protection	72,459,000
Fish and Wildlife Management	11,393,000
Land Management	4,100,000
Regional Management	6,121,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	27,547,000
Voted	73,496,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$965,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Musquash Watershed Infrastructure -	
Capital Improvements	765,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	200,000
Voted	965,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

	2014 - 2015	Voted
PETTY CASH ADVANCES		
Natural Resources		29,000
INVENTORIES		
Natural Resources		510,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

At 4.10 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.28 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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, 6 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:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 29, 45 April 17, 2014