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**FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2017-2018**

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**THE HONOURABLE JOCELYNE ROY VIENNEAU,  
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

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Fredericton, N.B.  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the third session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the twenty-fourth day of October, 2017 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the fourth session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-fourth day of October, 2017 at 1:00 in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen, and in the sixty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

**BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Serge Rousselle, Q.C.  
Attorney General.

Jocelyne Roy Viennau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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This being the day appointed for the opening of the Fourth Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the Members being present:

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was announced and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne and was pleased to open the session with the following speech from the Throne:

### **General Opening Remarks**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests, and most importantly the people of New Brunswick, welcome to the opening of the fourth session of the 58th Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

This session marks the final legislative session of this government's current mandate. This session will build on the positive momentum of the past three years of a government that is listening to the concerns of New Brunswickers and getting things done to grow the economy, strengthen education and improve health care. Through hard work, your government is restoring hope in our people, our province and what the future holds for all New Brunswickers.

Over the course of the last three years, your government has been faced with difficult choices.

During the Strategic Program Review process, the government could have chosen deeper cuts to services like education and health care to achieve a balanced budget more quickly. However, it chose differently. Instead, your government chose to add more teachers to schools, pledged to keep all rural hospitals open, and committed to reach balance at a slower pace than advocated by some.

Some believe it is necessary to choose between lifting up workers and families or keeping business costs low and competitive. Your government believes it can do both and found the balance between the two. When there was a choice on whether or not to raise the minimum wage, of whether or not to bring forward a family day holiday, your government put working families first. Improving the lives of families helps produce a happier and more productive workforce who will both start and support businesses in this province.

Some have argued that the right way forward is to lower taxes on the richest of society. They argue with more money to spend, big businesses and the rich will invest and create jobs. Some call this trickle-down

economics. Your government has argued for a different choice. Your government has chosen to increase taxes on the richest one per cent of society and to increase taxes on large corporations, in order to fund things like lower taxes for small businesses and a tax rebate for the most vulnerable in society.

New Brunswick is witnessing positive economic trends and recent successes that will position our province for future growth. Over the last three years, we have seen the best economic growth in our province in a decade. In 2015 the New Brunswick economy grew at the third fastest rate of all the provinces in Canada. In 2016 the New Brunswick economy grew above the Canadian average rate, with real GDP growth reaching 1.4 per cent. The New Brunswick economy is estimated to grow again in 2017.

Private capital expenditures have rebounded, exceeding 2013 levels in each of the last three years. Most notably, in 2015 capital expenditures reached almost \$2 billion, a level not seen since 2011.

Average weekly earnings were up by 2.3 per cent in 2016 – following 2.8 per cent growth in 2015 – and above the national result of 0.4 per cent. Tied with Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick had the highest growth in average weekly earnings countrywide in 2016. The New Brunswick unemployment rate has been in single digits for all of 2017.

In addition, since Standard and Poor's, a global credit rating agency, downgraded New Brunswick to an A+ credit rating with a stable outlook in 2012, our province has maintained that rating. The rating highlighted modest improvements in budgetary performance, a predictable and well-managed institutional framework, and slow but positive economic growth. The fact that we have been able to maintain this is encouraging.

We also must recognize the important role that workers play in enabling this economic growth. Your government recognizes that a strong partnership with the labour movement is a key component of a successful economic growth strategy. That is why your government has established a joint steering committee made up of senior government representatives and senior representatives of the labour movement to advance workers' priorities while enabling economic growth and social progress. Since the first meeting late this summer, this steering committee has made significant progress which will be seen this session with the introduction of legislation on first contract arbitration and regulations on workplace violence.

### **Congratulations / Recognition**

A number of New Brunswickers have had noteworthy achievements since our last session of the legislature.

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In August, David Adams Richards, known best for his literary work, was appointed a member of the Senate of Canada.

We congratulate federal MP Ginette Petitpas Taylor of Moncton Riverview-Dieppe for her appointment to the federal cabinet as Minister of Health.

Ten New Brunswickers were named to the Order of New Brunswick, including Normand Caissie, Raimo Kokkonen, Susan Chalmers-Gauvin, Jacqueline Webster, Dr. Michael Perley, Measha Brueggergosman, Léopold Thériault, Donat Lacroix, Erminie Cohen and Richard J. Currie.

Four New Brunswickers joined the Order of Canada. Playwright Norman Foster of Fredericton was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. Wesley Armour of Moncton became a Member of the Order of Canada, as did Rothesay's Gerald Pond and Gregory S. Kealey of Fredericton.

Many talented and caring New Brunswickers have also been recognized this past year for their contributions and achievements.

Three New Brunswick educators were among 40 honoured by the Learning Partnership as Canada's Outstanding Principals. They were Wayne Annis from Keswick Valley Memorial School in Burts Corner, Matthew Bedard from Seawood Elementary School in Saint John, and Nancy Matthews from Riverview Middle School.

Barry Freeze, Charles Levasseur and the Bathurst Employment Services and Training Group received Disability Awareness Week Awards.

Cathy Wright of Saint John received the Legacy Award and the Business Champion Award was presented to Saint John's Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative at the Poverty Reduction Summit.

Six new members were inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, including Kimberly Adams-Tattrie, Brian and Henry Flood, Paula Keating, the late Ernest Quigley, Jeffrey Scholten and Team Hanlon, consisting of Heidi Hanlon, Kathy Floyd, Jane Arsenau and Judy Blanchard.

Team New Brunswick brought home 16 medals from the 2017 North American Indigenous Games. Jada Levi-Ward, Madison Wilson and Brandon Robichaud won gold. The silver medalists were Monique Francis-Savoie, Amber Solomon and Lindsey Anne Tenass, Mathew Dedam, Madison Wilson, Brooke Sacobie, Seth Peter-Paul, Keith Dennis and Jacob Tenass. Jannah Levi-Ward, Jacob Tenass, Keith Dennis and Jacob Labillois won bronze, as did relay team members Emily McCafferty, Sylvie Bartlett, Madison Wilson and Karissa Price.



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Team New Brunswick won five medals at the 8th Games of the Francophonie. Shelley Doucet won gold, Émilie Lavoie and Gabriel Robichaud won silver, and Annie France Noël and Samantha Stewart won bronze.

We were inspired by the participants in the 2017 Invictus Games including Arron Victory, Dwayne Thorpe, Master Corporal Jason Israel, Karyne Gelinas, Katherine Heath, Marc Comeau, Master Corporal Mark Hoogendoorn, Melissa Smith, Michael Reist, and Michel LeBlanc.

We congratulate Fredericton's Calvin Ross who captured the Canadian Junior Boys golf championship. Ross paired with Sam Reid of Moncton and Stuart Earle of Woodmans Point to lead New Brunswick to second place in the team competition at the same event.

Team New Brunswick returned from the 2017 Canada Summer Games with 24 medals. The gold medalists were Veronica Coombes and Chris O'Toole. The silver medalists were Brooklyn Douthwright, Laura Dickinson, Jesse Canney, Tania Blanchard, Jasmine Thebeau, and Justin Shannon. The bronze medalists were Brooklyn Douthwright, Liam Turgeon, Christel Robichaud, Jacob LeBlanc, Jesse Canney, Jacob Gallant, Annabelle Boudreau, and Alex Cormier. The men's golf team and the women's volleyball team also brought home bronze medals, and Team New Brunswick placed second in the Centennial Cup.

As growing our economy is a priority, it is important to recognize the business leaders who distinguished themselves over the past year.

The winners of the 2017 New Brunswick Export Awards were G.E. Barbour Inc., Mrs. Dunster's (1996) Inc., SimpTek Technologies Inc., Lizotte Machine Vision, Corruven Canada Inc., and Boise Cascade Alljoist.

The winners of the 2017 KIRA Awards included Bulletproof, EhEye Inc., The Institute of Biomedical Engineering, Soricimed Biopharma Inc., Northern Hardwoods Research Institute, and Integrated Service Delivery for Children and Youth.

Our 2017 Start-Up Awards winners were Jordan Kennie, Dr. Ali Ghorbani, Dhirendra Shukla, Bibi Lyn Designs Inc., and Remsoft.

Thirty-eight New Brunswick acts were nominated for the 2017 East Coast Music Awards, with Tristan Horncastle, Les Hôtesses d'Hilaire and The Motorleague taking home awards.

Also in music, Jamie Comeau & The Crooked Teeth won the 2017 Rising Star Competition at the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival.

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Rebecca Schofield from Riverview continues to inspire with her campaign for kindness after being diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. The province celebrated the first Becca Schofield Day on September 16.

### **Condolences**

We also pause to remember those individuals we have lost in the past year.

We remember Ruth Stanley, recipient of the Order of New Brunswick and wife of the late George Stanley, former lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick.

We pay tribute to Ann Sherman, dean of the faculty of education at the University of New Brunswick, a long-time advisor to all levels of government.

This past year we also lost Wendy Robbins, a professor at the University of New Brunswick and a recipient of the Governor General's Award.

We honour Eldon Hay, minister, tireless activist for the LGBT community and recipient of the Order of Canada and the New Brunswick Human Rights Award.

We pause to remember Christian Brun, executive director of the Maritime Fishermen's Union.

We celebrate the life of Shirley Dysart, former MLA and the second woman in the province's history to win a seat in the Legislative Assembly.

We pay tribute to former MLA Thomas Gilbert; Gérard Haché, a former MLA and recipient of the Order of New Brunswick; André Robichaud, former MLA; and William (Bill) Malenfant, former MLA and former mayor of Dieppe.

Also in our thoughts is Jean-Guy Rioux, former president of the World Acadian Congress.

We honour Raymond Murphy, former executive director of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick.

We also pay tribute to Nova Scotia RCMP Const. Francis (Frank) Deschênes, a native of Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska.

### **Job Creation and Economic Growth**

Your government is overcoming challenges and seizing opportunities to restore hope for workers.

Your government is disappointed by the decision by TransCanada, based on market conditions, to withdraw the Energy East pipeline project. Your government is also disappointed by the ongoing softwood lumber dispute, but remains hopeful that our efforts will ensure fair treatment for New Brunswick. However, your government is encouraged by other positive economic trends and the advancement of other projects in its economic growth plan.

Since 2015, our economy has been growing. In fact through 2017, GDP growth is forecast to be 4.5 per cent over that three year period. This compares to negative 1.4 per cent over the previous three years from 2012 through 2014. By bringing forward measures like pay equity and a higher minimum wage, your government has ensured that this economic growth does not benefit just the wealthiest.

In this session of the legislature, your government will bring forward additional measures to benefit small businesses which will build upon the success of our previous reductions to the small business income tax rate and our enhancements to the small business investor tax credit.

Your government recognizes that businesses small and large rely on a ready workforce. In addition to educational investments, your government will continue to seek to grow the labour force by increasing our population and will launch a new strategy aimed at maintaining and growing New Brunswick's population.

Tourism continues to be a major component of your government's economic vision and it is committed to developing this important sector. Your government has been working hard with tourism partners to boost the industry. Your government has listened to New Brunswickers who want economic growth in the tourism sector to be a priority and now we are seeing results.

Through the New Brunswick Economic Growth Plan, your government is pursuing and developing opportunities in a broad range of areas including cybersecurity, smart grid technology, business support services and boosting new farmers. These are just a few of the areas that were identified as part of the first round of growth opportunities. Your government will continue to work to identify and pursue new growth opportunities and keep moving New Brunswick forward.

As well, your government will invest more in innovation. It will also implement its platform commitment on regional economic development by restoring a provincial presence in each region responsible for linking local businesses and local governments with provincial and federal economic development programs and funding.

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Your government also recognizes the importance of responsible investments in infrastructure to boost the economy and make our roads, schools and hospitals better and safer for New Brunswickers. In this session, your government will continue to advance the Strategic Infrastructure Initiative and leverage federal infrastructure spending to the benefit of New Brunswickers. Some have argued that we cannot afford these investments in infrastructure, your government sides with others who say we cannot afford the consequences of skipping these critical investments.

Ensuring the safety of the people of this province encompasses a lot of areas, including the places New Brunswickers work. Your government is aware of the decisions made at WorkSafe New Brunswick. In respect of the Meredith Principles, government has avoided overruling this arms' length agency, but has grave concerns about the current state of the system. Over the past several years, rates were allowed to dip too low, which created the current situation where massive rate shock is required to make the fund sustainable. As a result, both workers and employers are dissatisfied. Your government has created a task force to review the situation and make recommendations to strike a better balance between reasonable rates and reasonable benefits. Your government is pleased that the auditor general has agreed to perform a value-for-money audit of the commission. Your government stands with representatives of the labour movement who are protesting a decision to draw down the accident fund to a level that may not be sustainable.

In this session of the legislature, your government will introduce legislation to prepare for the legalization of recreational cannabis. Your government is pleased to be a national leader in preparing for this reality announced by the federal government over two years ago. We all want to get cannabis out of the hands of youth and get the proceeds out of the hands of criminals. This legislation will first ensure that public safety is respected by having strong regulations for production, distribution, and sale of cannabis coupled with the necessary awareness programs and enforcement. While government puts all of this in place, it will also ensure that New Brunswick is taking full advantage of the economic opportunities offered by this new industry.

Your government will also introduce legislation on climate change and carbon pricing in this session. Your government will build on the framework laid out in *Transitioning to a Low-carbon Economy*, the climate change action plan tabled last year. Our mechanism will respect New Brunswick's economic realities and challenges while playing a role to combat climate change, which is this generation's largest challenge. The legislation will establish a carbon price that minimizes the impact on consumers, calls on large industry to reduce emissions or pay its fair share, and establishes a climate change fund with dedicated investments to combat the effects of climate change.

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Unlike some who want to avoid the climate change challenge, your government believes that this is an opportunity to leverage new investments in new technologies to create sustainable economic growth for our province.

### **Investing in Education**

Your government is making investments that restore hope in our education system. In fact, your government's investments in education have been nothing short of transformational.

For the first time in history, New Brunswick has 10-year, non-partisan education plans built with the guidance of stakeholders, educators and parents from all corners of the province. These plans are supported by record investments in education, including the hiring of hundreds of additional teachers.

New Brunswickers from families who need the most help can now benefit from the free tuition program if they attend a New Brunswick public college or university. New Brunswick families can also benefit from the tuition relief for the middle class program. These programs are making post-secondary education an option for more New Brunswickers.

Your government has created nearly 3,000 additional day care spaces, and is well on its way to achieving its platform commitment of 30,000 spaces by 2020. Too often, paying for child care is a challenge for families. Improving accessibility and affordability will not only help ensure that children can experience quality care that helps them reach their full potential, it allows more people to access the workforce, which in turn will strengthen the province's workforce. Your government has signed a new agreement with the federal government to make day cares more accessible and affordable. Further details on this partnership will be announced during this session of the legislature.

Your government has removed a stain from New Brunswick's reputation in the country by restoring French immersion to Grade 1. This is the right approach for our children and it follows the recommendation of the review of the entry point of early French immersion commissioned in 2011. The new Grade 1 program has been enhanced based upon the most recent research on French learning. Early French immersion is being offered at 68 schools around the province, including at seven schools that are offering it for the first time. On top of this, French language pilot projects have been implemented to improve access to French learning in rural schools as well, with one taking place in each Anglophone school district. The pilot projects provide extended opportunities for students in kindergarten to Grade 3 to learn to speak, read and write in French. These steps will ensure that Canada's only bilingual province once again has first-rate bilingual education.

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Improving literacy rates is crucial for New Brunswick's economy and it is even more important for improving the quality of life of children and families in our province. That is why your government launched *Unleashing the power of literacy: New Brunswick's Comprehensive Literacy Strategy*. We will continue to work together to improve literacy skills in our province.

Your government has also expanded the Integrated Service Delivery model for providing mental health, addiction, intervention and social services to children and youth to all public schools in the province.

Since 2015, nearly \$300 million has been invested in our public school infrastructure to create safer schools with better learning environments across the province and build new schools in regions where they are needed. This includes the first new school built in the Anglophone sector in Saint John in nearly 40 years. Your government has also invested \$111 million in university and college infrastructure by working together with our federal partners.

Your government will soon sign memoranda of understanding with our public universities which will lay out government funding and a predictable tuition for students for the next four years, funding for pilot projects at the universities to increase enrollment, increase population, and pursue research and development opportunities, and an agreement for the universities to appear annually before the Legislative Assembly.

### **Educated People and Healthy Families**

Your government is taking action to restore hope for families in this province.

Your government's family plan lays out a roadmap for services that will continue to build a province which is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Your government is making strategic investments and entering new partnerships to get the health care people need, when they need it and where they need it. This includes a partnership with the New Brunswick Medical Society for better access to family doctors outside of normal business hours. This includes expanding the role of allied health professionals like nurse practitioners and paramedics. And this includes a partnership with New Brunswick-based non-profit Medavie to integrate the services of Ambulance New Brunswick, the Extra-Mural Program and Tele-Care 811, in one seamless system to assist all New Brunswickers, particularly seniors in their homes and in their communities. In this session, your government will also move forward on its platform commitment to provide benefits to financially assist seniors and their informal caregivers so they can stay independent longer.

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Your government is committed to making the necessary investments in infrastructure to provide quality health care to New Brunswickers that is effective, efficient, and supportive to positive health-care outcomes. Government is also committed to making these investments where they are needed in both urban and rural New Brunswick, further evidence of its commitment to protect rural hospitals from closure.

Supporting those with addictions and mental health challenges is one of the pillars of the New Brunswick Family Plan. A report stemming from stakeholder engagement which was released in the spring highlights the development of the Enhanced Action Plan on Addictions and Mental Health as a priority initiative as it will address continuity of care and access issues for a broader segment of our population. This plan will focus on ensuring evidence-based, person-centered services. Good mental health is fundamental to the resilience of individuals, families and communities. Your government is committed to taking steps to improve mental health in our province, as doing so will increase productivity for our businesses and economy. Record investments in mental health will be possible in part thanks to an agreement with the federal government that will provide our province with targeted funding of \$104.3 million over 10 years. As a result of these investments, it is expected that wait times for mental health services for children and youth will be shortened considerably.

Fostering healthy aging and support for seniors is another pillar of the family plan and an area where your government is getting things done. This includes expanding the Seniors Health, Well-Being and Home Safety Review, a program aimed at helping seniors remain independent longer, as well as building nursing homes in different areas of the province to ensure these services are there when they are needed.

Your government will continue to advocate for New Brunswick to be chosen as a site for a national healthy seniors pilot project where we can build and test innovative solutions to the challenges presented by an aging population. By doing this, our province will serve as an example for the nation, while determining best practices to keep New Brunswick seniors healthy and in their homes.

Your government is also investing in initiatives to provide better mental health outcomes, better wellness and health determinants and reduce poverty. Government is investing \$10 million over five years to create the Social Innovation Fund. This fund, a strategic partnership between government and Living Saint John, will support innovation projects and initiatives that strive towards ending generational poverty in Greater Saint John. Saint John will serve as a testing site for new approaches to reducing poverty and strengthening social conditions vital to economic growth. What we learn there will have positive impacts for the rest of the province.

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Your government is working to expand the Family Division Case Management model, which provides streamlined access to services and expedient resolutions of family law disputes prior to being dealt with by a judge. This model has worked well in Saint John and will soon be expanded to other jurisdictions in the province.

Your government recognizes that a society that treats all persons equally is more likely to succeed not just from a social justice perspective but also from an economic perspective. In this session, your government will continue the implementation of initiatives to better protect against intimate partner violence, along with improved access to family law, improved access to reproductive health and broader implementation of pay equity.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

Your government is restoring hope in New Brunswickers that our finances will be dealt with once and for all.

Your government is proud to have exceeded all of its financial targets and is on course to balance the budget by 2020. In fact, since 2014, your government has cut the province's deficit by 67 per cent, all while growing the New Brunswick economy and investing more in education and health care. This is a responsible plan, as to achieve balance any faster would have required deep cuts to important social services like education and health care. These were not cuts your government was willing to make.

Government will continue the MLA pay freeze and introduce legislation to ensure there is no dispute that this pay freeze will remain in effect until at least 2021 when New Brunswick enters its first full fiscal year of a balanced budget. The same freeze will apply to the reduced salaries implemented in 2015 for the premier and ministers.

### **Conclusion**

Over the course of this session, ministers will provide details regarding the initiatives contained in this Speech from the Throne.

Amendments to a variety of Acts of the Legislative Assembly will be introduced and debated in order to ensure your government continues to improve services offered to the public.

Our provincial motto, Spem Reduxit, is translated as "Hope Restored". The theme of restoring hope has been applied to a number of speeches from the throne in this Legislature over the years. In truth, hope was never lost among the people who lived here. New Brunswick has always



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been a place to come for refugees, those looking for a better life. The province's motto originally referred to those who moved here because they opposed the American Revolution. They were looking for hope and turned to New Brunswick. Newcomers from around the globe have been starting anew in New Brunswick for more than 300 years. The Mi'kmaq and Maliseet saw Europeans arrive in the 17th century, the Loyalists and Acadians in the 18th century. Victims of the Irish potato famine found a home here in the 19th century. And last year, New Brunswick took in the largest per capita share of Syrian refugees of any province.

We can take great pride in the fact that New Brunswick is a place where hope has been restored for so many. Your government believes its job is to ensure all New Brunswickers can live with the promise of a better future.

Over the past three years, your government has proven that we can have economic growth in New Brunswick. We can afford innovative investments in education and health care. We can lead the country in things like free tuition and health care delivered in our communities and homes. And we can do all of that while getting our budget back in balance.

It is about investing in our people. New Brunswickers will always be our greatest asset and it is only with their help that we will continue to make things happen.

It is about investing in what matters most to New Brunswickers, investing in the things New Brunswickers need, and investing in opportunities for New Brunswickers. This is how your government will create an agenda that works for our province and realize a better future for everyone who lives, works and makes their home in New Brunswick.

It is about restoring hope for all New Brunswickers.

May divine providence continue to bless New Brunswick and its residents, and guide this Assembly in its deliberations.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. Brian Gallant, Premier, have leave to introduce a Bill entitled *An Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right*. (Bill 1)

He accordingly presented the Bill to the House and the same was received and read the first time.

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Mr. Speaker then informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed.)

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard,

RESOLVED, that the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith taken into consideration.

Mr. Albert, a Member for the electoral district of Caraquet, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Mr. Guitard, a Member for the electoral district of Restigouche-Chaleur, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.  
October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And a debate arising thereon, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Higgs, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Quispamsis, adjourned over.

And then, 2.34 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Chris Collins, recognized the appointment of Sgt. Major Gilles Côté as the new Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Brandon Robinson, Fredericton; Deepigha Shree Vittal Babu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India; Sarah Albert-Bélanger, Saint-François-de-Madawaska; Jarrod Ryan, Fredericton; Natasha Williamson, Coningsby, England; Drew McConnell, Fredericton; Matt Thompson, Fredericton; Erik Arsenault, Saint-Louis-de-Kent; Ellen Hiltz, New Ross, Nova Scotia; Julie Roberge, Ottawa, Ontario.

The returning pages are: Phoebe Marmura Brown, Fredericton; Corben Parker, Fredericton; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Québec.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017*.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Bourque,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*.

By Hon. Mr. LePage,

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Bourque,

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*.

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*.

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*.

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS there is considerable public concern regarding glyphosate spraying in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there is conflicting public and scientific information as to the use of glyphosate in our forestry sector;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately form a working group on glyphosate, comprised of the Departments of Health, Public Safety, Environment, and Energy and Resource Development with stakeholders from outside of government, that would provide a report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations for government, within nine months;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to suspend the spraying of glyphosate on New Brunswick Crown lands until such time as the working group has tabled their report and recommendations have been submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults' alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a high school program in place where students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the tourism sector in New Brunswick is an important part of our fabric;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of tourists visit our province each year;

WHEREAS camping enthusiasts make up a significant portion of the tourists each year;

WHEREAS some of those camping enthusiasts like to travel with multiple vehicles and trailers in order to have the vastest experience to explore all the beautiful parts of our province;

WHEREAS other provinces in Canada allow for the towing combination of more than two vehicles on their highways and roads;

WHEREAS New Brunswick does not currently allow a combination of more than two vehicles, which creates a barrier to interprovincial travel;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to change acts and regulations to allow combinations of two or more vehicles, for recreational purposes, on main highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to maintain a length limit as well as other safety precautions, to account for the safety of all those travelling on the roads.

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Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS the sport of curling has a long history in Canada, introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants with now more than 1000 curling clubs across Canada, and an official Olympic sport;

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and eye-hand coordination;

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to men and women of all ages and abilities, it is adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and chairs;

WHEREAS curling is a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity;

WHEREAS curling clubs in New Brunswick are run by not-for-profit groups in all regions of the province, promoting community involvement and participation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government to declare the third week of January every year as “New Brunswick Curling Week”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly visit the curling clubs in their area during that week, and the rest of winter to promote and encourage the local curling clubs.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has stated that research shows eighty percent of a child’s learning is visual;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Optometrists has also stated that studies show only fourteen percent of Canadian children entering the primary school system receive professional eye care;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists state that studies show the earlier a vision problem is diagnosed and treated, the less negative impact it will have on a child's development;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Optometrists also state that an important component of early detection and treatment of eye and vision problems is for all children to receive a professional vision examination before entering school;

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick's program, "Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision" already offers a vision program to children of low income families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to offer free professional eye exams for all children before they become of school age, and that it become mandatory to be tested before entering elementary school.

Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Women's institute supports cameras on school buses to catch drivers that do not stop;

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on the outside of buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that Bernard LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Memramcook-Tantramar, be appointed Deputy Speaker.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs: (Motion 7)

WHEREAS the role of the Sergeant-at-Arms in serving Parliament originates more than 500 years ago in medieval England and France;

AND WHEREAS the Sergeant-at-Arms is a senior officer of the House responsible for enforcing the Speaker's directives relating to order and decorum on the floor of the Assembly and in the public galleries, overseeing security services in the legislative precinct and assuming the role of guardian of the parliamentary mace;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with its authority under subsection 41(1) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Administration Committee has appointed Gilles Côté as Sergeant-at-Arms;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly does hereby confirm the appointment of Gilles Côté as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

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

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser:

THAT unless otherwise provided by Standing Rule or Special Order of the House, the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional calendar for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature:

Tuesday, October 24 to Friday, October 27, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, October 31 to Friday, November 3, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, November 7 to Friday, November 10, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, November 14 to Friday, November 17, 2017, inclusive;



Tuesday, December 5 to Friday, December 8, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, December 12 to Friday, December 15, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, December 19 to Friday, December 22, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, January 30 to Friday, February 2, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, February 6 to Friday, February 9, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, March 13 to Friday, March 16, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, March 20 to Friday, March 23, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, March 27 to Thursday, March 29, 2018, inclusive;

THAT during certain weeks in which the Assembly is adjourned, the following dates are available for committees to meet:

Tuesday, November 21 to Friday, November 24, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, November 28 to Friday, December 1, 2017, inclusive;  
Tuesday, January 9 to Friday, January 12, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, January 16 to Friday, January 19, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, January 23 to Friday, January 26, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, February 13 to Friday, February 16, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, February 20 to Friday, February 23, 2018, inclusive;  
Tuesday, February 27 to Friday, March 2, 2018, inclusive;

THAT notwithstanding the above dates available to committees, the chairs of committees may continue to call meetings with appropriate notice on dates of their choosing;

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 29, 2018, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2018;

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during any period of adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman: (Motion 9)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Fridays shall be as follows:

Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Fourth Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, October 27, 2017, Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Jeff Carr to withdraw and resubmit Notice of Motion 6 without the first whereas clause.

And then, 12.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 3

Thursday, October 26, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Mr. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

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And then, 10.45 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 4

Friday, October 27, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students of Harbour View High School in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 1)

Mr. Holder, Member for Portland-Simonds, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students of Harbour View High School in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 2)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students of Harbour View High School in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 3)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Harris,  
Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS the Legislature is accountable to the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important for a legislative committee to have the power to question witnesses and obtain expert advice;

WHEREAS the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation recommended that Public Accounts Committees should have the power to subpoena witnesses if they refuse to appear, and call for the production of documents;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Public Accounts Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

WHEREAS the standing committees of the Parliament of Canada have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

WHEREAS the House can authorize a committee to call for persons, papers and records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Public Accounts Committee, Crown Corporations Committee, Economic Policy Committee and Social Policy Committee be authorized by the Legislative Assembly to call for persons, papers and documents.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS Legislative Officers should be accountable to the Legislative Assembly and the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a 2011 Legislative Assembly report recommended that Legislative Officers appear annually before committee to answer questions about their annual reports;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the New Brunswick Legislature state that reports to the House of Legislative Officers stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers;

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers provides a forum through which the Legislative Officers are accountable to the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS in 2017 only one Legislative Officer has reported to the Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Legislative Officers, except for the Auditor General who already appears before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be required by the Legislative Assembly to appear annually before the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers to answer questions on their annual reports and any other reports filed with the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, Bill 11 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 10.02 a.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*10.07 a.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

Madam Deputy Speaker cautioned Mr. Wetmore against alleging the government "cheated" New Brunswickers.

And after some time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2.15 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 2016-2017  
Maritime Provinces Higher  
Education Commission

October 26, 2017

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Daily sitting 5 Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Fairgrieve, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to resurface Rosedale Road in Carleton County. (Petition 4)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Harris,

*Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

*Bill 13, An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826.*

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 9, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS alcohol is the leading cause of injury and death in Canada;

WHEREAS a 2012 Statistics Canada survey found that 20% of New Brunswickers were heavy drinkers;

WHEREAS excessive drinking bears numerous known health risks including cancer and cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS the availability and visibility of alcohol has increased with the increase in agency stores and the introduction of wine in grocery stores;

WHEREAS increased availability and visibility of alcohol result in greater consumption rates;

WHEREAS NB Liquor is neither tracking the effects of nor implementing public awareness campaigns along with this increased availability;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's tobacco control strategy has reduced smoking prevalence and lung cancer mortality;

WHEREAS a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing alcohol consumption can help to reduce alcohol harm;



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol related injuries and deaths in the province.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, Bills 12 and 13 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser used unparliamentary language when he used the term "grim reaper" in reference to the Leader of the Opposition.

Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 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 2016-2017  
Vehicle Management Agency

October 27, 2017

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Daily sitting 6 Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker suspended the time and advised Hon. Mr. Fraser that he was not permitted to table a document under this item.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Hon. Mr. Fraser withdraw the term “misleading”, which he did.

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Hon. Mr. Fraser laid upon the table of the House a letter dated October 13, 2017, from Bill Levesque, President of the Regional Development Corporation, to Kim MacPherson, Auditor General.

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Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of Seaside Park Elementary in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 5)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,  
Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, Opposition Members’ Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 1, 4 and 5.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, November 2, 2017, Bill 14 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

Mr. Macdonald rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser used props in the Chamber. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member refrain from doing so in the future.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 7 Thursday, November 2, 2017  
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of a ban on the spraying of glyphosate in Crown forest management. (Petition 6)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,  
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence*.

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Hon. Ms. Rogers gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, she would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Bill 15 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

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October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
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May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Bourque, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

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Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Bourque, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Bourque moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Ames: (Motion 14)

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, November 3, 2017, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 1.30 p.m. to allow for the Address of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, in the Assembly Chamber at 1 p.m.

THAT Her Excellency's speech, together with all introductory remarks, be printed as an Appendix to the Debates of the Legislative Assembly on that day and form part of the records of the House, and be televised according to the House guidelines.

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

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS there is considerable public concern regarding glyphosate spraying in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there is conflicting public and scientific information as to the use of glyphosate in our forestry sector;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately form a working group on glyphosate, comprised of the Departments of Health, Public Safety, Environment, and Energy and Resource Development with stakeholders from outside of government, that would provide a report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations for government, within nine months;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to suspend the spraying of glyphosate on New Brunswick Crown lands until such time as the working group has tabled their report and recommendations have been submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Rousselle, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause by deleting all the words after “urge” and replacing them with “the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to table the report entitled “*Results of the OCMOH Action Plan on Glyphosate*” with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and to provide an update to the report within one year from the date of tabling the said report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly”;

In the second resolution clause by deleting all the words after “government” and replacing them with “to continue to monitor any additional information provided by Health Canada and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of New Brunswick in

relation to the use of glyphosate, as it becomes available, and if the Chief Medical Officer or Health Canada subsequently advises that the spraying of glyphosate represents an increased risk to human health, that the province immediately suspend the spraying of glyphosate on Crown lands”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 1 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there is considerable public concern regarding glyphosate spraying in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there is conflicting public and scientific information as to the use of glyphosate in our forestry sector;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to table the report entitled “*Results of the OCMOH Action Plan on Glyphosate*” with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and to provide an update to the report within one year from the date of tabling the said report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to continue to monitor any additional information provided by Health Canada and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of New Brunswick in relation to the use of glyphosate, as it becomes available, and if the Chief Medical Officer or Health Canada subsequently advises that the spraying of glyphosate represents an increased risk to human health, that the province immediately suspend the spraying of glyphosate on Crown lands.

And the question being put, Motion 1 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. Urquhart moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver:



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WHEREAS the sport of curling has a long history in Canada, introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants with now more than 1000 curling clubs across Canada, and an official Olympic sport;

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and eye-hand coordination;

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to men and women of all ages and abilities, it is adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and chairs;

WHEREAS curling is a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity;

WHEREAS curling clubs in New Brunswick are run by not-for-profit groups in all regions of the province, promoting community involvement and participation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government to declare the third week of January every year as “New Brunswick Curling Week”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly visit the curling clubs in their area during that week, and the rest of winter to promote and encourage the local curling clubs.

And the question being put, a debate ensued

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 8

Friday, November 3, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

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October 24, 2017.

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The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
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May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to without amendment.

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On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers,

RESOLVED, that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and presented to Her Honour by a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Honourable the Premier, Mr. Albert and Mr. Guitard be the Committee to Wait upon Her Honour with the Address and present the same.

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And then, 9.42 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

1.50 p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup rose and apologized to the House for his actions at the end of last Thursday's sitting day during statements of condolence.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Ms. Rogers rose on a matter of privilege to complain about a poster of a caricature of herself, the Premier and a Liberal candidate that was distributed in Moncton and subsequently published in various media outlets.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of Seaside Park Elementary in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 7)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to support a new aquatic center in Fredericton. (Petition 8)

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Friday, November 10, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doherty:

WHEREAS the Leader of the Official Opposition worked for Irving Oil for 33 years and retired as a Senior Executive;

WHEREAS the 25 year Canaport LNG property tax break that slashed millions of dollars from property taxes was passed by the Progressive Conservative Government in 2005;

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative leadership campaign website of the Leader of the Opposition states: "He was a member of the Irving team negotiating with Repsol on the Canaport LNG project";

WHEREAS a full page advertisement placed in the Telegraph Journal on March 19, 2005, by Irving Oil entitled "To Everyone in Saint John" contains an open letter to the citizens of Saint John in an attempt to explain why the LNG Property Tax deal is such a good deal for the City;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition as an Irving Oil Executive was one of the signatories to the said letter;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition stated in the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2017: "It is a tax deal, about which I have stated very clearly and in public, that I had no involvement with";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Leader of the Opposition to answer the following questions:

- 1) Does he still believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was a good deal for the people of Saint John;
- 2) Does he believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was rushed and the process should have provided for consultation with and input from the citizens of Saint John;
- 3) Can the Leader of the Official Opposition explain what role he had in urging the people of Saint John to accept the Canaport LNG tax deal.

Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any letter written to the Member for Campbellton-Dalhousie regarding his recusal or removal from, and the reassignment of his duties as Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in whole or in part, including copies of the letters sent electronically or otherwise to Judy Wagner, Jean-Marc Dupuis and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, including the dates the letters were written, sent and received by the parties involved.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 6 be called for second reading.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. LePage, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*, 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.

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Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Notice of Motion 15 was out of order as it contained inaccuracies and personal attacks against the Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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And then, 4.30 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that the Premier withdraw the term “lied”, which he did, and that the Leader of the Opposition withdraw the phrase “made up statistics”, which he did.

At 10.55 a.m. it was agreed by unanimous consent to recess until 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 9, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 4, 2 and 6.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 13; following which Bills 15, 12, 11, 5 and 2 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Ms. Rogers, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
November 8, 2017.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, 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.): Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 13, Hon. Ms. Rogers 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. Ms. Rogers proceeded to deliver the 2018-2019 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. Doucet, 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. Bernard LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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. Bernard LeBlanc 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. Doucet, 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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Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments 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, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*, be not now read a second time because privatizing extra-mural services has drawn broad public opposition including formal opposition from many organizations including Vitalité Health Network, Égalité santé en français Nouveau-Brunswick, Société de l'Acadie du Nouveau-Brunswick, l'Association Acadienne et Francophone des aînées et aînés du Nouveau-Brunswick, the Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents' Rights, the New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation, the New Brunswick Union, and CUPE.

And the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

At 2.52 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.55 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 3.35 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 11

Thursday, November 9, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Hon. Mr. Bourque withdraw the phrase “lack of literacy” in relation to the Leader of the Opposition, which he did. Mr. Speaker also cautioned the Leader of the Opposition against involving guests in debate.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Bourque,

Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*.

Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, November 10, 2017, Bills 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2.30 p.m., at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

At 11.30 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Oliver, as follows:

WHEREAS the sport of curling has a long history in Canada, introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants with now more than 1000 curling clubs across Canada, and an official Olympic sport;

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and eye-hand coordination;

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to men and women of all ages and abilities, it is adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and chairs;

WHEREAS curling is a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity;

WHEREAS curling clubs in New Brunswick are run by not-for-profit groups in all regions of the province, promoting community involvement and participation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government to declare the third week of January every year as “New Brunswick Curling Week”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly visit the curling clubs in their area during that week, and the rest of winter to promote and encourage the local curling clubs.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults’ alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a high school program in place where students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

At 3.25 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.33 p.m.*

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Hon. Mr. Ames, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 2 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause by deleting the words “to put a high school program in place where” and replacing them with “to continue to support the curricula so that”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 2 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults' alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to continue to support the curricula so that students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

And the question being put, Motion 2 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Jeff Carr moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on the outside of buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Landry, seconded by Hon. Mr. Kenny, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause by deleting the words “current government to put” and replacing them with “Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to explore best practices with respect to school bus safety including exploring the feasibility of putting”;

By deleting the final resolution clause.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.



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Daily sitting 12

Friday, November 10, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

November 10, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their first report.

Your Committee met on November 9 and had under consideration:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*;  
Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Vice Chair

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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.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Harvey,  
Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations*.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS sexual violence remains a present and persistent problem on post-secondary campuses across the province;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions in the country including Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia have already adopted comparable types of legislation;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada's 2014 General Social Survey on Canadians' Safety revealed that the rate of incidence for sexual assault was considerably higher for young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 and accounts for 47% of all sexual assaults incidents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation on campus sexual violence that includes the following stipulations: that every post-secondary institution in New Brunswick have a stand-alone sexual violence policy; that these policies be completed by the institution no later than one year after the legislation is adopted; that the policies be developed with input from students, staff, administrators, and community experts; that the policies put in place take into account the realities of visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, immigrants, the LGBTQIA community, and other groups that have been proven to be at a higher risk of sexual violence; that the policies be accessible, transparent and easy to understand; that the institution include in their policy, the manners in which their sexual violence policy interacts with other policies at the institution; that all sexual violence policies adopted by post-secondary institutions be reviewed by the institution every two years; and that the post-secondary institutions that already have stand-alone sexual violence policies be required to review their policies immediately upon adoption of the legislation and incorporate any changes to their policies and reporting process(es) as per the stipulations set out above, no later than one year after the legislation is adopted.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to develop a covered bridge map to be used to take our covered bridges to market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to designate all remaining covered bridges in New Brunswick as protected landmarks within the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Bill 21 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

## AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

## AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

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AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

## AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Bills 22 and 23 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, deferred third reading of certain bills to a later date.

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And then, 2.17 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:

Annual Report 2016-2017

New Brunswick Legal Aid

Services Commission

Response to Petitions 1, 2, 3, 5

November 10, 2017

November 10, 2017



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Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At 10.16 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

10.26 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

November 15, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their second report.

Your Committee met on November 14 and had under consideration:

Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Vice Chair

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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.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 6, 17 and 18.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, Bill 24 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, deferred third reading of certain bills to a later date and announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 21, 22 and 23 be called for second reading.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers: (Motion 19)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. LePage and Mr. Boudreau for Hon. Mr. Bourque;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Boudreau for Hon. Mr. LePage and Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. Harvey;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Boudreau for Hon. Mr. Bourque and Mr. Doherty for Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. Bourque;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. Bourque and Ms. LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. LePage;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. Bourque, Mr. Boudreau for Hon. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. LePage; and

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Doherty for Hon. Mr. Bourque.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 12.05 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 15

Thursday, November 16, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the Honourable the Premier used unparliamentary language when he referred to Mr. MacDonald as an “attack dog”. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.*

Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 28, *Green Energy Security Act.*

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS New Brunswick had 11,000 documented cases of dementia in 2011;

WHEREAS that number is expected to rise to 23,000 by 2031;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the largest number of seniors in relation to New Brunswick's total population;

WHEREAS the Aging Strategy released in January of 2017 stated that there was a need for a dementia strategy in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to release the Dementia Strategy to ensure access to quality care and support so that New Brunswickers with dementia can have the best quality of life possible.

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the Local Service Districts of Douglas and Estey's Bridge have been struggling with the development and proposed development of rock quarries within their respective areas;

WHEREAS the development of gravel pits and quarries has been a long-standing issue of contention with residents within all municipalities of New Brunswick, including cities;

WHEREAS the issues of quarry proximity to residential areas and the current excavation protocols for the quarry planning approval are deemed insufficient by many communities in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many regional service commissions, at present, do not have the regulations to evaluate gravel pits and rock quarries differently in terms of impact and optimal distance from residential areas, given the site-specific characteristics of proposed resource extraction sizes;

WHEREAS the environmental footprints of a gravel pit and rock quarry differ greatly, given that gravel pits require only mechanical intervention for extraction of resources and quarries require the use of both machinery and blasting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the Department of Environment and Local Government to revisit its regulations and legislation pertaining to rock quarries with the intent to recognize the different environmental footprint that exists between gravel pit and rock quarry developments, and develop an assessment tool that better addresses the various factors that are impacted, namely: waterways, run-off, noise, air quality, sight distance from provincial roads, and continued quality-of-life for existing area residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the government to review its allowable quarry proximity to existing residential area regulation with the intent of increasing the catchment area with which the Department of Environment and Local Government, regional service commissions and quarry developers are required to consult and that the minimum proximity to quarry regulation and/or legislation has its minimum distances expanded.

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS successive governments have stressed the importance of New Brunswickers to have access to quality child care in all regions of our province;

WHEREAS access to child care allows both single parent and two parent families to pursue the career goals to which they aspire;

WHEREAS the economic realities of our modern society often require that both parents must work to sustain the household;

WHEREAS the population size of daycares is on the rise, requiring that the daycares often physically be located closer to larger often more urban centers to maximize their customer potential;

WHEREAS access to daycare services is equally important in urban and rural New Brunswick, but rural communities often lack the required population base to make a daycare financially viable;

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development already has a transportation system that covers the entire province on a daily basis, both morning and returning in the afternoon, however, they are not allowed to travel outside of their respective school catchment areas;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to grant an exemption, in elementary school catchment areas where no daycare infrastructure exists, of up to 10 kilometers per day round trip to allow bussing of students; both for morning pickup and after school drop-off to daycare facilities outside the established school boundaries of the respective elementary school.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, November 17, 2017, Bills 25, 26 and 27 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, deferred third reading of certain bills to a later date and announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Early Childhood Development; and Health; following which the House would recess until 2.30 p.m.; at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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

At 11.24 a.m., Mr. Bernard LeBlanc declared a recess and left the chair.

*11.30 a.m.*

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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, 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.

At 11.40 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 6, moved by Hon. Mr. Landry, seconded by Hon. Mr. Kenny, as follows:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause by deleting the words “current government to put” and replacing them with “Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to explore best practices with respect to school bus safety including exploring the feasibility of putting”;

By deleting the final resolution clause.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 6 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to explore best practices with respect to school bus safety including exploring the feasibility of putting a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on the outside of buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials.

And the question being put, Motion 6 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 17, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS sexual violence remains a present and persistent problem on post-secondary campuses across the province;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions in the country including Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia have already adopted comparable types of legislation;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada's 2014 General Social Survey on Canadians' Safety revealed that the rate of incidence for sexual assault was considerably higher for young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 and accounts for 47% of all sexual assaults incidents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation on campus sexual violence that includes the following stipulations: that every post-secondary institution in New Brunswick have a stand-alone sexual violence policy; that these policies be completed by the institution no later than one year after the legislation is adopted; that the policies be developed with input from students, staff,



administrators, and community experts; that the policies put in place take into account the realities of visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, immigrants, the LGBTQIA community, and other groups that have been proven to be at a higher risk of sexual violence; that the policies be accessible, transparent and easy to understand; that the institution include in their policy, the manners in which their sexual violence policy interacts with other policies at the institution; that all sexual violence policies adopted by post-secondary institutions be reviewed by the institution every two years; and that the post-secondary institutions that already have stand-alone sexual violence policies be required to review their policies immediately upon adoption of the legislation and incorporate any changes to their policies and reporting process(es) as per the stipulations set out above, no later than one year after the legislation is adopted.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Melanson, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 17 be amended as follows:

By deleting the second whereas clause;

By adding the following as a fourth whereas clause:

WHEREAS in 2017, Fredericton's public universities and colleges teamed up to fund the hiring of a sexual assault advocate to assist students and staff impacted by sexual assault, which is a positive step in support of our student population;

By deleting the resolution clause and replacing it with the following:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly support the efforts of post-secondary institutions to adopt and maintain institution-specific sexual violence policies.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

## YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Fraser	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. Albert
Hon. Mr. Landry	Hon. Mr. LePage	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Bourque	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Doherty

## NAYS - 20

Ms. Shephard	Mr. Urquhart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Coon	Ms. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Jeff Carr	Mr. Oliver
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Crossman	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 17 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS sexual violence remains a present and persistent problem on post-secondary campuses across the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada's 2014 General Social Survey on Canadians' Safety revealed that the rate of incidence for sexual assault was considerably higher for young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 and accounts for 47% of all sexual assaults incidents;

WHEREAS in 2017, Fredericton's public universities and colleges teamed up to fund the hiring of a sexual assault advocate to assist students and staff impacted by sexual assault, which is a positive step in support of our student population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly support the efforts of post-secondary institutions to adopt and maintain institution-specific sexual violence policies.

And the question being put, Motion 17 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 18, Mr. Jeff Carr moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to develop a covered bridge map to be used to take our covered bridges to market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to designate all remaining covered bridges in New Brunswick as protected landmarks within the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Response to Petition 4

November 15, 2017

Daily sitting 16

Friday, November 17, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Members of the National Assembly of Quebec representing the New Brunswick – Quebec Parliamentary Association: Mr. Marc Bourcier, Saint-Jérôme; Mr. Guy Bourgeois, Abitibi-Est; Ms. Sylvie D'Amours, Mirabel; and Mr. Daniel Cloutier, Chief of Protocol.

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

November 17, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The report outlines the activities of the Committee during the Second and Third Sessions of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

In addition, the report contains recommendations regarding the annual report policy of government.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Trevor Holder, M.L.A.  
Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

The report outlines the activities of the Committee during the Second and Third Sessions of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

The Committee notes that Mr. Holder, Chair; Mr. Chiasson, Vice-Chair; and Mr. Coon, Leader of the Third Party; worked collaboratively to establish an agenda for meetings of the Committee.

- December 15, 2015

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2015, Volume III - Financial Audit and Volume IV - Performance Audit*. Volume III focused on matters arising from the annual financial audit of the provincial government and Crown agencies including observations on pension plans, administration of school raised funds, and the financial audit of the New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation. Volume IV presented performance reports completed during 2015 including Public Debt, Centennial Building, and follow up on Recommendations from Prior Years' Performance Audit Chapters.

- June 15, 2016

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2016, Volume I - Performance Audit*. The volume presented performance reports completed during 2016 including Nursing Homes, Public Trustee Services, and Agricultural Fair Associations.

- September 14, 2016

The office of the Auditor General coordinated a workshop session for the Committee with the CCAF-FCVI Inc. (renamed the Canadian Audit & Accountability Foundation in 2017) entitled *Fundamentals of Effective Oversight*. The CAAF provides parliamentary oversight work based on a program of research, identification of good practices, and professional development workshops and tools designed to help oversight committees increase their effectiveness.

- The Committee held three meetings in October 2016. The following departments appeared and answered questions:

- October 4, 2016

*Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour*

Appearing: Jean-Marc Dupuis, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

- October 5, 2016

*Department of Health*

Appearing: Tom Maston, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

October 7, 2016

*Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture*

Appearing: Kelly Cain, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

• October 26, 2016

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2016, Volume II - Joint Audit of Atlantic Lottery Corporation*. The volume presented the results of a joint audit of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation completed by the four Atlantic Canada Auditors General.

• November 29, 2016

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2016, Volume III - Performance Audit and Volume IV - Financial Audit*. Volume III presented the performance report completed during 2016 on Meat Safety in the Food Premises program in the Department of Health, and follow up on recommendations from prior years' Performance Audit Chapters. Volume IV focused on matters arising from the annual financial audit of the provincial government and Crown agencies including observations on pension plans, nursing homes, and the financial condition of the Province.

- The Committee held four meetings in November and December 2016. The following departments appeared and answered questions:

November 29, 2016

*Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat*

Appearing: Patrick Francis, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

November 30, 2016

*Department of Finance*

Appearing: Nicole Picot, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

December 1, 2016

*Department of Social Development*

Appearing: Craig Dalton, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

The following motion, moved by Ms. Shephard, was adopted during the course of the meeting:

*THAT the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts write a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, asking the Chair that Service New Brunswick appear before the Crown Corporations committee forthwith to answer questions regarding the contract awarded to the Canadian Red Cross, October 2014, pertaining to the management of services provided under the Convalescent Rehabilitation Services Program.*

December 2, 2016

*Department of Justice and Public Safety*

Appearing: Johanne C. Bray, Q.C., Deputy Minister

Years under review: Justice 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015; Public Safety 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

*Office of the Attorney General*

Appearing: Lee Bell-Smith, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

• June 20, 2017

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2017, Volume I - Performance Audit*. The volume presented the performance reports completed during 2017 including Advisory Services Contract in the Department of Social Development and Climate Change in the Department of Environment and Local Government and NB Power.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met following the adjournment of the joint session.

The following motion, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, was adopted during the course of the meeting:

*THAT this Committee endorses all of the Auditor General's recommendations related to the Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume I – Performance Audit.*

The following motion, moved by Mr. Coon, was adopted as amended during the course of the meeting:

*THAT the Department of Social Development be considered a priority when departments are called to appear before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to account for the decisions made regarding the awarding of advisory contracts in 2013.*

- The Committee held nine meetings in September and October 2017. The following departments appeared and answered questions:

September 26, 2017

*Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour*

Appearing: Jean-Marc Dupuis, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

*Department of Environment and Local Government*

Appearing: Kelli Simmonds, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

September 27, 2017

*Department of Environment and Local Government*

(continued from September 26, 2017)

Appearing: Kelli Simmonds, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

*Department of Justice and Public Safety*

Appearing: Michael Comeau, Deputy Minister

Years under review: Justice, 2015-2016; Public Safety, 2015-2016

September 28, 2017

*Office of the Attorney General*

Appearing: Lee Bell-Smith, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

*Department of Education and Early Childhood Development*

Appearing: Gérald Richard, Deputy Minister; John McLaughlin, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2014-2015, 2015-2016

September 29, 2017

*Department of Transportation and Infrastructure*

Appearing: Kelly Cain, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2014-2015, 2015-2016

October 3, 2017

The Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Crown Corporations held a joint session to receive and review the *Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2017, Volume II - Performance Audit*. The volume presented a special examination which detailed findings and work performed to address remaining unanswered questions from the 2015 *Report Financial Assistance to Atcon Holdings Inc. and Industry*.



October 10, 2017*Department of Energy and Resource Development*

Appearing: Jean Finn, Deputy Minister

Years under review: Natural Resources, 2014-2015, 2015-2016;  
Energy and Mines, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

*Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries*

Appearing: Jean Finn, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2014-2015, 2015-2016

*Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat*

Appearing: Bill Levesque, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

October 11, 2017*Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture*

Appearing: Françoise Roy, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

*Department of Finance*

Appearing: Nicole Picot, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

*Treasury Board*

Appearing: Gordon Gilman, Deputy Minister

Years under review: Human Resources, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

*Department of Social Development*

Appearing: Eric Beaulieu, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

October 12, 2017*Department of Social Development*

(continued from October 11, 2017)

Appearing: Eric Beaulieu, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

October 13, 2017*Department of Health*

Appearing: Tom Maston, Deputy Minister

Years under review: 2015-2016

- Committee Proceedings

Historically, the Committee has reviewed as many individual departments and entities as practical during a given year. The Committee notes that it discussed changing the current practice to use its time more effectively. Specifically, departments should expect to appear before the Committee as many times as necessary in a given year, while other departments may only need review every other year.

- Annual Report Policy

The Committee noted a trend in the annual reports of many government departments. Members observed a reduction in the volume of detailed information that was previously included.

Section 5.1 of the annual report policy of government (AD-1605) states the following regarding the content of annual reports:

*a. To the degree possible, departments and agencies should give a clear account of goals, objectives and performance indicators. The report should show the extent to which a program continues to be relevant, how well the organization performed in achieving its plans and how well a program was accepted by its client groups. [...]*

*b. Actual and budget financial information in summary form and a narrative explaining major variances as well as other aspects of financial performance are to be included in all annual reports.*

The Committee therefore recommends to the House that annual reports should include the necessary detailed information to fully comply with the annual report policy of government.

The Committee further noted that reports prepared by the Office of the Auditor General play an important role in parliamentary oversight, specifically during deliberations of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee therefore recommends to the House that the government review the annual report policy and consider requiring annual reports to contain departmental responses on the implementation of Auditor General Recommendations, using consistent formatting to address the status of implementation of individual recommendations with clear reasoning.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Ordered that the report be received, and leave granted.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to Notice of Motion 15:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

On Tuesday last, a point of order was raised by the Opposition House Leader with respect to Notice of Motion 15, which stands on the Order and Notice Paper in the name of the Member for Shediac-Beaubassin-Cap-Pelé. The Opposition House Leader submitted that the motion was out of order and that it amounted to a personal attack on a Member of the House. I have had the opportunity to review and consider the said motion, which requests the Leader of the Opposition to answer questions related to his position on Canaport LNG property taxes.

Honourable Members, as noted on page 4 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practices*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, “Canada’s parliamentary system derives from the British, or ‘Westminster’, tradition”. An essential feature of this system is that “The Prime Minister and Cabinet are responsible to, or must answer to, the House of Commons as a body for their actions”. Similarly, in provincial parliaments, the Premier and Cabinet are responsible to, and must answer to, the Legislative Assembly. The same does not apply to private Members. “Private Members” are generally defined as Members of the House who are not part of the ministry.

The essence of the motion before us is that the Legislature urge a private Member to answer certain questions and, in particular, to state his beliefs on a certain matter and to explain his role in a matter in which he was previously involved as a private citizen.

Honourable Members, this is not the first time we have seen motions of this type. Similar motions were proposed in the past, including:

Motion 36, notice given on April 5, 2013, urging the Liberal Association and the then Leader of the Opposition to reimburse taxpayers for legal fees incurred by the former Premier.

Motion 61, notice given on May 13, 2014, urging the then Leader of the Opposition to table a detailed résumé and details of his two businesses and law firm.

However, none of these previous motions were actually moved or debated, and the Speaker of the day was not called upon to rule on their admissibility.

If a motion of this type were permitted to go forward and if it were to pass, it would carry the weight of the House urging an individual private Member to answer questions, table documents, or provide details or clarifications on past statements or business affairs. I do not find such motions to be in keeping with the parliamentary practice of our system of parliamentary government as I described it earlier.

I note that the proposed motion is similar in form to a written question. Under our rules, such questions can be directed only to Ministers of the Crown, which the Leader of the Opposition is not.

Further, the debate on such a motion would ultimately centre on an individual private Member, thus, personalizing the debate and likely causing disorder in the House.

By allowing the motion to proceed, I would essentially be opening the door in the future to similar motions regarding other private Members. I would remind Members that it is my role to protect Members.

Accordingly, for the various reasons noted, I am ruling the motion out of order.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS firefighters provide a valuable service to the population of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has acknowledged that heart conditions and certain cancers can be linked to the act of firefighting, by becoming the seventh province in Canada to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters in 2009;

WHEREAS we now have some 500 female firefighters in Canada;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba was the first province to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters and has now elected to grow its presumptive cancer coverage to include breast cancer;

WHEREAS the inclusion of breast cancer in presumptive legislation for professional firefighters has been supported by the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly follow Manitoba's lead and include breast cancer in the existing presumptive legislation coverages for professional firefighters in our province.

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Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doherty:

WHEREAS the 25 year Canaport LNG property tax break that slashed millions of dollars from property taxes was passed by the Conservative Government in 2005;

WHEREAS a full page advertisement placed in the Telegraph Journal on March 19, 2005 by Irving Oil entitled “To Everyone in Saint John” contains an open letter to the citizens of Saint John in an attempt to explain why the LNG Property Tax deal is such a good deal for the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the Opposition to answer the following questions:

- 1) Do they still believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was a good deal for the people of Saint John;
- 2) Do they believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was rushed and the process should have provided for consultation with and input from the citizens of Saint John;
- 3) Can the Official Opposition explain what role they had in urging the people of Saint John to accept the Canaport LNG tax deal.

Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and submitted that Notice of Motion 24 was not in order based on the Speaker’s earlier ruling that day. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, deferred third reading of certain bills to a later date and announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 24, 25, 26 and 27 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 27 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 10.45 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.14 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

1.21 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refrain from questioning the honesty of their fellow Members.

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Hon. Mr. Rousselle, from the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 5, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments for the session.

The report is the result of your Committee's deliberations on Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, the subject matter of which was referred to your Committee for consideration.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank those individuals and organizations who appeared before the Committee. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Committee for their contribution in carrying out our mandate.

Your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.:) Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C., M.L.A.  
Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

Mr. Speaker,

Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to submit their First Report of the session.

On October 25, 2017, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. The purpose of the proposed legislation is to introduce amendments to the Act to include first contract arbitration as an accessible remedy for workers and employers when bargaining has reached an impasse. First contract arbitration is an alternative to the disruption associated with work stoppages and is intended to assist the parties with the settlement of a first collective agreement.

On November 7, 2017, consideration of the subject matter of Bill 4 was referred by resolution of the House to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

On November 14, 2017, your Committee met and determined that certain organizations should be invited to provide input to the Committee with respect to the issues raised by Bill 4. On November 21, 2017, your Committee met with representatives from the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour; CUPE NB; Unifor; the New Brunswick Federation of Labour; the New Brunswick Nurses' Union and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. In addition, Restaurants Canada; the Retail Council of Canada; the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association; J.D. Irving, Limited; the Saint John Construction Association Inc.; the Electrical Contractors Association of New Brunswick and the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce submitted written briefs.

The Committee met again on November 28, 2017, to consider the input received and to formulate a recommendation to the House.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Your Committee recommends Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, as presented in the House.

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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.

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Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:



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December 5, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their third report.

Your Committee met on November 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30 and December 1 and had under consideration:

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*;  
Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*;  
Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*;  
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence*;  
Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations*;  
Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act*;  
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;  
Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*;  
Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*;  
Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*;  
Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*;  
Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;  
Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.): Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

Mr. Albert, from the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 5, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers.

The report recommends the adoption of a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee for their contribution in carrying out our mandate.

And your Committee asks leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.:) Hédard Albert, M.L.A.  
Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

On March 16, 2017, the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS all Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;*

*WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the public;*

*WHEREAS it would be helpful for Members of the Legislative Assembly to have guidelines to aid them in the conduct of their duties;*

*WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;*

*WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee recommended the adoption of a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs in its report to the Legislative Assembly tabled April 3, 2003;*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into consideration the adoption of a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.*

The above resolution is the order of reference and forms the basis of the Committee's First Report. On December 5, 2017, your Committee met to consider the adoption of a statement on the roles and responsibilities of Members and a code of conduct for Members. Specifically, your Committee considered the statement and code recommended in the Legislative Administration Committee report referenced in the resolution.

Your Committee is in agreement that the adoption of a statement on the roles and responsibilities of Members and a code of conduct for Members is a positive initiative. The purposes of the statement and code will be to guide Members on the standards of conduct expected of them in the discharge of their parliamentary and public duties and to provide New Brunswickers with a standard against which they can assess the performance of their elected representatives. A statement and code will serve as a constant reminder of what the public trust requires in terms of Members' obligations to colleagues, to constituents, and to all New Brunswickers.

The statement and code will be enforceable by the Assembly using the traditional methods within existing parliamentary practice. Enforcement by the Assembly under its existing powers represents a practical and reasonable mechanism for dealing with any alleged infringements.

The statement and code will have a visible public profile, through its publication as an appendix to the Standing Rules and its posting on the Legislative Assembly's website. It will also be provided to Members during their orientation.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following:

1. That the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended by adding after Standing Rule 123 the following:

**PART XIV  
STATEMENT ON ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

124(1) The Legislative Assembly shall, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, establish a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members, hereinafter referred to as the “Code”.

124(2) The Code shall be printed as an appendix to the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly and in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick Members’ Orientation Manual.

2. That the following Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members be added as an appendix to the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly:

**STATEMENT ON ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF  
CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK**

**THE KEY ROLE AND DUTIES OF AN MLA**

As Members directly elected by the People of New Brunswick to represent them in the Legislative Assembly, we acknowledge and accept the responsibility thereby entrusted to us to serve the people of the Province honestly and conscientiously to the best of our abilities.

In furtherance of this commitment, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick further acknowledge that in carrying out their legislative duties, Members have the following responsibilities:

1. to first and foremost represent conscientiously the interests of the constituents of his or her electoral district;
2. to be accessible to the constituents of his or her electoral district and to assist his or her constituents regardless of their political affiliation;

3. to perform the duties of a legislator in the Assembly, by attending and participating in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly;
4. to work for the advancement of the people and the Province of New Brunswick;
5. to uphold the principles of democratic governance;
6. to represent faithfully and loyally the Province of New Brunswick in all venues, be they local, provincial, national or international.

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The key principle of this Code is to maintain and promote public confidence and trust in the integrity of Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as well as the respect and confidence that citizens place in the New Brunswick Legislature as an institution.
2. A further purpose of this Code is to provide guidance to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as to the standard of conduct expected of them in the discharge of their obligations to their constituents, the Legislative Assembly and the public at large.
3. This Code applies to Members in all aspects of their public life.

#### **Public Duty**

4. By virtue of their oath or affirmation of allegiance, Members have a duty to be loyal to the people of New Brunswick and to perform the duties of Members honestly and justly in conformity with the laws of the Province of New Brunswick and the rules of the Legislative Assembly.

#### **Duty as a Representative**

5. Members have a duty to be accessible to the people of the areas for which they have been elected to serve and to represent their interests conscientiously.
6. In representing people's interest, Members have a duty to respect individual privacy, unless there are overwhelming reasons in the wider public interest for disclosure to be made to a relevant authority, for example where a Member is made aware of criminal activity.

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**General Principles of Personal Conduct**

## 7. Selflessness

Members should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

## 8. Integrity and Honesty

- a) Members should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organizations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- b) Members have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

## 9. Accountability and Openness

- a) Members are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public. They have a duty to consider issues on their merits, taking account of the views of others.
- b) Members should be as open as possible about their decisions and actions that they take and give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

## 10. Respect and Courtesy

In respect of the responsibilities outlined in this Code, the conduct of Members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy

- a) in all communications with constituents, regardless of political affiliation;
- b) in all interventions in the Legislative Assembly and towards its Members and Officers;
- c) by showing compassion and fairness toward all who seek their assistance;
- d) for the cultural diversity of the Province of New Brunswick.

## 11. Leadership

Members have a duty to promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

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**Generally**

12. Members shall base their conduct on a consideration of the public interest, avoid conflict between personal interest and the public interest and resolve any conflict between the two, at once, and in favour of the public interest.
13. Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner which will tend to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Legislature and never undertake any action which would bring the Legislative Assembly or its Members generally into disrepute.
14. The provisions of this Code shall be taken into account by the Legislative Assembly in any proceeding relating to the conduct of an MLA.
15. This Code of conduct is not designed to be exhaustive and there will be occasions when Members will find it necessary to adopt more stringent norms of conduct in order to protect the public interest and to enhance public confidence and trust.

Ordered that the report be received, and leave granted.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,  
*Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, December 14, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS in November 2017, the Auditor General presented the Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, 2017, containing chapter 2 entitled "Service New Brunswick Residential Property Assessment – Special Examination" to a joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations;

WHEREAS the report concluded that multiple failures caused the 2017 property assessment errors, including poor communication, inadequate tools, lack of collaboration, and that corporate governance and leadership failed to acknowledge the high risk nature of "fast-tracking" key components of the Modernization Program within Service New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the report further concluded the communications that led to “fast-tracking” key components of the Modernization Program involved the following persons:

The Premier’s Chief of Staff, Jordan O’Brien;  
Service New Brunswick’s former Chief Executive Officer,  
Gordon Gillman;  
Service New Brunswick’s Vice President, Alan Roy;  
Service New Brunswick’s Executive Director, Charles Boulay; and  
Service New Brunswick’s Director of Modernization, René Landry;

WHEREAS section 4 of the *Legislative Assembly Act* states “A committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed for the purpose of making an investigation or inquiry in relation to any public office or public work, whether wholly or partly under provincial control or in which the Province is interested as proprietor or stockholder or to which provincial aid is or may have been given during the conduct of the work in respect of which the aid is given and authorized under this Act, shall have full power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses on oath”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be directed to meet within two weeks after the adoption of this motion to consider chapter 2 of the report entitled “Service New Brunswick Residential Property Assessment – Special Examination” and to invite the above named individuals to appear before it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if any of the individuals decline the invitation to appear, the committee be directed to report back to the Legislative Assembly to request that the committee be specially delegated the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses on oath as provided for in section 4 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Bill 29 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills be called for third reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.



Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826.*

Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

And then, 2.47 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:

Response to Petition 7	November 21, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017 Office of the Public Intervener, A Unit of the Office of the Attorney General	November 22, 2017
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, Special Examination, 2017	November 23, 2017
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume IV, Financial Audit, 2017	November 23, 2017
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume V, Performance Audit, 2017	November 23, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017 Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture	November 27, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017 Labour and Employment Board	November 29, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017 Department of Social Development	November 30, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017 Department of Finance	December 1, 2017
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 16	December 1, 2017
Response to Petition 8	December 1, 2017

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised Mr. Fitch to refrain from heckling in the future.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,  
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 18 and 20.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, December 7, 2017, Bill 30 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills be called for third reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*  
Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal.*  
Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum.*  
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence.*  
Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations.*  
Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act.*  
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*  
Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.*  
Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.*  
Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

And then, 11.46 a.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 2015

Supervisor of Political Financing

December 5, 2017

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Daily sitting 19

Thursday, December 7, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and advised Hon. Mr. Rousselle to refrain from using the term “lying”.

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fourth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 7, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their fourth report.

Your Committee met on December 5 and 6 and had under consideration:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*;

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- By Hon. Mr. Gallant,  
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act.*
- By Hon. Ms. Harris,  
Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization.*
- By Hon. Mr. Kenny,  
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act.*

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 8, 2017, Bills 31, 32 and 33 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 29 be called for second reading; following which the House would recess until 2.30 p.m., at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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At 11.40 a.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.35 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Debate resumed on Motion 18, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder, as follows:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to develop a covered bridge map to be used to take our covered bridges to market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to designate all remaining covered bridges in New Brunswick as protected landmarks within the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Ames, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 18 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause by adding after the word “bridges” the following “by engaging in a partnership with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to assess all covered bridges using a value matrix that takes into account tourism, community and heritage values in order to provide context for prioritizing investment decisions which attempt to balance transportation realities, long term maintenance issues and replacement costs”;

In the second resolution clause by deleting all the words after “Culture” and replacing them with “to continue to maintain its comprehensive web page which showcases all New Brunswick covered bridges, provides information about each bridge and provides directions for each location”;

In the final resolution clause by deleting all the words after “urge” and replacing them with “the Departments of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and Transportation and Infrastructure to continue to work on developing a framework that will consider social, cultural, environmental and economic factors as part of a policy to responsibly manage and conserve New Brunswick’s covered bridges”.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 18 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges by engaging in a partnership with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to assess all covered bridges using a value matrix that takes into account tourism, community and heritage values in order to provide context for prioritizing investment decisions which attempt to balance transportation realities, long term maintenance issues and replacement costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to continue to maintain its comprehensive web page which showcases all New Brunswick covered bridges, provides information about each bridge and provides directions for each location;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Departments of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and Transportation and Infrastructure to continue to work on developing a framework that will consider social, cultural, environmental and economic factors as part of a policy to responsibly manage and conserve New Brunswick's covered bridges.

And the question being put, Motion 18 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS New Brunswick had 11,000 documented cases of dementia in 2011;

WHEREAS that number is expected to rise to 23,000 by 2031;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the largest number of seniors in relation to New Brunswick's total population;

WHEREAS the Aging Strategy released in January of 2017 stated that there was a need for a dementia strategy in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to release the Dementia Strategy to ensure access to quality care and support so that New Brunswickers with dementia can have the best quality of life possible.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 20 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause by deleting the word "release" and replacing it with "continue to develop".

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 4.58 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*5.01 p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.



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Daily sitting 20

Friday, December 8, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Doucet rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Higgs used unparliamentary language when he used the term “fraudulent”. Ms. Dubé spoke on the point of order and submitted the term was used in reference to a document. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Harris,  
Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, Bill 34 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 4, 30, 31, 32 and 33 be called for second reading.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 11.24 a.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:

Annual Report 2016-2017	
Service New Brunswick	December 7, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017	
New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	December 7, 2017
Annual Report 2016-2017	
Department of Justice and Public Safety	December 7, 2017

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Ames laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *From Surfaces to Services, An inclusive and sustainable transportation strategy for the province of New Brunswick, 2017-2037, Rural and urban transportation advisory committee, NB Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, December 2017.*

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998.*

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, December 21, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any correspondence, however sent, to the former Member for Campbellton-Dalhousie regarding his recusal or removal from, and the reassignment of his duties as Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in whole or in part, including copies of correspondence sent electronically or otherwise to Judy Wagner and Jean-Marc Dupuis, and in addition the correspondence logs showing dates sent and received.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Friday, December 15, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2017 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative Assembly on February 10, 2017, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2016, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

*An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29: sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)

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*Petroleum Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03

*An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.40

*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2017, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, Bill 35 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 34 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 2.22 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Wednesday, December 13, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At 10.13 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

10.21 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Ms. Rogers welcomed to the House the family of The Honourable Brenda Robertson, the province's first female MLA and Cabinet Minister, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Albert (1967-1974), Riverview (1974-1984) and Senator for Riverview (1984-2004), in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of her election. Mr. Higgs and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Doucet rose on a point of order and submitted that certain unparliamentary language was used to question the honesty of Members. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 14, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 20; Third Party item; Motion 25 and 21.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Motion 11.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, December 14, 2017, Bills 37 and 38 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 35 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 11.40 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, December 14, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Doucet rose on a matter of privilege regarding a published report concerning the Premier's allegation that the Leader of the Opposition stated he would close hospitals, and the Leader's denial that he made such a statement.

Mr. Speaker rose to address the point of order raised the previous day and taken under advisement and advised the Leader of the Opposition that the term "fabricated" should not be used as it could be interpreted as questioning the honesty of a Member.

Mr. Jody Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Doucet should not have been permitted to rise on a matter of privilege pursuant to Standing Rule 10 as the matter did not refer to him "personally". Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,  
Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*.

Hon. Ms. Rogers gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 45 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 2, 4, 5, 12, 27, 29, 32, 33 and 38, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from November 7, 2017, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 45 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;



THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 45 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills, if requested by the Government House Leader.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 15, 2017, Bill 39 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 38 and 37 be called for second reading; following which the House would recess until 2.30 p.m., at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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At 11.20 a.m., Madam Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

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Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 20, moved by Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 20 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause by deleting the word “release” and replacing it with “continue to develop”.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 20 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS New Brunswick had 11,000 documented cases of dementia in 2011;

WHEREAS that number is expected to rise to 23,000 by 2031;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the largest number of seniors in relation to New Brunswick’s total population;

WHEREAS the Aging Strategy released in January of 2017 stated that there was a need for a dementia strategy in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to continue to develop the Dementia Strategy to ensure access to quality care and support so that New Brunswickers with dementia can have the best quality of life possible.

And the question being put, Motion 20 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. Coon moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS Legislative Officers should be accountable to the Legislative Assembly and the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a 2011 Legislative Assembly report recommended that Legislative Officers appear annually before committee to answer questions about their annual reports;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the New Brunswick Legislature state that reports to the House of Legislative Officers stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers;

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers provides a forum through which the Legislative Officers are accountable to the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS in 2017 only one Legislative Officer has reported to the Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Legislative Officers, except for the Auditor General who already appears before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be required by the Legislative Assembly to appear annually before the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers to answer questions on their annual reports and any other reports filed with the Legislature.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Roussel, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 11 be amended as follows:

By deleting the resolution clause and substituting the following:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT with the exception of the Auditor General who already appears before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers endeavor to call each of the Legislative Officers to appear before the Committee on an annual basis to answer questions on their annual reports and any other reports filed with the Legislature.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 11 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS Legislative Officers should be accountable to the Legislative Assembly and the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a 2011 Legislative Assembly report recommended that Legislative Officers appear annually before committee to answer questions about their annual reports;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the New Brunswick Legislature state that reports to the House of Legislative Officers stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers;

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers provides a forum through which the Legislative Officers are accountable to the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS in 2017 only one Legislative Officer has reported to the Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT with the exception of the Auditor General who already appears before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers endeavor to call each of the Legislative Officers to appear before the Committee on an annual basis to answer questions on their annual reports and any other reports filed with the Legislature.

And the question being put, Motion 11 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 25, Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS in November 2017, the Auditor General presented the Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, 2017, containing chapter 2 entitled “Service New Brunswick Residential Property Assessment – Special Examination” to a joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations;

WHEREAS the report concluded that multiple failures caused the 2017 property assessment errors, including poor communication, inadequate tools, lack of collaboration, and that corporate governance and leadership failed to acknowledge the high risk nature of “fast-tracking” key components of the Modernization Program within Service New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the report further concluded the communications that led to “fast-tracking” key components of the Modernization Program involved the following persons:

The Premier’s Chief of Staff, Jordan O’Brien;  
Service New Brunswick’s former Chief Executive Officer,  
Gordon Gillman;  
Service New Brunswick’s Vice President, Alan Roy;  
Service New Brunswick’s Executive Director, Charles Boulay; and  
Service New Brunswick’s Director of Modernization, René Landry;

WHEREAS section 4 of the *Legislative Assembly Act* states “A committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed for the purpose of making an investigation or inquiry in relation to any public office or public work, whether wholly or partly under provincial control or in which the Province is interested as proprietor or stockholder or to which provincial aid is or may have been given during the conduct of the work in respect of which the aid is given and authorized under this Act, shall have full power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses on oath”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be directed to meet within two weeks after the adoption of this motion to consider chapter 2 of the report entitled “Service New Brunswick Residential Property Assessment – Special Examination” and to invite the above named individuals to appear before it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if any of the individuals decline the invitation to appear, the committee be directed to report back to the Legislative Assembly to request that the committee be specially delegated the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses on oath as provided for in section 4 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 25 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Mr. Jeff Carr moved, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the Local Service Districts of Douglas and Estey’s Bridge have been struggling with the development and proposed development of rock quarries within their respective areas;

WHEREAS the development of gravel pits and quarries has been a long-standing issue of contention with residents within all municipalities of New Brunswick, including cities;

WHEREAS the issues of quarry proximity to residential areas and the current excavation protocols for the quarry planning approval are deemed insufficient by many communities in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many regional service commissions, at present, do not have the regulations to evaluate gravel pits and rock quarries differently in terms of impact and optimal distance from residential areas, given the site-specific characteristics of proposed resource extraction sizes;

WHEREAS the environmental footprints of a gravel pit and rock quarry differ greatly, given that gravel pits require only mechanical intervention for extraction of resources and quarries require the use of both machinery and blasting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the Department of Environment and Local Government to revisit its regulations and legislation pertaining to rock quarries with the intent to recognize the different environmental footprint that exists between gravel pit and rock quarry developments, and develop an assessment tool that better addresses the various factors that are impacted, namely: waterways, run-off, noise, air quality, sight distance from provincial roads, and continued quality-of-life for existing area residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the government to review its allowable quarry proximity to existing residential area regulation with the intent of increasing the catchment area with which the Department of Environment and Local Government, regional service commissions and quarry developers are required to consult and that the minimum proximity to quarry regulation and/or legislation has its minimum distances expanded.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 24

Friday, December 15, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Moncton—Riverview—Dieppe; Matt Decourcey, Member of Parliament for Fredericton; and T.J. Harvey, Member of Parliament for Tobique — Mactaquac.

Mr. Macdonald, Member for Fredericton West-Hanwell, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the privatization of the delivery of public services. (Petition 9)

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fifth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 15, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their fifth report.

Your Committee met on December 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 and had under consideration:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*;

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*;

Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*;

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 39 be called for second reading; following which Motion 27 would be taken into consideration.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 27, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2017 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative Assembly on February 10, 2017, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2016, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

*An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29: sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)

*Petroleum Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03

*An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.40

*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2017, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

With unanimous consent, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Guitard, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended as follows:

By adding the following after “*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2”:

“*An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.41”.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 27 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2017 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative Assembly on February 10, 2017, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2016, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

*An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29: sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)

*Petroleum Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03

*An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.40

*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2

*An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.41;

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2017, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

And the question being put, Motion 27 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 11.10 a.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 2016-2017  
Department of Transportation  
and Infrastructure

December 14, 2017

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Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fitch rose on a question of privilege and submitted that Hon. Mr. Melanson presented information regarding Bill 27 to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on December 1, 2017, that could not be verified. The Member urged the Speaker to request the Minister to table the information and to set aside the Bill until such time. Mr. Speaker ruled that the Member did not propose a motion as required by Standing Rule 9(2) and that the question of privilege was not raised at the earliest opportunity as required by Standing Rule 9(3). Accordingly, Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter would not proceed any further.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Hon. Mr. Gallant withdraw the phrase “failed Finance Minister”, which he did.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Holder,

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*

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The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Doherty,

Bill 41, *An Act to Incorporate the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, deferred third reading of certain bills to a later date

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And then, 2.14 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2016-2017

Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

December 18, 2017

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, December 20, 2017  
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to cancel the Extra-Mural and Tele-Health services contract with Medavie. (Petition 10)

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Sixth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 20, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their sixth report.

Your Committee met on December 15 and 19 and had under consideration:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*;  
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*;  
Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*;  
Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, February 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS the President of the Treasury Board and the Member for Dieppe presented Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on December 1, 2017;

WHEREAS the President of the Treasury Board and the Member for Dieppe presented information that New Brunswick and Saskatchewan are leaders in Canada with this form of legislation; however no such legislation in Saskatchewan has been found to exist;

WHEREAS extensive searches done by the staff of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library, the Saskatchewan Department of Financial Services and the Saskatchewan Department of Human Resources were unable to verify the information provided by the Member for Dieppe;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to table the Saskatchewan legislation referred to in the defense of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 29; following which the House would recess; following which certain bills would be called for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 29, Mr. Guitard moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 45 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 2, 4, 5, 12, 27, 29, 32, 33 and 38, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from November 7, 2017, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 45 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic

Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 45 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills, if requested by the Government House Leader.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 29 was resolved in the affirmative.

At 2.09 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*2.20 p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Seventh Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 20, 2017

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their seventh report.

Your Committee met on December 20 and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*;  
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*;  
Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*;  
Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*.  
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*.  
Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services*.  
Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.  
Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.  
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.  
Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*.  
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.  
Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 9 a.m.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to proceed with statements of condolence and congratulation.

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At 2.33 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.44 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

- Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act.*
- Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act.*
- Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act.*
- Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Extra-Mural Services.*
- Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
- Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal.*
- Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum.*
- Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*
- Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826.*
- Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act.*
- Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Intimate Partner Violence.*
- Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 21, *An Act Respecting Agricultural Associations.*
- Bill 22, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act.*
- Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.*
- Bill 25, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.*
- Bill 26, *An Act Respecting the Land Titles Act and the Registry Act.*
- Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*
- Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*
- Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization.*
- Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act.*
- Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*



Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 2.56 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 2016-2017  
Department of Health

December 19, 2017

Daily sitting 27

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, 2018, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with Opposition Members' Business.

And then, 10.52 a.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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 20, 2017
Unaudited Supplementary Employee Lists, Payments to Medical Practitioners List, and Supplementary Supplier Lists, 2016-2017	December 20, 2017

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Daily sitting 28

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Rogers, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
January 30, 2018.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2019, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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Hon. Ms. Rogers laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *2018-2019 Economic Outlook*; and *2018-2019 Budget, A budget that works for all New Brunswickers, Supporting New Brunswickers, Growing the Economy, Creating Jobs*.

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On motion of Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 28, Hon. Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

And the question being put, Hon. Ms. Rogers proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

On motion of Mr. Fitch, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

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Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Doucet, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that consideration of the motion on the budgetary policy of the government be resumed on Thursday next and then be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is dispatched.

And then, 2.20 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:

Annual Report 2016-2017	
Department of Environment and Local Government	December 21, 2017
Annual Report 2014-2015	
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	December 21, 2017
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Kings Landing Corporation	December 21, 2017
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Kings Landing Corporation	December 21, 2017
Response to Petition 6	January 3, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017	
Department of Energy and Resource Development	January 10, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017	
Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	January 10, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017	
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	January 22, 2018
Response to Petition 10	January 23, 2018

Daily sitting 29

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the privatization of Extra Mural Program services. (Petition 11)

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Eighth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

January 31, 2018

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their eighth report.

Your Committee met on January 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 and 17 and had under consideration:

Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*;  
Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*;  
Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*;  
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*;  
Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*;  
Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998*;  
Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*;  
Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*;  
Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*;  
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,  
Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, February 8, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS first responders work hard to keep the citizens of New Brunswick and our roads safe;

WHEREAS amendments made to the *Motor Vehicle Act* in January 2013 made it a requirement for New Brunswickers to slow down upon approaching emergency vehicles and safely pull over to ensure the safety of the emergency workers on the road;

WHEREAS the Canadian Automobile Association reports more than 100 tow truck drivers lose their life every year in North America while they are roadside assisting emergency vehicles;

WHEREAS Constable Francis Deschênes, a 35-year-old RCMP officer from Nova Scotia, was killed near Memramcook on September 12, 2017, while he was assisting a motorist with a flat tire, tragically highlighting the need for more public education on the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to add tow trucks to the list of emergency vehicles included in the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fund a public safety education campaign, including billboards, to ensure New Brunswickers know and do their part to keep our first responders safe on our roads.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, February 2, 2018, Bill 42 would be called for second reading.

And then, 11.23 a.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:

Annual Report 2016-2017 New Brunswick Community College	January 26, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	January 26, 2018
Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance, January 2018	January 30, 2018

Daily sitting 30

Thursday, February 1, 2018

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, on motion of Mr. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 11.05 a.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:

Response to Petition 9	January 30, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017	
Treasury Board	January 31, 2018
Annual Report 2016-2017	
New Brunswick Police Commission	January 31, 2018



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Daily sitting 31

Friday, February 2, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

By Hon. Mr. LePage,

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

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Mr. Roussel gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, February 8, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS seasonal industries play a vital role in New Brunswick in order to maintain a stable and sustainable economy;

WHEREAS many families and individuals are dependent on seasonal work as their main source of income;

WHEREAS the unemployment rate in a region is used to determine the number of hours required to qualify for Employment Insurance along with the program's benefit period;

WHEREAS the Employment Insurance program is administered by the federal government;

WHEREAS positive economic growth in New Brunswick that may be concentrated in specific areas of a region may skew the unemployment rate formula for the whole region, especially in regions with rural populations where there may be more reliance on seasonal work;

WHEREAS the unemployment rate calculated for a particular region does not take into account a large number of seasonal workers that may be employed in that region, a large number of seasonal workers will exhaust their Employment Insurance benefits several weeks prior to returning to their seasonal jobs;

WHEREAS this artificial gap or "black hole" is unfair to seasonal workers who will not be able to gain enough hours to qualify for Employment Insurance benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the federal government to make changes to the qualifying provisions of the Employment Insurance program to address the plight of seasonal workers.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Bills 43 and 44 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 42 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*.

Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*.

Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*.

Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*.

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act*.

Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*.

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*.

Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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Hon. Mr. Fraser offered condolences to the family of the late Reginald MacDonald, former Liberal MLA for Bay du Vin (1979-1982, 1987-1995) and Southwest Miramichi (1995-1999).

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And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 32

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Jeff Carr withdraw the term “lying”, which they did.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 43 and 44 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 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 2018  
*Statute Repeal Act*, Office of the  
Attorney General

January 31, 2018

Daily sitting 33

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fairgrieve, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to improve the condition of route 560 between Centreville and Woodstock. (Petition 12)

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the budget includes an additional \$73 million in new targeted investments to support economic competitiveness, youth employment, and seniors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly commend the government for these investments.

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the budget proposes increases to the budgets of the Department of Health by 3.7%, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by 6.1%, the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour by 4.1%, and the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture by 4.1%;

WHEREAS these investments represent the priorities of New Brunswickers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick commend the government for these investments.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 8, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 21; Third Party item; Bill 40.

Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 28.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget until 2.45 p.m.; at which time the House would adjourn.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 2.54 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 34

Thursday, February 8, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Members' Statements, Hon. Mr. Doucet rose on a point of order and submitted that Ms. Wilson used unparliamentary language when she referred to certain Members as "arrogant, insulting and insensitive". Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw her statement, which she did.

Mr. Fairgrieve, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to improve the condition of route 560 between Centreville and Woodstock. (Petition 13)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to contribute to national land conservation targets by setting goals and creating an action plan. (Petition 14)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the rotation of Opposition Members' Business.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, February 9, 2018, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 32; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 32, Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS seasonal industries play a vital role in New Brunswick in order to maintain a stable and sustainable economy;

WHEREAS many families and individuals are dependent on seasonal work as their main source of income;

WHEREAS the unemployment rate in a region is used to determine the number of hours required to qualify for Employment Insurance along with the program's benefit period;



WHEREAS the Employment Insurance program is administered by the federal government;

WHEREAS positive economic growth in New Brunswick that may be concentrated in specific areas of a region may skew the unemployment rate formula for the whole region, especially in regions with rural populations where there may be more reliance on seasonal work;

WHEREAS the unemployment rate calculated for a particular region does not take into account a large number of seasonal workers that may be employed in that region, a large number of seasonal workers will exhaust their Employment Insurance benefits several weeks prior to returning to their seasonal jobs;

WHEREAS this artificial gap or “black hole” is unfair to seasonal workers who will not be able to gain enough hours to qualify for Employment Insurance benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the federal government to make changes to the qualifying provisions of the Employment Insurance program to address the plight of seasonal workers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 32 be amended as follows:

By adding after the seventh whereas clause:

WHEREAS the Gallant government has been incapable of creating employment in the rural areas of northern New Brunswick and youth unemployment in the region remains highest in Canada most months;

WHEREAS Serge Cormier, the federal Liberal Member of Parliament for Acadie-Bathurst reported to the media on January 25, 2018, that an aide program from the federal Liberals is going to be announced soon;

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the question being put, Motion 32 was resolved in the affirmative.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Debate resumed on Motion 21, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Shephard, as follows:

WHEREAS the Local Service Districts of Douglas and Estey's Bridge have been struggling with the development and proposed development of rock quarries within their respective areas;

WHEREAS the development of gravel pits and quarries has been a long-standing issue of contention with residents within all municipalities of New Brunswick, including cities;

WHEREAS the issues of quarry proximity to residential areas and the current excavation protocols for the quarry planning approval are deemed insufficient by many communities in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many regional service commissions, at present, do not have the regulations to evaluate gravel pits and rock quarries differently in terms of impact and optimal distance from residential areas, given the site-specific characteristics of proposed resource extraction sizes;

WHEREAS the environmental footprints of a gravel pit and rock quarry differ greatly, given that gravel pits require only mechanical intervention for extraction of resources and quarries require the use of both machinery and blasting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the Department of Environment and Local Government to revisit its regulations and legislation pertaining to rock quarries with the intent to recognize the different environmental footprint that exists between gravel pit and rock quarry developments, and develop an assessment tool that better addresses the various factors that are impacted, namely: waterways, run-off, noise, air quality, sight distance from provincial roads, and continued quality-of-life for existing area residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the government to review its allowable quarry proximity to existing residential area regulation with the intent of increasing the catchment area with which the Department of Environment and Local Government, regional service commissions and quarry developers are required to consult and that the minimum proximity to quarry regulation and/or legislation has its minimum distances expanded.

Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the phrase “misleading the House”, which he did.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 21 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 17

Mr. MacDonald  
Ms. Dubé  
Mr. Holder  
Mr. Fairgrieve  
Mr. Fitch  
Mr. Urquhart

Mr. Coon  
Mr. Savoie  
Mr. Jeff Carr  
Mr. Flemming  
Mr. Northrup  
Mr. Crossman

Mr. Steeves  
Ms. Wilson  
Mr. Wetmore  
Mr. Stewart  
Mr. Keirstead

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NAYS - 23

Hon. Mr. Fraser	Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. Albert
Hon. Mr. Landry	Hon. Mr. LePage	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Bourque	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Doherty
Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Chiasson	

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *Green Energy Security Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 35

Friday, February 9, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 28 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Fraser	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. Albert
Hon. Mr. Landry	Hon. Mr. LePage	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Bourque	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Doherty

NAYS - 22

Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Jeff Carr	Ms. Wilson
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Holder	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Fairgrieve	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Urquhart	Mr. Northrup	
Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman	

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Doucet, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc 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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the *Main Estimates 2018-2019* and the *Capital Estimates 2018-2019* be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy.

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

And then, 9.55 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
February 1, 2018.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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Hon. Mr. Melanson, President of Treasury Board, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
March 13, 2018.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2016-2017, Volume I*, of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2017, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to contribute to national land conservation targets by setting goals and creating an action plan. (Petition 15)

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Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Ninth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 13, 2018

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their ninth report.

Your Committee met on February 7 and 27, and had under consideration:

Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*;  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;  
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.  
Chair

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.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,  
Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*.

Hon. Mr. Horsman gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS Fredericton's own Willie Eldon O'Ree made history on January 18, 1958, by becoming the first black player to play in the National Hockey League when he skated for the Boston Bruins in a game against the Montreal Canadiens;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has continued to contribute to diversity in the NHL and sport in general through his work with the NHL's diversity task force;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has served as an inspiration and role model to a large number of athletes that have followed in his footsteps in the sport of hockey and;



WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree's list of previous honours include the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Lester Patrick Trophy, the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Legislature join the growing number of people from New Brunswick, Canada and the United States in urging the selection committee of the Hockey Hall of Fame to add Willie O'Ree to its list of inductees.

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Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

WHEREAS the government provides public funds to support New Brunswick's independently operated universities;

WHEREAS representatives of these publicly funded universities have agreed to appear before a committee of the House to answer questions related to how these funds are administered and related issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Public Universities to be charged with the responsibility of inviting representatives of New Brunswick's publicly funded universities to appear before the Committee to discuss and provide insight into university administration, programming, performance measurement, accountability and transparency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Coon and two Members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly prior to the commencement of the first Committee meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the two names of Members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the commencement of the first Committee meeting, the Committee shall remain duly appointed and solely composed of the six Members named in this resolution.

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Hon. Ms. Harris gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT recommendation 1 contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, which proposes certain amendments to the Standing Rules, be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 2 contained in the said report, which proposes specific wording for a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members, be concurred in by the House, with the exception of section 10 of the Code of Conduct which shall be amended as follows:

By striking out section 10 of the Code of Conduct and substituting the following:

10. Respect and Courtesy

In respect of the responsibilities outlined in this Code, the conduct of Members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy

- a) in all communications with constituents, regardless of political affiliation;
- b) in all interventions in the Legislative Assembly and towards its Members and Officers;
- c) by providing a safe environment for all Legislative Assembly employees and staff, free from any discrimination on any ground and from harassment in the workplace including sexual harassment;
- d) by showing compassion and fairness toward all who seek their assistance;
- e) for the cultural diversity of the Province of New Brunswick.

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Hon. Ms. Harris gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS every person has the right to work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their background, beliefs, gender or culture;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly acknowledges that respectful and courteous behavior is essential to creating a productive and effective workplace;

WHEREAS all Members, management and staff of the Assembly have a responsibility to ensure that the working environment is safe and equitable by not promoting or engaging in conduct that constitutes discrimination, harassment or bullying of any nature;

WHEREAS the Assembly is committed to providing a safe and harmonious work environment and continues to operate in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Administration Committee be directed to consider and establish a policy on the prevention and resolution of harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said policy, once approved by the Committee, be contained in a report to be laid before the House or, during any period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release the report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the said policy be the date that the report is laid before the House or deposited with the Clerk.

Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the *Supplementary Estimates 2016-2017, Volume I*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Bill 45 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Holder offered condolences to the family of the late Dr. Dennis Furlong, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Dalhousie-Restigouche East (1999-2003).

And then, 2.28 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:

**Annual Reports**

2016 Legislative Activities	February 12, 2018
2016-2017 New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	February 16, 2018
2014-2015 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	February 21, 2018
2015-2016 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	February 21, 2018
2015-2016 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	February 23, 2018
2016-2017 Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	February 26, 2018
2016-2017 New Brunswick Women's Council	March 2, 2018
2016-2017 Opportunities NB	March 2, 2018
2017 New Brunswick Insurance Board	March 5, 2018
2015 and 2016, <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> , Office of the Integrity Commissioner	March 9, 2018

**Petition**

Response to Petition 11	February 27, 2018
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Daily sitting 37

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Ames laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Overcoming Poverty Together, 2014–2019 Progress Report, February 2018*.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 14, 2018

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28, March 1, 2, and 13, 2018, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House adopted February 9 and March 13, 2018.

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

(Sgd.:) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.  
Chair

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

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2018-2019

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2019:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	37,196,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services .....	51,741,000
School Districts .....	1,088,363,000
Early Childhood Development .....	117,903,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	1,257,960,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Administration .....	8,453,000
Natural Resources .....	83,147,000
Energy and Mines .....	6,598,000
Land Management .....	3,622,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	94,000
Voted .....	101,726,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services and Community Funding .....	2,070,000
Local Government .....	128,115,000
Authorizations and Compliance .....	6,935,000
Environmental Science and Protection .....	3,401,000
Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and Public Engagement .....	1,134,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board .....	380,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	141,988,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat .....	2,682,000
Corporate Communications .....	4,128,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	341,000
Women's Equality Branch .....	3,029,000
Intergovernmental Affairs .....	2,366,000
Voted .....	12,546,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management .....	10,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	10,750,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat .....	3,530,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes .....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	688,000
Jobs Board Secretariat .....	1,037,000

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Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances.....	144,584,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	167,000
Voted .....	144,417,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	2,068,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan.....	323,847,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	2,000
Voted .....	323,845,000
Provision for Losses .....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	55,200,000
Service New Brunswick .....	186,759,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	62,284,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Corporate and Other Health Services .....	160,449,000
Medicare.....	665,229,000
Drug Programs .....	203,876,000
Part III Health Services.....	1,723,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted .....	2,753,304,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Corporate Services .....	6,459,000
Community Safety Division.....	53,834,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division.....	116,556,000
Justice Services .....	34,597,000
Legal Aid.....	8,401,000
Security and Emergencies Division .....	12,038,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted .....	231,838,000
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations .....	8,012,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	4,272,000
Voted .....	3,740,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly.....	3,641,000
Office of the Auditor General.....	2,275,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties .....	1,631,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	90,000
Voted .....	1,541,000

Elections New Brunswick .....	11,286,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	668,000
Voted .....	10,618,000
Office of the Ombud .....	975,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate .....	1,122,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages .....	544,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	484,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner .....	747,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Attorney General .....	20,256,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</b>	
Administration .....	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	67,000
Voted .....	1,531,000
<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	17,002,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	47,139,000
<b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
Consolidated Entities .....	380,547,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	380,547,000
Voted .....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers .....	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....	2,808,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	635,000
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	363,000
New Brunswick Women's Council.....	821,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities .....	292,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Corporate Services .....	3,093,000
NB Public Libraries.....	15,834,000
Post-Secondary Affairs .....	171,153,000
Adult Learning .....	10,052,000
Labour and Policy.....	10,181,000
Employment Development .....	27,890,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce	
Development Agreement.....	18,218,000



Labour Market Development .....	97,755,000
Population Growth.....	8,254,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	362,383,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.....	282,328,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	70,148,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt .....	675,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	667,600,000
Voted .....	7,400,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services .....	9,845,000
Seniors and Long Term Care.....	529,784,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services .....	283,450,000
Income Security .....	239,177,000
Housing Services .....	92,429,000
Wellness.....	6,662,000
Other Benefits .....	33,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	94,000
Voted .....	1,194,453,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration .....	2,430,000
Parks and Attractions.....	15,703,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,904,000
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology.....	16,810,000
Tourism.....	20,786,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	62,586,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration .....	12,713,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs .....	1,151,000
Maintenance .....	70,876,000
Winter Maintenance .....	69,067,000
Bridge and Highway Construction .....	3,025,000
Buildings Group.....	129,927,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	20,645,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	19,888,000
Voted .....	287,516,000

## TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management.....	899,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer .....	7,680,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....	2,989,000
Office of the Comptroller .....	2,707,000
Strategic Services .....	2,067,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	16,295,000

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment.....	500,000
Strategic Infrastructure .....	500,000
Voted .....	1,000,000

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,055,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement.....	1,250,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements .....	250,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....	1,050,000
Land Purchase .....	1,500,000
Voted .....	4,050,000

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts.....	1,000,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	15,000,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Deferred Maintenance Program.....	2,000,000
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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Canada-New Brunswick Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.....	21,255,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund .....	7,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund .....	9,700,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....	39,500,000
Voted .....	77,455,000

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance.....	3,000,000
Voted .....	12,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements.....	3,915,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	8,675,000
Voted .....	12,590,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges.....	55,290,000
Highways.....	217,660,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program.....	114,110,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure.....	260,090,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	41,360,000
Voted .....	646,790,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission.....	1,600,000
Loan Programs.....	9,500,000
Voted .....	11,100,000

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry.....	60,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances.....	62,900,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	5,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	1,000,000
Voted .....	6,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES	
2018-2019	Voted (\$)
<b>WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES</b>	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	350,000
General Government .....	100,000
Health .....	1,225,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	10,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	5,000
Social Development .....	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	3,000,000
Treasury Board .....	750,000
<b>WorkSafeNB</b>	
Finance .....	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	160,000
Health .....	515,000
Voted .....	1,035,000
<b>PETTY CASH ADVANCES</b>	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	122,000
Energy and Resource Development .....	27,000
Environment and Local Government .....	4,000
Health .....	2,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	38,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	20,000
Social Development .....	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	23,000
Other (small advances) .....	4,000
<b>INVENTORIES</b>	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development .....	510,000
Health .....	8,830,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	650,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	200,000
Social Development .....	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	23,000,000

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 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2016-2017, VOLUME I

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2017:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Energy and Mines.....	4,702,000.00
Land Management.....	343,500.00
Voted .....	5,045,500.00
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	53,901.24
Provision for Losses .....	1,644,203.83
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	6,221,788.35
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Medicare.....	12,575,329.88
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Public Security.....	7,598,351.45
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Office of the Auditor General.....	200,904.67
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate.....	13,258.84
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	2,331.60
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner .....	16,391.80
<b>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Attorney General .....	634,563.34
<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	2,763,260.82
Financial Assistance.....	3,640,139.79
Voted .....	6,403,400.61
<b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	91,878.67
<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Labour Market Development .....	557,557.86

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	9,479,427.03
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing Services .....	10,575,120.43
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance .....	4,190,878.41

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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.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,  
 Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.  
 By Hon. Mr. Melanson,  
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

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Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bills 46 and 47 were ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

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The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.  
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.  
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

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Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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Mr. Oliver, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 15, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 40; Motion 22, 31 and 23.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 39)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 13 to March 13, 2018, inclusive, to consider the

estimates referred by resolutions of the House adopted February 9 and March 13, 2018, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 45 be called for second reading; following which, with leave, the House would take into consideration Motions 35, 37 and 38.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Horsman moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Melanson: (Motion 35)

WHEREAS Fredericton's own Willie Eldon O'Ree made history on January 18, 1958, by becoming the first black player to play in the National Hockey League when he skated for the Boston Bruins in a game against the Montreal Canadiens;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has continued to contribute to diversity in the NHL and sport in general through his work with the NHL's diversity task force;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has served as an inspiration and role model to a large number of athletes that have followed in his footsteps in the sport of hockey and;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree's list of previous honours include the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Lester Patrick Trophy, the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Legislature join the growing number of people from New Brunswick, Canada and the United States in urging the selection committee of the Hockey Hall of Fame to add Willie O'Ree to its list of inductees.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 35 was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit past the noon recess.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Albert: (Motion 37)

THAT recommendation 1 contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, which proposes certain amendments to the Standing Rules, be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 2 contained in the said report, which proposes specific wording for a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members, be concurred in by the House, with the exception of section 10 of the Code of Conduct which shall be amended as follows:

By striking out section 10 of the Code of Conduct and substituting the following:

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In respect of the responsibilities outlined in this Code, the conduct of Members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy

- a) in all communications with constituents, regardless of political affiliation;



- b) in all interventions in the Legislative Assembly and towards its Members and Officers;
- c) by providing a safe environment for all Legislative Assembly employees and staff, free from any discrimination on any ground and from harassment in the workplace including sexual harassment;
- d) by showing compassion and fairness toward all who seek their assistance;
- e) for the cultural diversity of the Province of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 37 was resolved in the affirmative.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs: (Motion 38)

WHEREAS every person has the right to work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their background, beliefs, gender or culture;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly acknowledges that respectful and courteous behavior is essential to creating a productive and effective workplace;

WHEREAS all Members, management and staff of the Assembly have a responsibility to ensure that the working environment is safe and equitable by not promoting or engaging in conduct that constitutes discrimination, harassment or bullying of any nature;

WHEREAS the Assembly is committed to providing a safe and harmonious work environment and continues to operate in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Administration Committee be directed to consider and establish a policy on the prevention and resolution of harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said policy, once approved by the Committee, be contained in a report to be laid before the House or, during any period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release the report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the said policy be the date that the report is laid before the House or deposited with the Clerk.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 38 was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 12.48 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Daily sitting 38

Thursday, March 15, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Landry laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *Report of the 2016 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission, February 2, 2018*; and *Government's Response to the Report of the 2016 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission, Department of Justice and Public Safety, March 15, 2018*.

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Hon. Mr. LePage, Member for Restigouche West, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to maintain hospital services at the Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin. (Petition 16)

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

March 15, 2018

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 First Report of the session.

Your Committee met on February 27, 2018, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 41, *An Act to Incorporate the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors*;

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 Restigouche-Chaleur, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.): Wilfred Roussel, M.L.A.  
Chair

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 40)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from November 9, 2017, to February 27, 2018, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 45; following which, with leave, the House would consider Motion 36; following which, at 1 p.m., with leave, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Bernard LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*.

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.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman: (Motion 36)

WHEREAS the government provides public funds to support New Brunswick's independently operated universities;

WHEREAS representatives of these publicly funded universities have agreed to appear before a committee of the House to answer questions related to how these funds are administered and related issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Public Universities to be charged with the responsibility of inviting representatives of New Brunswick's publicly funded universities to appear before the Committee to discuss and provide insight into university administration, programming, performance measurement, accountability and transparency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Coon and two Members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly prior to the commencement of the first Committee meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the two names of Members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the commencement of the first Committee meeting, the Committee shall remain duly appointed and solely composed of the six Members named in this resolution.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Steeves, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 36 be amended as follows:

By deleting the second and third resolution clauses and substituting the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Holder, Mr. Steeves and Mr. Coon.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 36 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the government provides public funds to support New Brunswick's independently operated universities;

WHEREAS representatives of these publicly funded universities have agreed to appear before a committee of the House to answer questions related to how these funds are administered and related issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Public Universities to be charged with the responsibility of inviting representatives of New Brunswick's publicly funded universities to appear before the Committee to discuss and provide insight into university administration, programming, performance measurement, accountability and transparency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Holder, Mr. Steeves and Mr. Coon.

And the question being put, Motion 36 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to consider Opposition Members' Business forthwith.

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At 1.32 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*1.36 p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to modify the order of Opposition Members' Business.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 22, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS successive governments have stressed the importance of New Brunswickers to have access to quality child care in all regions of our province;

WHEREAS access to child care allows both single parent and two parent families to pursue the career goals to which they aspire;

WHEREAS the economic realities of our modern society often require that both parents must work to sustain the household;

WHEREAS the population size of daycares is on the rise, requiring that the daycares often physically be located closer to larger often more urban centers to maximize their customer potential;

WHEREAS access to daycare services is equally important in urban and rural New Brunswick, but rural communities often lack the required population base to make a daycare financially viable;

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development already has a transportation system that covers the entire province on a daily basis, both morning and returning in the afternoon, however, they are not allowed to travel outside of their respective school catchment areas;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to grant an exemption, in elementary school catchment areas where no daycare infrastructure exists, of up to 10 kilometers per day round trip to allow bussing of students; both for morning pickup and after school drop-off to daycare facilities outside the established school boundaries of the respective elementary school.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 22 was resolved in the negative.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 40 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS first responders work hard to keep the citizens of New Brunswick and our roads safe;

WHEREAS amendments made to the *Motor Vehicle Act* in January 2013 made it a requirement for New Brunswickers to slow down upon approaching emergency vehicles and safely pull over to ensure the safety of the emergency workers on the road;

WHEREAS the Canadian Automobile Association reports more than 100 tow truck drivers lose their life every year in North America while they are roadside assisting emergency vehicles;

WHEREAS Constable Francis Deschênes, a 35-year-old RCMP officer from Nova Scotia, was killed near Memramcook on September 12, 2017, while he was assisting a motorist with a flat tire, tragically highlighting the need for more public education on the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to add tow trucks to the list of emergency vehicles included in the “slow down move over” law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fund a public safety education campaign, including billboards, to ensure New Brunswickers know and do their part to keep our first responders safe on our roads.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 31 was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 23, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS firefighters provide a valuable service to the population of New Brunswick;



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WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has acknowledged that heart conditions and certain cancers can be linked to the act of firefighting, by becoming the seventh province in Canada to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters in 2009;

WHEREAS we now have some 500 female firefighters in Canada;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba was the first province to enact presumptive legislation for professional firefighters and has now elected to grow its presumptive cancer coverage to include breast cancer;

WHEREAS the inclusion of breast cancer in presumptive legislation for professional firefighters has been supported by the New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly follow Manitoba's lead and include breast cancer in the existing presumptive legislation coverages for professional firefighters in our province.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 23 was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then, 4.41 p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, March 16, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jeff Carr welcomed to the House Mr. Jack Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for New Maryland-Sunbury West (2008-2014). Mr. Jody Carr joined in this regard.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Greg Byrne, Q.C., former Liberal MLA for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak (1995-1999), and Fredericton-Lincoln (2006-2010); Mr. Donald Arseneault, former Liberal MLA for Dalhousie-Restigouche East (2003-2014), and Campbellton-Dalhousie (2014-2017).

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker provided those Members not reoffering in the September 2018 election with additional time to make their remarks.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2018, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 11, *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*.  
Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*.  
Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*.  
Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*.  
Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.  
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*.  
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act*.  
Bill 34, *Healthy Aging and Long-Term Care Act*.  
Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998*.  
Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*.  
Bill 39, *Climate Change Act*.  
Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*.  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.  
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.  
Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*.  
Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*. (Bill 46)

Her Honour replied:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

Her Honour was pleased to deliver the following message:

*On behalf of Her Majesty, I would like to thank every one of you for your work here in this Chamber and in your ridings. Thank you so much. Our democracy is better because of you.*

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 1.12 p.m., the House adjourned on motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Ms. Dubé.

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:

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