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

Fredericton, N.B. Tuesday, November 20, 2018

#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the first session of the fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the twentieth day of November, 2018 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the second session of the fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twentieth day of November, 2018 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 November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen, and in the sixty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

#### BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Brian Gallant, Q.C. Attorney General.

Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. Lieutenant-Governor. This being the day appointed for the opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-Ninth 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:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests, and fellow citizens:

New Brunswickers have opened this new era by electing a legislature with a diversity of parties and views. This legislature then chose to give a new executive council a chance to lead.

Today, we continue that process. Your government seeks common cause with women and men of good faith across party lines. New Brunswickers challenged this legislature – to place province above party, to embrace shared dreams and reject old grievances. In the days ahead, this legislature shall give its reply. A choice: to embrace the challenge of shared governance and prove our great democracy can change and adapt. Or, we can shrink from the moment and fall back into the false comfort of partisanship and tribalism.

Rising to meet the moment means hard work, honest debate and the potential of new solutions. Shrinking from this moment means telling New Brunswickers that we could not make this legislature work, and facing their uncertain judgement in a new round of elections.

Across the world, harsh voices are rising, telling people to nurture differences until they become resentments and divides. Leaders rise to power telling citizens their differences cannot be reconciled by our democratic institutions.

Too often, voices of division and nationalism urge us to reject common purpose and retreat into distrust.

We have a choice. We have a chance to turn our small corner of the world into a shining example for the world. The people chose a legislature that pushes us to accept the discomfort of diverse opinions and the opportunity of creative compromise.

#### **Reclaiming the New Brunswick Dream**

Sometimes we can hear our challenges repeated so often that we accept them as inevitable. Nothing is inevitable. Nothing says small towns must grow smaller, nothing says children will struggle to learn, that young people will leave, that hospitals will close, and nothing says our population will decline.

Your government rejects the narrative that says decline is inevitable, and only government can soften the blow. Our strengths – compassion, a respect for nature, imagination, acting together with our neighbours for a common cause – these are strengths that belong to our people. Government does not give those strengths to the people.

Collective action and community action are not always expressed through government programs. They can be inspired by government, but they are always driven by determined citizens.

New Brunswick's greatest strength has always been its improbability. From the rough beauty of our land and the harshness of our winters, two great cultures, French and English, have lived side by side in a story that has always arced towards cooperation. First Nations made invaluable contributions to building our province, in ways we are still imperfectly learning to celebrate and through gifts we are imperfectly learning to repay. Our experiment is over 200 years old, and improbable as it may be, those of us blessed to live here know that it works like no other place on earth. Today, we welcome anyone ready to work hard, anyone ready for the responsibility and the privilege of calling New Brunswick home.

The premier has said, the two-party era is past. Your government will embrace the potential of this new era, an era of many voices sharing a common purpose.

#### Making the New Legislature Work

In the days ahead, a new way of governing will be shared and forged, including reforms to expand the role of all members and not just when the legislature is in session.

Ministers will meet regularly and offer briefing to shadow ministers. Departments will prioritize requests for information from opposition members. Ministers will directly answer questions in the legislature if those questions seek information or explanation.

The premier will invite all party leaders to offer input into legislation and regulations, so discussions can focus on finding solutions. All MLAs will be invited to budget briefings and receive up-to-date information on our financial state.

Legislative committees will be reformed providing a role for private members. Committee chairs will set meetings, hold hearings and call witnesses. Committees will investigate and develop instead of simply responding to government proposals. Members of other parties will be invited to chair committees and to lead in proposing solutions. Your government will ask the Legislature Administration Committee to review recent changes to the standing rules of the legislature and to seek consensus on changes to make the Executive Council more accountable, ensure the legislature meets regularly and predictably, and that the hours of operation of this house are family-friendly, ensuring the full participation of all members.

#### A New Covenant on Governing

This new era requires a new covenant – the party with executive power must share the ability to make decisions, and the other parties must share the responsibility for finding solutions.

The old two-party system allowed parties to win power by simply opposing ideas. If one party did something unpopular, the other party could win simply by rallying opposition. This was good politics, but it often led to bad outcomes. It kept citizens from hearing honest debates about alternatives. It led to parties coming to power without a positive plan to get things done. And it has led to cynicism among the electorate. Too often, parties would win an election by denying hard choices had to be made, only to find they faced the same hard choices they had denied existed.

New Brunswick's challenges will not be solved by the politics of deny and blame. All members are called upon to break that cycle and to take ownership of the quality of our debate.

Responsible government – the hallmark of our parliamentary system – requires a responsible opposition. While we will not yield our principled differences of opinion, the way in which we debate our ideals matters. Government members should have more freedom to vote freely, but that requires an opposition prepared to provide the same freedom for its members.

Citizens rightly expect governments to offer creative solutions but opposition members must give those ideas a fair hearing before pointing out errors, or areas for improvement.

All parties must be willing to seek creative, evidence-based solutions. This legislature is like our democracy – if we only support those who agree with us on everything, we will accomplish nothing. Honourable compromise means challenging ourselves and our core supporters to consider new perspectives and yield to evidence.

If we can build broad coalitions in this house, that is a step towards all citizens finding common purpose across regional, linguistic, and ideological lines.

In this first Throne Speech of a new, collaborative era of governance, your government asks all members to embrace this new covenant in which both power and responsibility are shared.

#### **Big Dreams, Not Small Politics**

Financial decisions have been dominated by a shopping list approach in which those who help a government win power get some local or personal benefit – a new road, a local project, a corporate bailout.

Your government will not offer a shopping list of small commitments. Your government does not have all the answers and will make mistakes. When we do, we aim to be open and expect the opposition to work to win favour, not through the quality of their rhetoric but the strength of their proposed alternatives.

As your government, we will set out five challenges to guide our work and invite all members to join us in working to solve them.

#### Our challenges:

- Establishing balanced sustainability for our finances
- Energizing the private sector
- Making public health care accessible and dependable
- Building a world-class education system
- Giving every New Brunswicker a pathway to the middle class

Too often, we have accepted that failure is inevitable. That ends now. New Brunswickers are seeking new hope. That hope will not flow from lofty promises or ideological purity. It will come from solutions that get results. The best way to restore hope in government is to get results from government.

#### **Establishing Balanced Sustainability for our Finances**

The 2008 fiscal emergency justified a year or two of excess government spending. No economic model justifies ten years of it. If we continue to borrow to provide services like health and education, we risk the future of services like health and education.

New Brunswickers broadly agree that government has a limited role to play in the economy and a moral duty to ensure equality of opportunity for those willing to work hard and play by the rules.

New Brunswickers broadly agree that if we want public services, we must pay for them.

Every dollar we spend imposes a tax on the hard work of our children, our grandchildren. We are making it harder for them to afford great schools, modern hospitals and good roads.

Borrowing without a plan for balance is not compassion. It is an act of inter-generational theft.

Early in 2019, your government will invite all parties to participate in an interactive pre-budget process. We will challenge citizens to distinguish between needs and wants. We will challenge ourselves to ensure any service provided by government should be performed by government, and is performed to the highest standards.

Your government offers a new covenant to our public service. Public service is more than a job – it should be a calling. In the months to come, each department will develop indicators that provide clear goals and track positive change.

Your government will create an online New Brunswick dashboard where citizens can track change. In exchange for embracing transparency and measurements, public servants will have the freedom to innovate. Your government will work to create an environment where fear of failure no longer crushes creativity. We need a public service where getting results is valued more than simply following rules.

Your government will ask this house to restore the *Fiscal Transparency* and *Accountability Act*, with updates and improvements.

By March of 2020 or sooner, your government will table a balanced budget. The Minister of Finance will set clear deficit reduction and spending targets to ensure our credit rating is not further downgraded. Your government asks all members to join in a commitment to that critical goal.

Your government will increase and sustain the Auditor General's budget, ensuring that bad practices and wasteful spending are detected, and, more importantly, corrected.

#### **Energizing the Private Sector**

In recent years, thousands of jobs have been added to the public payroll while private sector employment has declined. When we consider that government also subsidizes many private sector jobs, it is clear this pattern is not sustainable.

Government employs many vital positions. Teachers, nurses, social workers, scientists, engineers and many others provide needed services and deserve our respect. We must remember that every one of those positions is paid for by taxing the work of others. For those taxes to be available for the common good, we need to respect those who start businesses, take risks, work to meet a payroll, often without sick time, pensions or the security of a regular paycheque.

We reject the false choice that helping the private sector comes at the expense of public services, or vice versa. A culture of risk-taking is best supported by a strong social safety net. Excellent public services and a thriving private sector are complementary, not contradictory.

Investments in companies should be based on the strength of business plans, not the strength of a business owner's political connections.

Your government will meet the demand of the Auditor General for an allparty review of the money government spends on subsidies and incentives. Does the current model improve economic growth and employment or would we see better results if similar amounts were spent on employmentbased tax credits, focused investor incentives, or general tax reductions? Your government will find out.

Your government will take the lead in efforts to eliminate trade barriers. A province like ours with an outward-looking, export-driven economy only benefits from access to new markets within and without Canada.

Your government will work with all parties to review the mandate of Opportunities New Brunswick. Whether we call it the blue economy or the green economy, other jurisdictions are benefiting from assets similar to New Brunswick's – a long coastline, abundant natural resources and a clean environment. Moving our economy away from bailouts to research-based and green economy jobs should unite members across party lines.

Your government will also explore adding community micro-credit programs to ONB's mandate.

Your government has appointed a minister with specific responsibility for small business. This reflects the role growing local business will play in our economic turnaround. Jurisdictions worldwide are learning that success doesn't come from luring one big employer with subsidies, it comes from seeing hundreds of small and medium businesses growing bigger. When it comes to job creation, we need to stop hunting and start gardening – growing our own businesses with our own people.

The *Local Governance Act* will be revised to expand local choice and control over decision- making, and your government will explore where economic development and tourism decisions can be better run by municipalities.

Your government will develop a tourism strategy that focuses on building sustainable physical and cultural infrastructure in cities and small communities alike.

Building our coastal and green economies will allow us to develop an alternative to the federal government's bureaucratic, expensive carbon tax. A complicated formula that exempts coal and offers arbitrary rebates will do nothing to meet the challenges of climate change, and will kill jobs even in emerging, clean industries.

Your government accepts the scientific consensus that climate change is real and influenced by human activity. Your government rejects the notion that a new tax on an over-taxed province will alter that activity. Your government will join the growing coalition of provinces opposed to the carbon tax. Your government will work with an all-party committee to develop a strategy to meet our emission targets by 2030, and to develop a model for a proper scientific review of the use of glyphosate.

Your government will work across party lines to responsibly develop our natural resources. We must respect communities and First Nations who choose to pursue resource-based jobs and investment. We must ensure a respect for science and impartial oversight of development projects. Your government will work with other parties to develop a position for a legislative officer responsible for science and climate change, and to restore the independence of the recently dismantled public health system.

Respecting risk-takers and business starters means removing barriers. The minister with responsibilities for entrepreneurship and small business will lead a red tape reduction effort designed to reduce, in absolute terms, the number of regulations and the amount of paperwork small and medium business owners encounter.

Your government will provide a timetable for the phase-out of two taxes that kill risk and initiative – the small business tax and the double property tax on secondary properties. In the case of provincial property taxes, your government will work with members from all parties to ensure tenants see the benefits of that tax reduction in their rent.

Your government knows rising WorkSafe premiums are hurting small businesses and discouraging them from adding jobs. Your government has acted to reduce premiums, and will bring forward legislation to make those. Rising premiums have not led to better care for injured workers. Your government will set targets for reducing premiums and work with business and labour to ensure the system is more responsive. As always, the best insurance is in strengthening safe work practices. Your government will support that focus.

#### **Securing Health Care for All**

To ensure equal access government claims a monopoly on health services. That gives government a moral responsibility to ensure citizens in need of care get care safely and quickly.

Your government will work with doctors on alternatives to billing numbers and on payment models that encourage collaboration, wellness, and the creation of community clinics.

Your government will work with urgency to reduce wait times for surgical procedures. The Minister of Health will work with regional health authorities to prioritize expenditures on actions that will most quickly reduce wait times.

Your government will work to increase the role health professionals such as pharmacists and nurse practitioners play in providing timely and effective access to health services while reducing costs.

Reducing wait times and controlling costs means patients must have a full range of options and professionals ready to provide care. The current shortage of nurses is a barrier to those goals.

In the next six months, government will develop a plan to eliminate barriers to training and recruiting nurses. The Minister of Health will engage the nurses' union, regional health authorities and post-secondary institutions.

We must reduce the number of seniors stalled in scarce hospital beds, because the system failed to develop proper alternatives. Your government will develop a plan for improved home care, building on the work of previous governments.

Your government will review the wages and working conditions of home care workers, support and respite care for families, and a review of long-term savings from investments in the home care sector.

Within six months, your government will review the Medavie Health Services New Brunswick contract for home care services to ensure New Brunswickers are getting the best possible service.

Your government will work to end the ambulance crisis. There can be no more obvious test for a government than how it responds to a citizen calling for help. Faith in government is rightly shaken if the most urgent needs cannot be met. Citizens will not accept ideology or politics blocking common sense solutions.

New Brunswickers deserve common sense decisions that protect lives and constitutional rights. Your government will direct ambulance providers to do just that.

Your government will place an emphasis on mental health, ensuring earmarked federal dollars are spent on mental health services. Your government will review youth mental health services to ensure they are as accessible as possible for young people and their families.

Your government will work to bring stability to the health system so that a proper ten-year human resource plan can be developed.

#### A World-Class Education System

All parties agree a head start for our children is a fundamental government responsibility. No child should have to settle for less than a world-class education because their parents live in New Brunswick.

Our teachers and school principals have world-class skills. Our universities offer teacher training envied and sought out by countries around the world. Our teachers succeed when they are given the tools, freedom, and respect they need to succeed.

In the most recent Pan-Canadian assessments, New Brunswick students who began school in 2007 achieved the biggest improvement in Canada in reading, math and science. We have led before. We can and must lead again.

We must free our teachers to reverse the decline in Grade 2 literacy levels. Decisions that affect the classroom must be based on evidence not politics. The purpose of an education system is to ensure children become informed citizens who can read, write and think.

Your government is committed to having 85 per cent of students reading at grade-level by the end of Grade 2. If we succeed, it will top the previous best results from 2009.

Improving early literacy is a goal deserving urgent action. A child who struggles to read does not have years to wait for politicians. We must act with the urgency we would expect if it was our child falling behind.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website will be renewed to allow easy public access to literacy, math and science scores over the years. We will hold ourselves accountable for doing better, and we will not allow spin to replace the hard truth of results – be they good or bad.

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development will work on a *Classroom Freedom Act* – amendments to the *Education Act* giving principals, teachers and parents the freedom to make choices that reflect the needs of the children they are teaching and the community supporting them.

Your government will establish a teacher-driven red tape reduction review. This review will reduce the number of mandated curriculum directives and will include a review of Policies 701 and 703 regarding teacher discipline and learning environment, and Policy 711 regarding school nutrition.

Your government will respond to the call from professional organizations to address the challenge of classroom composition. There must be inclusion in our schools but it must work for all students. Flexible learning groups and student-based teaching resources will allow every child to learn at their best.

New Brunswick's teachers, and their professional associations, want to lead. Your government will provide them that freedom and invite them to help us build a better system.

In the next six months, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development will organize an education summit. This summit will seek to find partners for initiatives such as community schools, after-school learning models, cooperative and volunteer education, and experiential learning.

Our school system has failed to produce bilingual graduates. Fewer than eight per cent of students who begin early French Immersion graduate with bilingual skills. Because of streaming and regional inequalities, many of those left behind are those who most need bilingual capabilities to compete for jobs.

Experience, lessons learned from other countries, and the basic tenets of fairness and equal opportunity tell us bilingualism is best defended if government ensures speaking two languages is a benefit available to all, not just to an elite few. Many European nations have made conversational competence in a second or even third language a reality for all students. Your government will decide how to make bilingual communication an opportunity and an expectation for all New Brunswick students.

Early access to assessments is essential for students who struggle. For too long, government has ignored the direction of the Supreme Court's *Jeffrey Moore* decision, which says failing to provide prompt access to inclusive education services is discrimination.

Your government will work with district education councils to use private-sector psychologists to reduce the unacceptable wait times for educational-psychological assessments. One practice your government intends to stop is throwing out programs only because another party introduced them. Your government will work within the context of the existing 10-year education plans, amending them as needed but building on work done so far. Education must be non-partisan. Our children deserve that.

Your government will undertake an evidence-based review of existing programs supporting post-secondary education and compare and contrast their effectiveness with the canceled broad-based tax credits. We trust all parties will look at enrollment numbers and use evidence to ensure students have the security and predictability they need to plan their futures.

Your government will work to expand online learning, prior learning assessments, and other open learning platforms so higher education is more easily available to working parents and mid-career workers.

#### An Economy that Includes Everyone

Our greatest strength is our people. Jurisdictions like New Brunswick cannot easily compete on costs with emerging economies in Asia and Africa. Today, countries and provinces must attract businesses based on the availability of skilled and flexible workers.

Lifting up our neighbours to give every family a pathway to the New Brunswick dream is not just a moral demand, it is an economic imperative. Every New Brunswicker willing to work hard and dream big should be rewarded.

Your government will restart and reinvigorate the stalled poverty reduction process. This will begin with comprehensive social assistance reform. All parties will be invited to collaborate on changes that will end the so-called "welfare trap," where people who apply for short-term help lose their assets, their social connections, their dignity and their hope because of restrictive rules that leave them without the resources to get a job.

Your government will open the debate on models that give short-term help to those recently on social assistance and ready to work hard to get off, more freedom to develop plans for social workers, more accountability for long-term users, and better transitions for the working poor so they can take a job without losing needed benefits.

Your government also intends to improve the child protection system with more accountability and amendments to the *Family Services Act* to give courts more options to provide for children's safety and care.

Our population decline must be reversed.

Restarting our private sector economy will give many New Brunswick families a chance to return. We need to bring immigrants to New Brunswick to build our economy and our communities. When managed properly, immigration creates jobs. Provinces and states who attract immigrants have higher economic growth rates. Your government will reopen the Provincial Nominee Program and review programs that help new arrivals start businesses and succeed.

No economic success story will be complete until we address unkept promises to First Nations peoples. Your government has appointed a minister with a singular responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs because rebuilding this relationship deserves a full-time minister. Your government will ask members from all parties to assist in defining a new relationship with First Nations, one with fewer rules and less paternalism, and more accountability and community control over land and resources. Your government will ask a committee of this Legislative Assembly to review the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to ensure recommendations within our jurisdiction are met.

The premier has spoken of the New Brunswick dream – having a job you love and coming home, to the people you love, in a province that you love. We want that dream for ourselves, and we wish it for our neighbours. Creating a path to the New Brunswick dream for those with the least protects that dream for all of us.

#### Conclusion

Your government offers a new covenant between political parties, and a new covenant between government and citizens.

To members of this legislature, your government offers a simple proposal. The Executive Council will share its power, and members will share in the responsibility for evidence-driven debate and policy discussions that offer alternatives and compromise.

To citizens who believe New Brunswick's best days are yet to come, your government offers a new covenant as well. Government will offer citizens, schools and communities more freedom and more equality of opportunity. Citizens, teachers and local leaders, we will all take on more responsibility for expanding pathways into the middle class for all of us.

We all want a job that makes us feel valued in our community and in our homes. We want a house in a safe community where we know our neighbours and care about their well-being. We want good schools and big dreams for our children. We want security and good health for our parents.

We share a desire to leave our world – and the people, the environment, the culture and the institutions that shape it – a little better than we found it.

Nearly five hundred years ago, explorers nearing New Brunswick remarked on its improbability. With our rough beauty and cold climate, some on Cartier's voyage wrote that our corner of the world was "the land God gave to Cain."

For five centuries, New Brunswickers defied the odds, not because our leaders were perfect but because our people were hard-working, optimistic and caring.

The New Brunswick dream has always been as beautiful as it is improbable. Together, as members of this legislature and as citizens, we can deliver that beautiful, improbable dream to our children. Deliver it with a legacy of financial security, of a peaceful and diverse society, and strong institutions encouraging innovations, growth and risk. Our job is to make that happen.

Today that work begins.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. Blaine Higgs, 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.

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 Hon. Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve,

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

Hon. Mr. Gauvin, a Member for the electoral district of Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou, 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. Fairgrieve, a Member for the electoral district of Carleton, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B. November 20, 2018.

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. Gallant, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Shediac Bay-Dieppe, adjourned over.

And then, 2.11 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder: (Motion 1)

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 Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

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

On motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Thursday, November 22, 2018, at 11 a.m.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Notices of Motions.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS the World Health Organization deemed glyphosate "probably carcinogenic to humans" in 2015;

WHEREAS there is increasing scientific evidence of the risk glyphosate poses to the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

WHEREAS I and the member for Restigouche West tabled one of the largest petitions in the history of the Legislative Assembly with over 34,000 signatures asking for the spraying to end;

WHEREAS \$2.5 million tax dollars were used to pay for spraying glyphosate on Crown lands in 2017;

WHEREAS Agent Orange was approved by the provincial government to spray over forest plantations and under power lines right up until it was banned by the federal government, and replaced with glyphosate;

WHEREAS Québec has banned the use of glyphosate for forestry operations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over our forests and under our powerlines.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS there was no evaluation of Medavie's previous contract to provide ambulance services;

WHEREAS there were 7,500 instances of ambulances being pulled off the road in 2017, a 55% increase over 2016;

WHEREAS there have been three deaths in northern New Brunswick, including two in Saint-Quentin, since August 2016 when ambulances have taken more than 20 minutes to arrive on scene;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to transfer the management of Ambulance New Brunswick to Horizon and Vitalité health authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the number of ambulances per community is based on a community needs assessment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the deployment of ambulances be community-based not provincial in terms of territorial coverage.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the 2018 New Brunswick General Election produced a minority government where the proportion of Members elected to the Legislative Assembly does not reflect the proportion of votes received by each party in the election;

WHEREAS Fair Vote Canada found that Legislatures using proportional representation are more stable, as there is no incentive for calling a quick election in order to gain a majority government;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Commission on Legislative Democracy, established in 2003 by PC Premier Bernard Lord, designed and recommended a Mixed-Member Proportional Representation system for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the 2017 Commission on Electoral Reform recommended that the government consider some form of proportional representation;

WHEREAS a recent poll determined that more than half of New Brunswickers say that the number of votes is more important than the number of seats in determining who will govern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS over ninety countries currently use proportional representation, including 85% of countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;

WHEREAS when more than 2 parties are present, the current First Past the Post electoral system can lead to unrepresentative outcomes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ask a Committee of the Legislature to: review the recommendation of the 2003 Commission on Legislative Democracy to establish a system of Mixed-Member Proportional Representation; invite the public to appear before the Committee to provide their views on Mixed-Member Proportional Representation; and recommend a public process to determine whether to implement Mixed-Member Proportional Representation that will be completed before the next election.

And then, 11.35 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 3

Thursday, November 22, 2018 11 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 Hon. Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

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. November 20, 2018.

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, after some time, Mr. Gallant, seconded by Mr. Bourque, moved in amendment:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by deleting the period after the word "consideration" and adding the following:

"; and we further urge Your Honour's advisors to continue the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in all parts of the province."

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Gallant to continue his speech despite having moved an amendment.

And after some time, on motion of Mr. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 11.34 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 Regional Development Corporation

November 21, 2018

Daily sitting 4

Friday, November 23, 2018 9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At 9.05 a.m. the House recessed. At 9.10 a.m. the House resumed.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend Oral Questions by four minutes.

Following Oral Questions, it was agreed by unanimous consent to extend Oral Questions by an additional four minutes.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that supplementary questions should relate to the original question, and that Members should refer to his party as the Progressive Conservative Party, not the Conservative Party. Mr. Arseneault spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker ruled the first point well taken, and with respect to the second point, requested that Members refer to each party represented in the House by their proper name.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to consider a request to sell wine and beer at the Penobsquis Corner Gas Station. (Petition 1)

Ms. Landry gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments signed the Canada-New Brunswick Early Learning and Child Care Agreement on August 30, 2017, allowing New Brunswick access to \$30 million in federal funding to make child care more affordable;

WHEREAS affordable child care solves many challenges such as retaining and repatriating young professionals, growing the population through affordability of starting and growing families, growing the labour force by making it possible for both parents to work, and breaking the cycle of poverty by allowing people to leave income assistance for work without facing massive child care bills;

WHEREAS through that Canada-New Brunswick Agreement, New Brunswick has created programs that assist child care operators through one-time quality improvement grants, annual quality grants, increased wages for early childhood educators, and infant operator grants; WHEREAS through that Canada-New Brunswick Agreement, New Brunswickers now benefit from free child care and subsidized child care in large regions of the province;

WHEREAS the planned completion of the rollout of this program has been budgeted and planned for the northeast of the province in January 2019 and the capital region in February 2019, fulfilling the commitment to parents to have the program available provincewide by March 2019;

WHEREAS families in the regions of the province expecting these important services should not have their access to these important programs delayed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to continue the implementation of these child care programs on the planned schedule.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on May 29, 2012, when commenting on the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program, that "we do not know whether the program actually brings people back into the province or encourages them to return.";

WHEREAS the evidence showed that New Brunswick Tuition Rebate was not effective in its policy goal of keeping more young people in New Brunswick through the reports of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission which showed that retention rates of graduates did not improve over the course of the programs existence;

WHEREAS the Free Tuition program and the Tuition Relief for the Middle Class program helped 7,744 students alone in the most recent academic year;

WHEREAS both the Free Tuition program and the Tuition Relief for the Middle Class program have become leaders in the standard of excellence for post-secondary funding as outlined in the Higher Education Strategy Associates Targeted Free Tuition: A Global Analysis;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle Class programs.

Mr. D'Amours gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS the paramedics' union has identified wages as the primary cause for the current paramedic shortage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to immediately begin talks with the paramedics' union to increase wages for paramedics.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on December 10, 2015, "I do not deny that we have too many hospitals. I realize we can be much better if we consolidate";

WHEREAS the now-Health Minister said on December 12, 2012,

"We have to look at the critical mass. We have to look at the needs. There is not a Costco in Perth-Andover either, because there would not be enough critical mass to sustain the place. Those are the things we have to look at. There is enough critical mass to provide a hospital. It will be a hospital. (...) Maybe that is the wrong word, but is there enough business to sustain the operation? If not, we cannot pay people \$400 000 to sit around when there is only enough work for one day a week. If you do not understand that, I cannot explain it any better. It is pretty basic arithmetic where I come from";

WHEREAS the Premier said on November 21, 2018, "We will look at all aspects of what we are planning, what has been planned, what is working, and what is not working, because we must";

WHEREAS rural hospitals provide important access to health care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the existing level of services in all of New Brunswick's regional and rural hospitals.

Mr. LePage gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Harris:

WHEREAS hours of care for nursing home residents is as high as 3.8 hours in Alberta and 3.25 hours in Nova Scotia, but is only 3.1 hours in New Brunswick:

WHEREAS a pilot project completed in 2010 and 2011 showed evidence that there would be benefits from increased hours of care;

WHEREAS there is currently a shortage of nursing home professionals which would make an immediate increase to the hours of care impractical to implement;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to immediately develop and launch, in partnership with stakeholders, a recruitment and retention strategy for nursing home workers, including nurses, licensed practical nurses and resident attendants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House urge the government to increase the level of care to 3.5 hours per nursing home resident as soon as practicable.

Ms. Harris gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS New Brunswick students carry an average student debt of \$35,200 and are charged prime +2.5% on the provincial portion of their loans;

WHEREAS all other Atlantic provinces have eliminated interest on provincial student loans;

WHEREAS the previous government budgeted for the elimination of interest on provincial student loans;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to implement the planned elimination of interest on provincial student loans.

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

And the debate continuing,

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

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

Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 *1 o'clock p.m.* 

Prayers.

Mr. Austin rose on a point of order and submitted that the comments made in the House, specifically the quotation of Joseph Goebbels, by Mr. Arseneau the previous sitting day in relation to the People's Alliance party and to Mr. Austin personally, were unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken, but advised Mr. Arseneau that the comments could be considered to be in poor taste and offered the Member the opportunity to withdraw the comments. The Member declined.

Mr. DeSaulniers, Member for Fredericton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to conduct a study on safety improvements to the five-way intersection in Stanley. (Petition 2)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, December 6, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of annualized and capital costs required as a result of the Executive Council appointed on November 9, 2018, including but not limited to the net increase of salary, benefit, office, and administrative support costs of ministers, deputy ministers, executive assistants, regional assistants, departmental assistants, executive secretaries, and any other personnel appointed under section 18 of the *Civil Service Act*, the acquisition of government vehicles for new ministers and deputy ministers, and the cost of outfitting or upgrading offices for ministers, deputy ministers, and their staff.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, December 6, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of current deputy ministers and their assignments.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, December 6, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of any custom or commissioned art work ordered, including any estimates quoted to departments or agencies, since November 9, 2018, to furnish the offices of departments and Part I agencies.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, December 6, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LePage:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all designated early learning centres; the planned regional roll-out of the new early learning program; and any and all correspondence, emails, memoranda, or other documents produced since November 9, 2018 concerning the roll-out.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 15)

THAT pursuant to Standing Rule 89 and notwithstanding the resolution adopted by the House on October 24, 2018, appointing the standing committees, the membership of the said committees be as follows:

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be composed of Mr. Northrup, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Bourque, Mr. Kenny, Mr. LePage, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Arseneau and Mr. Austin;

The Standing Committee on Economic Policy be composed of Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Northrup, Mr. C. Chiasson, Mr. K. Chiasson, Mr. Lowe, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Arseneau and Mr. Austin;

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be composed of Mr. Fitch, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Crossman,

Mr. Bourque, Ms. Harris, Mr. Harvey, Ms. Landry, Mr. Coon and Mr. DeSaulniers;

The Standing Committee on Law Amendments be composed of Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Hon. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Northrup, Mr. K. Chiasson, Mr. Landry, Ms. Landry, Mr. McKee, Ms. Mitton and Mr. DeSaulniers;

The Legislative Administration Committee be composed of Hon. Mr. Guitard, Mr. C. Chiasson, Ms. LeBlanc, Hon. Mr. Steeves, Hon. Mr. Oliver, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Arseneault, Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Coon, Mr. Arseneau, Mr. Austin and Ms. Conroy;

The Standing Committee on Private Bills be composed of Hon. Mr. Carr, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Northrup, Hon. Ms. S. Wilson, Mr. Landry, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. McKee, Ms. Thériault, Ms. Mitton and Ms. Conroy;

The Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be composed of Hon. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Kenny, Mr. LePage, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Coon and Mr. Austin;

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts be composed of Mr. Northrup, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Crossman, Ms. Harris, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Melanson, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Mitton and Mr. Austin;

The Standing Committee on Social Policy be composed of Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Northrup, Mr. C. Chiasson, Mr. Harvey, Ms. LeBlanc, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Mitton and Ms. Conroy.

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

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, Bill 2 would be called for second reading.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time, Hon. Ms. S. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved a sub-amendment:

#### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

THAT the amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding after the word "province" the following:

"where support does not already exist. We recognize that communities in and around the town of Sussex including the McCully Field and extending southeasterly to the Frederick Brook Shale, where natural gas exploration and production has been safely taking place, on leaseholds, for close to 20 years, have demonstrated their desire to proceed with shale gas development. We urge the government to take necessary steps to respect the wishes of those specific communities".

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

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 2017-2018
Vehicle Management Agency

November 23, 2018

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Gallant, Q.C.,

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.

By Ms. LeBlanc,

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Pay Equity Act, 2009.

By Mr. LePage,

Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.

Hon. Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 29, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 7, 6 and 10.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 2 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton, 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 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, 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. 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 that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, 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 being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

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 Supervisor of Political Financing

November 27, 2018

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 29, 2018 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Melanson rose on a point of order and submitted that the opposition should be provided with copies of Ministers' Statements. Mr. Savoie spoke on the point of order and advised the House that the government would undertake to provide copies in the future.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the Ministers' Statements were not brief, nor were the contents of the statements without argument, as required by the Standing Rules. Mr. Speaker ruled the points well taken and advised that if a statement was lengthy, unanimous consent should be requested.

Mr. Bourque rose on a point of order and submitted that his copy of a Minister's Statement was only in one official language. Mr. Speaker asked that the statements be provided in both official languages, as a courtesy to all Members.

At the request of Mr. Melanson, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the opposition replies to the Minister's Statement delivered by Hon. Mr. Holland be delayed until later in the day.

Mr. Savoie, 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.

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

And the debate continuing,

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

As was agreed by unanimous consent, the House reverted to Statements by Ministers to allow the opposition parties to reply to the statement delivered earlier in the day by Hon. Mr. Holland.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. D'Amours moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS the paramedics' union has identified wages as the primary cause for the current paramedic shortage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to immediately begin talks with the paramedics' union to increase wages for paramedics.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Flemming, seconded by Hon. Mr. Cardy, moved in amendment:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 7 be amended:

In the first whereas clause, by striking out "the primary cause" and substituting "a major contributing factor";

By adding after the first whereas clause the following:

"WHEREAS there are other contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage;"

In the resolution clause, by striking out all the words after "government", and substituting the following:

"to work with the paramedics' union to resolve labour force-related issues, including the issue of paramedic compensation, as contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and questioned whether the amendment was in order. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

And after some time, Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, moved a sub-amendment:

### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended:

By adding at the end of the resolution clause after the word "shortage" the following: ", and the Minister to report back to the House on a potential wage solution by the end of the year 2018".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and it was defeated on the following recorded division:

### **YEAS - 22**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Harris	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneau	
Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc	

### **NAYS - 26**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

And the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

## **YEAS - 28**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Coon
Mr. Austin	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Mitton
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. Š. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Holland	
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Urquhart	

### **NAYS - 20**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Harris	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Mr. LeBlanc	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 7 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the paramedics' union has identified wages as a major contributing factor for the current paramedic shortage;

WHEREAS there are other contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the paramedics' union to resolve labour force-related issues, including the issue of paramedic compensation, as contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage.

And the question being put, Motion 7 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson, the motion, 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.

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

Daily sitting 8 Friday, November 30, 2018 9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to 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 sub-amendment, moved by Hon. Ms. S. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

#### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

THAT the amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding after the word "province" the following:

"where support does not already exist. We recognize that communities in and around the town of Sussex including the McCully Field and extending southeasterly to the Frederick Brook Shale, where natural gas exploration and production has been safely taking place, on leaseholds, for close to 20 years, have demonstrated their desire to proceed with shale gas development. We urge the government to take necessary steps to respect the wishes of those specific communities".

And the debate continuing,

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

#### **YEAS - 26**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

## **NAYS - 22**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Gallant	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment, as amended, to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by deleting the period after the word "consideration" and adding the following:

"; and we further urge Your Honour's advisors to continue the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in all parts of the province where support does not already exist. We recognize that communities in and around the town of Sussex including the McCully Field and extending southeasterly to the Frederick Brook Shale, where natural gas exploration and production has been safely taking place, on leaseholds, for close to 20 years, have demonstrated their desire to proceed with shale gas development. We urge the government to take necessary steps to respect the wishes of those specific communities."

And the question being put on the amendment as amended, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

### **YEAS - 26**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Lowe
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Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Gallant	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session as amended as follows:

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. November 20, 2018.

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 we further urge Your Honour's advisors to continue the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in all parts of the province where support does not already exist. We recognize that communities in and around the town of Sussex including the McCully Field and extending southeasterly to the Frederick Brook Shale, where natural gas exploration and production has been safely taking place, on leaseholds, for close to 20 years, have demonstrated their desire to proceed with shale gas development. We urge the government to take necessary steps to respect the wishes of those specific communities.

And the question being put on the motion as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

## **YEAS - 25**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

#### **NAYS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Gallant	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Mr. Landry	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

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

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, Hon. Mr. Gauvin and Mr. Fairgrieve be the Committee to Wait upon Her Honour with the Address and present the same.

On motion of Mr. Savoie, 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 11, 2018.

And then, 10.12 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 2017-2018 Department of Finance

November 29, 2018

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 *I o'clock p.m.* 

Prayers.

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

December 11, 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 first report.

Your Committee met on December 6 and had under consideration:

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gary Crossman, M.L.A.

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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Carr,

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc:

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 estimates prepared since January 1, 2016, of potential cost impacts to Irving Oil Limited of a provincial or federal carbon pricing regime, including but not limited to: the federal backstop; the British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec carbon pricing models; and any hypothetical New Brunswick carbon pricing models be they based on a carbon tax, a cap-and-trade system, or a hybrid system.

Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Friday, December 14, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2018 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative assembly on January 31, 2018, 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, 2017, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

- 1. Pension Benefits Act, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1:
  - section 2
- 2. An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, S.N.B. 2001, c.29:
  - sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)
- 3. Petroleum Act, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03
- 4. An Act to Amend the Mining Act, S.N.B. 2007, c.40
- 5. 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, 2018, 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.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

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. Austin gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Conroy:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Nurses Union and the Nurses Association of New Brunswick have stated there is an urgent need for more nurses in the province;

WHEREAS the obstetrics unit at the Chaleur Regional Hospital for a while had to close due to a lack of nursing staff;

WHEREAS the Nurses Union and Nurses Association have stated there is a dangerous situation of nurses sometimes working up to 48hour shifts;

WHEREAS according to the University of New Brunswick its nursing program is filled to capacity with 12 times the number of applicants as there are seats available;

WHEREAS the university says should there be more funding provided for infrastructure and instructors more nursing students could be taught to help fill the province's critical nursing shortage;

WHEREAS New Brunswick nurses are leaving the province to work in Nova Scotia where nursing salaries are up to five percent higher;

WHEREAS nurses in the province cannot find full-time or part-time employment even though there is a nursing shortage;

WHEREAS there is expected to be a wave of nurses leaving the healthcare profession with retirement over the next decade;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to immediately address the critical nursing shortage that exists in New Brunswick by taking the necessary steps to recruit and retain nursing professionals in the province which is having a severely negative impact on the health and well-being of its citizens.

Hon. Mr. Steeves, 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.
December 11, 2018.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, 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 16, Hon. Mr. Steeves 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. Mr. Steeves proceeded to deliver the 2019-2020 capital budget speech.

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

Mr. Savoie, 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. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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. C. Chiasson 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.

Mr. Savoie, 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.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Bills 6 and 7 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 21)

THAT the current Green and People's Alliance caucuses be accorded "recognized party" status under the Standing Rules for the purposes of subsections 28(10) and (11) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

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

November 30, 2018

November 30, 2018

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault: (Motion 22)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Mr. DeSaulniers for Mr. Austin;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Thériault for Ms. Rogers.

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

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, 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; Health; and Education and Early Childhood Development.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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.

And then, 3.40 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 2017-2018
Department of Transportation
and Infrastructure
Annual Report 2017-2018
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat
Annual Report 2017-2018
Department of Social Development

Department of Social Development December 3, 2018

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Department of Tour and Culture Documents requested in Documents requested in Response to Petition 1	Notices of Motions 12, 13	December 4, 2018 December 6, 2018 December 7, 2018 December 7, 2018

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves, Bill 8, Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.

By Mr. Lowe,

Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 14, 2018, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the top three projects from each of the seven school districts considered as part of the 2019-20 capital budget, the scoring prepared for each project using the department's quadruple bottom line methodology, and whether or not each project was approved with reasons why or why not.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 13, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 3, 4 and 5.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 6 and 7 be called for second reading, following which Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to adjourn debate on Bill 6 for the purpose of Royal Assent.

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 a Bill 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 Deputy Clerk then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, 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 this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act*, be now read a second time.

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.

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the 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.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council 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 Executive Council Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At the request of Mr. Arseneault, it was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Notice of Opposition Members' Business for the purpose of revising the order of consideration as follows: Bill 4, 3 and 5.

And then, 1.24 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 2017-2018
Labour and Employment Board
Response to Petition 2

December 11, 2018 December 11, 2018

Thursday, December 13, 2018 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Members should refer to the political parties represented in the House by their proper name. Mr. Arseneault spoke on the point. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the absence of a Member was referred to during Oral Questions. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested Hon. Mr. Cardy to withdraw his remark, which he did.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reform the *Residential Tenancies Act*. (Petition 3)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon, Bill 10, An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, March 21, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS the practice of conversion therapy attempts to change one's sexual orientation;

WHEREAS the Canadian Psychological Association affirms "[s]cientific research does not support the efficacy of conversion or reparative therapy";

WHEREAS the Canadian Paediatric Society states "[c]onversion or reparative therapy, where attempts are made to turn gay males or lesbians into heterosexuals, is clearly unethical and should not be provided by physicians, nor should physicians refer patients for such therapy";

WHEREAS it is widely accepted that conversion therapy has had damaging impacts on members of the LGBTQ+ community and youth;

WHEREAS jurisdictions across the country and continent have taken action to prohibit the provision of conversion therapy and referral to conversion therapy services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to prohibit the provision of conversion therapy in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to prohibit referrals to conversion therapy services in New Brunswick or in an out-of-province jurisdiction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to prohibit the use of public funds to provide access to or otherwise support conversion therapy services in New Brunswick or in an out-of-province jurisdiction.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, March 21, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT the Legislative Assembly express its solidarity with and support for the Franco-Ontarian community and the MPP for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell, Amanda Simard, in their fight for the survival of French-language institutions, including the eventual establishment of the Université de l'Ontario français;

THAT it condemn this latest violation of the rights of a Francophone minority community in Canada;

THAT it recognize that the survival of the French language remains precarious within our country and requires constant vigilance;

AND THAT the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised in front of the Legislature.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, December 14, 2018, Bill 8 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, 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 11.50 a.m. the House recessed. At 2.35 p.m. the House resumed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Pay Equity Act*, 2009, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, 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 Pay Equity Act, 2009, 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 after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

#### **YEAS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Gallant	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Mr. Landry	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

## **NAYS - 25**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

And the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

# **YEAS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Gallant	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Mr. Landry	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Amanaa	

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## **NAYS - 25**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	
Hon. Ms. Š. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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.

Friday, December 14, 2018 9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a cost estimate of any penalties anticipated as a result of decisions to date or in the future to cancel, revoke or delay any procurement projects by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and/or Service New Brunswick since November 9, 2018.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts for professional services, consulting, or similar services awarded since November 9, 2018, by applying an exemption under the *Procurement Act*.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts, tenders and other procurement instruments that have been cancelled, revoked or delayed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and/or Service New Brunswick since November 9, 2018, as well as any such procurement instruments that are planned on to be cancelled, revoked or delayed as a result of the capital budget tabled on December 11, 2018.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 18; following which Bill 8 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to proceed with statements of condolence and congratulation forthwith.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 18, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2018 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative assembly on January 31, 2018, 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, 2017, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

- 1. *Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1:
  - section 2
- 2. An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, S.N.B. 2001, c.29:
  - sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)
- 3. Petroleum Act, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03
- 4. An Act to Amend the Mining Act, S.N.B. 2007, c.40
- 5. 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, 2018, 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, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 18 was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act, 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, Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 11.34 a.m., the House adjourned

1 o'clock p.m.

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Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Steeves, 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. March 19, 2019.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2020, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act*, 1867, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd.:) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Steeves laid upon the table of the House documents entitled 2019-2020 Economic Outlook; and 2019-2020 Budget, Acting with Urgency, We Can't do it Alone.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Steeves, 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.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 23, Hon. Mr. Steeves 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. Mr. Steeves proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Savoie, 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, 1.46 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** 

2017-2018 Department of Environment and	
Local Government	December 20, 2018
2017-2018 Midwifery Council of New Brunswick	December 20, 2018
2017-2018 Office of the Integrity Commissioner	January 8, 2019
2017-2018 Farm Products Commission	January 9, 2019
2016-2017 Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne	January 14, 2019
2017-2018 Department of Justice and	•
Public Safety	January 14, 2019
2017 Legislative Activities, Legislative Assembly	
of New Brunswick	January 14, 2019
2017-2018 Department of Education and Early	·
Childhood Development	January 15, 2019
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick	,
Volume II, Performance Audit, 2018	January 16, 2019
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick	,
Volume III, Financial Audit, 2018	January 16, 2019
2017 WorkSafeNB	January 17, 2019
2017-2018 Opportunities NB	January 22, 2019
2017-2018 New Brunswick Power Corporation	January 23, 2019
2017-2018 Vitalité Health Network	January 23, 2019
2016-2017 Ambulance New Brunswick	January 25, 2019
2017-2018 EM/ANB Inc.	January 25, 2019
2017-2018 Horizon Health Network	January 25, 2019
2017-2018 Department of Post-Secondary	
Education, Training and Labour	January 28, 2019
2017-2018, New Brunswick Police Commission	January 29, 2019
Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance,	
January 2019	January 30, 2019

2017-2018 Department of Energy and	
Resource Development	January 31, 2019
2017-2018 Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture	re
and Fisheries	January 31, 2019
2017-2018 New Brunswick Human	January 51, 2017
Rights Commission	February 21, 2019
2010-2011 Department of Justice and Consumer	1 Columny 21, 2017
Affairs, Public Trustee Branch	February 27, 2019
2011-2012 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services	1 Columny 21, 2017
Commission, Public Trustee Services	February 27, 2019
2012-2013 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services	1 Columny 21, 2017
Commission, Public Trustee Services	February 27, 2019
2013-2014 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services	1 Columny 21, 2019
Commission, Public Trustee Services	February 27, 2019
2014-2015 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services	1 Columny 21, 2019
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2017-2018 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission, Public Trustee Services	February 27, 2019
2016-2017 Kings Landing Corporation 2016-2017 Office of the Attorney General	March 4, 2019
2018 New Brunswick Insurance Board	March 8, 2019 March 14, 2019
2016 New Brunswick Hisurance Board	March 14, 2019
Others	
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended	
March 31, 2018, Volume 2,	
Supplementary Information	December 20, 2018
Unaudited Supplementary Employee Lists,	December 20, 2010
Payments to Medical Practitioners List,	
and Supplier Lists, 2017-2018	December 20, 2018
Audited financial statements of the Training	December 20, 2010
Completions Fund for the fiscal year	
ending March 31, 2018	January 7, 2019
Five-Year Report, Office of the	January 1, 2017
Integrity Commissioner, 2018	January 11, 2019
Failure to Protect, Office of the Ombud NB Specia	
Report Regarding the Restigouche Hospital	uı
Centre, February 2019	February 7, 2019
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Thirty-Nintl	
General Election, September 24, 2018	February 22, 2019
General Election, September 24, 2010	1 Columny 22, 2017

58	67-68 Elizabeth II, 2018-2019	March 19
	sted in Notice of Motion 24 sted in Notices of Motions 28, 29	January 10, 2019 February 5, 2019
<b>Petitions</b> Response to Petiti	on 3	January 14, 2019

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At the request of Mr. Arseneault, it was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, be withdrawn.

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

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder: (Motion 30)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 30, statements of condolence and statements of congratulation shall form part of the ordinary daily routine of business in the House and shall be called by the Speaker following Introduction of Guests;

THAT the time allocated for "Statements of Condolence and Congratulation" shall be limited to a maximum of twelve minutes and each statement shall be limited to a maximum of sixty seconds;

THAT statements of condolence shall take precedence over statements of congratulation and Members shall be recognized as follows: the Government first, followed by the Official Opposition and then other recognized parties in order of the size of their membership, until each recognized party has had an opportunity to make three statements;

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

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

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

Ms. Thériault welcomed to the House Mr. Hédard Albert, former Liberal MLA for Caraquet (2003-2018).

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to ban plastic shopping bags in the province. (Petition 4)

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

March 20, 2019

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

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

Your Committee met on January 23 and had under consideration:

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act; Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 8, Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gary Crossman, 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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holland,

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act.

By Hon. Mr. Urquhart,

Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act.

Mr. Lowe gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS heavy industry benefits from a number of tax exemptions in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS public institutions such as hospitals have much higher assessments than many significant industrial properties;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John commissioned reports entitled "Municipal Property Tax Issues in The City of Saint John" and "City of Saint John Fair Taxation Report" that raise concerns with these exemptions;

WHEREAS Bill 10 was introduced in the fourth session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature and Bill 9 in the current session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature to address these issues;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House direct the Standing Committee on Law Amendments to undertake a study, including hearing from experts and stakeholders, and report back to the House with recommendations on whether to reduce or eliminate any property assessment or property taxation exemptions or benefits that apply to heavy industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House direct the Standing Committee on Law Amendments to report back to the House with its recommendations within 120 calendar days of the adoption of this motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and, upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

WHEREAS the government cancelled a number of ongoing projects in the 2019-2020 capital budget;

WHEREAS the wind-up costs and loss of federal contributions for some of these projects may have considerable financial implications for the province;

WHEREAS additional cost implications associated with the cancellation of projects that are underway include potential breach of contract costs, remediation and lost opportunities to realize additional savings to government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOVLED THAT pursuant to subsection 12(1) of the *Auditor General Act*, this Assembly request that the Auditor General audit and report on the financial implications of all projects cancelled in the 2019-2020 capital budget.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder: (Motion 33)

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

Thursday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Savoie requested leave of the House to move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder: (Motion 34)

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Orders of the House adopted November 21, 2018, and March 20, 2019, the House may sit on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Thursday, March 28, 2019, and shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

Leave to dispense with notice of Motion 34 was denied. Accordingly, notice was given for Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

And then, 12.15 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 2019
Statute Repeal Act, Justice and Office of the Attorney General

March 19, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, March 22, 2019, Bills 11 and 12 would be called for second reading.

And then, 1.56 p.m., the House adjourned.

Friday, March 22, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Statements of Condolence and Congratulation, Mr. Speaker reminded Members of the one-minute time limit per statement.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that during Statements by Members, Mr. Arseneault attacked the character of the Premier. The Member apologized for the comment.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that during Oral Questions, Ms. Harris requested that Hon. Ms. Shephard provide "true answers". Mr. Speaker reminded all Members not to question the honesty of their fellow Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Carr,

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Urquhart,

Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

By Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C.,

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents sent to departments by the Treasury Board indicating the adjustments made to their 2018-19 base budgets as a result of the 2019-20 budget process.

Mr. Landry gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lowe:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stopped negotiating with CUPE on behalf of nursing home workers;

WHEREAS nursing home workers provide invaluable service in providing care for some of our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS nursing home workers deserve fair wages, and to have issues of recruitment and retention and staffing addressed;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition publicly announced that it was in support of binding arbitration as a means of resolving the labour dispute;

WHEREAS the Green Party and the People's Alliance subsequently announced their support as well for binding arbitration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes and provide the Association the assurances necessary for them to agree to enter into binding arbitration to resolve this dispute and enter into a collective agreement.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 11 and 12 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act. Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing 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, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services 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 Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Bills 13, 14 and 15 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

At the request of Mr. Savoie, it was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C., Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Bill 16 would be called for second reading.

The debate was resumed on Motion 23.

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, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report 2016-2017 New Brunswick Highway Corporation

March 21, 2019

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. C. Chiasson used the phrase "monkey survey" which may be unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker asked all Members to raise the level of decorum.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Cardy accused the Opposition of "barking", inferring that they were dogs. Mr. Speaker again asked all Members to raise the level of decorum.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. C. Chiasson used the word "propaganda", which may be unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

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

March 26, 2019

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Crown Corporations begs leave to submit this, their first report.

The report outlines the Committee's activities since its appointment during the First Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Glen Savoie, M.L.A. Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

#### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk convened a meeting of the Committee on December 11, 2018, and presided over the election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

On motion of Mr. Crossman, Mr. Savoie was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Savoie, Mr. Northrup was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

#### **Committee Activities**

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts held a joint session with the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to receive and review the following:

#### January 16, 2019

Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick

Under review: Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2018, Volume II - Performance Audit and Volume III - Financial Audit.

Volume II presented performance audit reports on improving student performance and managing injured workers' claims. It also presented a follow-up on performance audit recommendations from prior years and a detailed status report of performance audit recommendations since 2014.

Volume III focused on New Brunswick's year-end financial results and matters arising from the annual financial audit of the provincial government and Crown agencies including understanding key financial audit issues and observations on the state of New Brunswick's financial condition.

The Committee held meetings in the Legislative Council Chamber on January 29, 30 and 31; and February 1, 5 and 6. The following entities appeared and answered questions concerning the years under review and Auditor General recommendations:

#### January 29, 2019

Vitalité Health Network

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission Years under review: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### January 30, 2019

Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation *Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018*New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation

Years under review: 2015, 2016, 2017

# January 31, 2019

Service New Brunswick

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Opportunities New Brunswick

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### February 1, 2019

WorkSafeNB

Year under review: 2017

### February 5, 2019

Ambulance New Brunswick

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

New Brunswick Power Corporation

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### February 6, 2019

Recycle New Brunswick

Years under review: 2015, 2016, 2017

Horizon Health Network

Years under review: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Ordered that the report be received, and leave granted.

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

March 26, 2019

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to submit this, their first report.

The report outlines the Committee's activities since it last reported during the Fourth Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Roger Melanson, M.L.A. Chair

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk convened a meeting of the Committee on December 11, 2018, and presided over the election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

On motion of Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Melanson was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Crossman, Mr. Fairgrieve was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

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The Committee held meetings in the Legislative Council Chamber on February 7, 8, 19, 20, 21 and 22. The following departments appeared and answered questions concerning the years under review and Auditor General recommendations:

### February 7, 2019

Treasury Board

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Department of Finance

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### February 8, 2019

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture *Years under review:* 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### February 19, 2019

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

### February 20, 2019

Department of Social Development

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

# February 21, 2019

Department of Justice and Public Safety *Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018* 

Department of Health

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

#### February 22, 2019

Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Years under review: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts last reported during the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. The following activities took place prior to the appointment of your current committee.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts held joint sessions with the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to receive and review the following:

#### November 23, 2017

Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick

*Under review: Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick* 2017 *Volume III – Special Examination, Volume IV – Financial Audit, and Volume V – Performance Audit.* 

Volume III presented the special examination on Residential Property Tax Assessments in Service New Brunswick.

Volume IV focused on matters arising from the annual financial audit of the provincial government and Crown agencies including observations on the financial condition of the Province.

Volume V presented the performance report on school district purchase cards, as well as a follow-up on recommendations from prior years' performance audit chapters.

### June 12, 2018

Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick Under review: Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2018 Volume I.

Volume I presented performance audit reports on WorkSafeNB governance and addiction and mental health services in provincial adult correctional institutions. The volume also presented the Auditor General's concerns on the province's continuing fiscal decline and the Auditor General's eroding independence due to a lack of resources.

Ordered that the report be received, and leave granted.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McKee

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the provinces with the highest obesity rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick seeks to promote healthy activities through Active Communities funding;

WHEREAS many local sports and leisure groups seek to use tax payer funded Department of Education and Early Childhood Development assets such as gymnasiums, sports equipment and sports fields, to promote sports and healthy active lifestyles; WHEREAS regulations require that two custodians be on site during all such activities;

WHEREAS school districts pass on these costs directly to the group hosting the healthy living activity;

WHEREAS these costs often make it prohibitive for small groups to take part in these healthy living physical activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to explore the feasibility of having the cost associated with the presence of two custodians covered directly by this government through Active Communities funding and/or the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Health and Social Development.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development recently announced he was cancelling the Confucius Institute, a Chinese cultural and language education program available in more than 28 New Brunswick schools and serving over 5400 students;

WHERAS numerous educators and students have also criticized the decision to cancel the institute made unilaterally by the Minister without even a review of the program;

WHEREAS in discussing the rationale for his decision, the Minister cited concerns allegedly expressed to him that the curriculum presented a "one-dimensional" view of China and influenced students to only perceive the country in a positive light;

WHEREAS the Minister expressed his personal views of the Institute stating that "Their job is to create a friendly, cheerful face for a government that is responsible for more deaths than nearly any other in the history of our species";

WHEREAS a former Canadian ambassador believes the New Brunswick government has poured "oil on the fire" of the "bilateral crisis" between Canada and China;

WHEREAS reacting to the Minister's decision and comments about China, in a statement Canada's Chinese embassy warned that the decision could negatively affect exchanges and cooperation between China and New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Minister cancelled a government to government contract which could send an alarming signal to other governments doing business with New Brunswick;

WHEREAS New Brunswick enjoys a mutually beneficial relationship with China through NB – China educational partnerships like Atlantic Education International and concerns have been expressed that such educational programs could be at risk of cancellation based on the Minister's views of China;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOVLED that the Legislature urge the government to not move forward with the cancellation of the Confucius Institute without undertaking a thorough review of the program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to remove all responsibilities of the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development from decision-making related to any educational partnerships with China.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

WHEREAS in 2012, the Report of the Second Language Task Force recommended that the entry point for French immersion be Grade 1;

WHEREAS leading expert literature on the subject suggests that children are more likely to be successful in learning a second language when it is introduced to them at a younger age;

WHEREAS in 2017, the previous government introduced the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS in December 2018, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development indicated the government was considering revisiting the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister cited concerns about the Grade 2 provincial reading assessment scores as supporting a decision to move the entry point to a later year;

WHEREAS there is no evidentiary basis to support the Minister's claims that reading assessments were related to early French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister then tried to justify his musings on moving the Grade 1 entry point with claims that there is a shortage of French immersion teachers:

WHEREAS the Minister launched an online public opinion survey on the issue that was widely criticized for being biased and containing leading questions to support the Minister's position;

WHEREAS public consultation on this important issue has been woefully inadequate;

WHEREAS instead of trying to manage issues of teacher resources and implementation, the Minister maintains the position that the only solution is to change the entry point;

WHEREAS teachers, parents and many others have expressed concerns about creating instability in the educational system if significant changes are made to the French immersion program;

WHEREAS there has been insufficient time to adequately measure the success of the program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to not move forward with changes to the entry point for immersion.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LePage:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in Canada:

WHEREAS bilingualism adds hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy each year;

WHEREAS French Immersion gives New Brunswick students the opportunity to learn a second language;

WHEREAS many students in predominantly anglophone or francophone areas may not have sufficient opportunity to practice their second language outside of the classroom;

WHEREAS technology exists today to create online portals that could see students from one of our linguistic communities mentoring students from another linguistic community and vice versa;

WHEREAS practice is important when learning a second language;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to explore the possibility of developing a pilot project that would reach across linguistic lines to pair up students from both official linguistic communities through an online portal as second language mentors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to report back to the House as to its progress in implementing the portal no later than May 31, 2019.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 13, 14, 15 and 16 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget until 4.30 p.m.; at which time the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 11 and 12; following which the House would consider Motion 34.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*, 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.

Accordingly, Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance 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 14, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Savoie, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget until 4.30 p.m.; at which time the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 11 and 12.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of the adjourned debate on the Budget had expired.

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

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Holland was not accompanied by the necessary staff to assist him with defending Bill 11. Hon. Mr. Holder spoke on the point of order. The Chair ruled the point not well taken as it was the Minister's prerogative to determine the staff required.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.06 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C., Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act. By Mr. Austin,

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

Ms. Rogers gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the provincial government has joined a lawsuit against the federal carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government has introduced Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act which will result in higher fuel prices for consumers;

WHEREAS to offset the costs associated with the federal carbon tax, the federal government brought forward the Carbon Action Incentive which could provide up to \$256 for a New Brunswick family of four;

WHEREAS the provincial government will receive upwards of \$9 million in HST as a result of increased fuel prices;

WHEREAS unlike the federal government, the province has not announced plans to provide New Brunswickers with a rebate or similar incentive despite the tax windfall it will receive;

WHEREAS when the previous government raised the HST, it provided the most generous HST rebate in the country leaving lower income families better off and middle-income families unaffected by the HST increase;

WHEREAS an HST rebate program is currently in place which would reduce the administrative costs of providing this additional tax relief;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to redirect all monies raised from HST on the

fuel price increase it has provided for under Bill 11 into refunds for New Brunswickers who will be facing higher fuel costs.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts for professional services, consulting, or similar services awarded since December 18, 2018, by applying an exemption under the *Procurement Act*, and copies of all personal service contracts entered into by the Office of the Premier and/or the Executive Council Office since November 9, 2018.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 31, 36 and 6.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget until 2 p.m.; at which time the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 11 and 12; following which the House would consider Motion 34; following which the House would consider an adjournment motion; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the government was not scheduling sufficient time to debate the Budget. Mr. Savoie spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker advised that the Standing Rules allocated a maximum of six days of debate on the Budget and did not address the amount of debate required each day. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken as he did not have the discretion to determine whether the amount of debate was sufficient.

Mr. Speaker requested that Hon. Mr. Wetmore withdraw the term "lazy" in reference to the Opposition, which he did.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed with Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of the adjourned debate on the Budget had expired.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, during consideration of Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act, Mr. Harvey moved an amendment to section 3.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 2.29 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.30 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson took the chair.

At 4.23 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 4.39 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, during consideration of Bill 11, Mr. Coon moved a sub-amendment to the amendment to section 3.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated on the following recorded division:

#### **YEAS - 20**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Landry	Mr. Lowe
Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. LePage	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	

### **NAYS - 23**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Ms. Š. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	

And the question being put on the amendment, it was defeated on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

# **YEAS - 17**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. McKee
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. D'Amours
Ms. Harris	Ms. LeBlanc	

# **NAYS - 23**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act. Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act. And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 34, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder:

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Orders of the House adopted November 21, 2018, and March 20, 2019, the House may sit on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Thursday, March 28, 2019, and shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

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.

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

Daily sitting 19

Thursday, March 28, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Landry, Member for Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to resolve the labour dispute between the Council of Nursing Home Unions and the Association of Nursing Homes by sending their agents to binding arbitration. (Petition 5)

Ms. Mitton, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to a quarry being created on PID 70075304. (Petition 6)

Ms. Landry gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure has a policy whereby roads in many rural areas are not plowed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.;

WHEREAS during or immediately following winter storms, this creates a difficulty for workers who work for companies that may operate in 24-hour operations and may need to be travelling;

WHEREAS the inability to move goods and employees from one location to another can have a significant negative economic impact and leave rural areas at an economic disadvantage;

WHEREAS this policy may also give rise to concerns of public safety as it may result in impeding transportation by emergency vehicles, first responders, police and the public dealing with situations of emergency in rural areas;

WHEREAS climate change has given rise to concerns that weather patterns may become more unpredictable and winter storms more frequent and severe;

WHEREAS the government will soon be negotiating collective agreements with CUPE related to plowing and winter maintenance schedules;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to revisit the policy of taking plows off the roads between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LePage:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation since November 9, 2018, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Health, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Ombudsman and any other government departments with respect to the Restigouche Hospital Center and the Youth Center of excellence mental health facility.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS our planet is on the precipice of an unprecedented crisis due to human-caused climate change;

WHEREAS according to a recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, if global emissions of carbon dioxide are not reduced by at least 45 per cent by 2030, reaching net zero by 2050, the climate catastrophe in which we now find ourselves will have passed the point of no-return;

WHEREAS hundreds of New Brunswick youth walked out of school on Friday, March 15, 2019, to take part in a Global Day of Action against climate change;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to modify school curricula to include education on climate science and climate change that reflects the reality of the situation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to cease its resistance of carbon-pricing programs.

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Thursday, April 4, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. DeSaulniers:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is struggling to find enough paramedics to meet the need for these medical professionals;

WHEREAS paramedics should be part of a union that better reflects the profession;

WHEREAS paramedics voted 98 percent in favour of changing their classification from non-medical to patient-care providers like other health-care professionals in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS changing the paramedics' classification will make higher pay rates possible therefore attracting more people to the profession;

WHEREAS paramedics should be paid more for the vital role they play within the provincial health-care system;

WHEREAS reclassification is a necessary and reasonable change to increase morale among New Brunswick paramedics and would provide them the opportunity to bargain within a unit which better reflects their role in service delivery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reclassify the bargaining unit of New Brunswick paramedics from non-medical to patient-care providers.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act. Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Mr. Lowe moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS heavy industry benefits from a number of tax exemptions in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS public institutions such as hospitals have much higher assessments than many significant industrial properties;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John commissioned reports entitled "Municipal Property Tax Issues in The City of Saint John" and "City of Saint John Fair Taxation Report" that raise concerns with these exemptions;

WHEREAS Bill 10 was introduced in the fourth session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature and Bill 9 in the current session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature to address these issues;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House direct the Standing Committee on Law Amendments to undertake a study, including hearing from experts and stakeholders, and report back to the House with recommendations on whether to reduce or eliminate any property assessment or property taxation exemptions or benefits that apply to heavy industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House direct the Standing Committee on Law Amendments to report back to the House with its recommendations within 120 calendar days of the adoption of this motion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and, upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 31 be amended:

By deleting the first and second whereas clauses and substituting the following:

"WHEREAS the New Brunswick property tax system has not been reviewed comprehensively in more than a decade;

WHEREAS inequities seem to exist in the current property taxation and assessment system;"

In the third whereas clause by deleting "these exemptions" and substituting "the property tax system";

In the fourth whereas clause by adding "some of" before "these issues";

By deleting the first resolution clause and substituting the following:

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to undertake a comprehensive property taxation and assessment review, working with the local governance sector, to modernize and improve the current property tax system."

By deleting the second and third resolution clauses.

Mr. Arsenault rose on a point of order and questioned whether the motion was amendable, and, if so, submitted the amendment was not in order.

At 3 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.07 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was amendable, and the amendment in question was in order as it was not foreign to the original motion, it simply proposed an alternative question for the consideration of the House.

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 defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 31 and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 36, Mr. Landry moved, seconded by Mr. Lowe:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stopped negotiating with CUPE on behalf of nursing home workers;

WHEREAS nursing home workers provide invaluable service in providing care for some of our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS nursing home workers deserve fair wages, and to have issues of recruitment and retention and staffing addressed;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition publicly announced that it was in support of binding arbitration as a means of resolving the labour dispute;

WHEREAS the Green Party and the People's Alliance subsequently announced their support as well for binding arbitration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes and provide the Association the assurances necessary for them to agree to enter into binding arbitration to resolve this dispute and enter into a collective agreement.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

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

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 36 be amended:

By adding following the resolution clause:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fully fund any collective agreement resulting from the binding arbitration process."

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

At 4.16 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.28 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Austin, seconded by Ms. Conroy, moved a sub-amendment:

### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

That the amendment to Motion 36 be amended:

By adding after "binding arbitration process" the following: "under the terms and conditions acceptable to all negotiating parties and the Province".

At 4.48 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.01 p.m. the House resumed.

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

At 5.44 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.51 p.m. the House resumed.

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

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

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Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

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 23 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

### **YEAS - 24**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fitch
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman

## **NAYS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Gallant
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

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

Mr. Savoie, 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. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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. C. Chiasson 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.

Mr. Savoie, 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.

Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the *Main Estimates 2019-2020* and the *Capital Estimates 2019-2020* be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy.

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

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Royal Assent take place.

His Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His 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 Deputy Clerk then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act*.

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act.

Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

# **YEAS - 24**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fitch
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman

# NAYS - 3

Mr. Coon Ms. Mitton Mr. Arseneau

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

And then, 10.30 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Mr. LePage to state that a Minister was "without a heart". Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and cautioned Members against personal attacks.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Hon. Mr. Flemming to state that Mr. D'Amours was not present for a committee meeting. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow the Premier to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to designate Waterford Road as a tourism route and to upgrade it as such. (Petition 7)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. S. Wilson,

Bill 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.

By Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, O.C.,

Bill 20, Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the government has announced the cancellation of the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle-Class programs instituted by the previous government;

WHEREAS this decision has been condemned by the New Brunswick Student Alliance, our post-secondary student councils and the university administrations citing concerns that it will reduce access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS students have categorized the decision as a lose-lose situation;

WHEREAS as a result of this regressive decision by the government, thousands of students who might attend post-secondary education will be unable to afford to do so;

WHEREAS many students who wish to pursue post-secondary education will have to seek part-time jobs and summer jobs in order to afford their tuition and other educational expenses;

WHEREAS this government has further reduced the opportunity for students to attend post-secondary studies by cutting the Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program which will result in far fewer summer jobs for students;

WHEREAS this will have a negative compounding impact on access to post-secondary education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to restore the funding to the SEED program to its 2018 level so that many of those students who rely on summer employment to pay for their post-secondary studies will be able to do so.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the findings of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change demonstrate that to avoid a more than 1.5 °C rise in global warming, global emissions would need to fall by around 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero by around 2050;

WHEREAS the devastating impact that volatile and extreme weather is already having on public health and safety, government finances, and the economy through flooding and intense storms, the spread of tick-borne diseases, and the decline in fisheries such as mackerel, crab and shrimp;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has failed to contribute to meeting biodiversity targets, with an alarming trend in species decline, and that the current forest management system is counterproductive to tackling those problems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly declare an environment and climate emergency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately implement New Brunswick's climate action plan and increase its ambition by establishing short-term targets for the roll-out of renewable energy and low carbon transport, and to move swiftly to capture economic opportunities and green jobs in the low carbon economy while managing risks for workers and communities currently reliant on carbon intensive sectors such as oil refining and coal-fired power production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to lay before the House within the next six months an implementation strategy for the climate action plan.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Bills 19, 20, 21 and 22 would be called for second reading.

And then, 3.02 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:

Air Quality Monitoring Results 2016,	
New Brunswick Department of	
Environment and Local Government	April 4, 2019
Response to Petition 5	April 8, 2019
Annual Report 2017-2018	-
Office of the Attorney General	April 9, 2019
Response to Petition 4	April 10, 2019
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 17	April 10, 2019
Annual Report 2018	-
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	April 11, 2019
Annual Report 2016-2017	•
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	April 12, 2019

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019

10 o'clock a.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. March 29, 2019.

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.

Mr. Landry welcomed to the House Mr. Kevin Vickers, recently elected Leader of the Liberal Party in New Brunswick.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Steeves made reference to a government study and should be required to table it in the House. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Hon. Mr. Flemming laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *New Brunswick Restigouche Hospital Centre and the Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth with Complex Needs, Report of the External Advisor, April 27, 2019, Prepared by G. Weber.* 

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

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

Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.

Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Prescription Drug Payment Act.

By Hon. Mr. Holland,

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act.

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

By Hon. Ms. Shephard, Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.

Mr. DeSaulniers gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS New Brunswick cannabis retailer reports \$11.7 million loss in the first year;

WHEREAS since the legalization of cannabis, New Brunswick had the steepest price increase, with users paying 30.5 per cent more in the last six months:

WHEREAS under the privatization model, private growers could solve the current supply and demand issues by increasing cannabis stock to retailers;

WHEREAS legalizing current growers would limit the illegal market sales and increase revenue to New Brunswick from the captured portion of the illegal market;

WHEREAS placing cannabis sales in the hands of the private sector would create business opportunities for entrepreneurs and more jobs for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS New Brunswick would enjoy significant revenue increases from a flat tax on the sale of cannabis to retail businesses without the expense of running retail operations;

WHEREAS privatizing cannabis will increase provincial revenue through licensing fees;

WHEREAS the free market cannabis sales model would allow for greater business opportunities for primary cannabis businesses such as agriculture opportunities, processing, manufacturing and sale of cannabis products, as well as ancillary businesses such as point of sale systems, payment processors, digital marketing, attorneys, accountants and more;

WHEREAS New Brunswick can use Alberta's successful privatization model to ensure this province creates a made-in-New-Brunswick blueprint for success;

WHEREAS overall research indicates cannabis privatization would result in great economic gains for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS privatizing NB Cannabis will create more jobs for New Brunswick through small businesses and business investments bringing more money to the province's economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of privatizing NB Cannabis placing the sale of cannabis in the hands of the private sector.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 9, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 39; other parties items.

Ms. Mitton gave notice of Bill 23.

Mr. Austin gave notice of Bill 18.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder: (Motion 50)

THAT the order referring Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act, to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be discharged and the Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Thursday, May 9, 2019, Bills 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 would be called for second reading.

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

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, May 9, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Landry welcomed to the House Mr. Donald Arseneault, former Liberal MLA for Dalhousie-Restigouche East (2003-2014), and Campbellton-Dalhousie (2014-2017).

Hon. Mr. Carr welcomed to the House Mr. Max White, former Confederation of Regions MLA for Sunbury (1991-1995).

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 14 be called for second reading; following which, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 14. An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

Ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 2.02 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 39, Mr. C. Chiasson moved, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

WHEREAS in 2012, the Report of the Second Language Task Force recommended that the entry point for French immersion be Grade 1;

WHEREAS leading expert literature on the subject suggests that children are more likely to be successful in learning a second language when it is introduced to them at a younger age;

WHEREAS in 2017, the previous government introduced the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS in December 2018, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development indicated the government was considering revisiting the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister cited concerns about the Grade 2 provincial reading assessment scores as supporting a decision to move the entry point to a later year;

WHEREAS there is no evidentiary basis to support the Minister's claims that reading assessments were related to early French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister then tried to justify his musings on moving the Grade 1 entry point with claims that there is a shortage of French immersion teachers;

WHEREAS the Minister launched an online public opinion survey on the issue that was widely criticized for being biased and containing leading questions to support the Minister's position;

WHEREAS public consultation on this important issue has been woefully inadequate;

WHEREAS instead of trying to manage issues of teacher resources and implementation, the Minister maintains the position that the only solution is to change the entry point;

WHEREAS teachers, parents and many others have expressed concerns about creating instability in the educational system if significant changes are made to the French immersion program;

WHEREAS there has been insufficient time to adequately measure the success of the program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to not move forward with changes to the entry point for immersion.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, moved in amendment:

### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 39 be amended:

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

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government that any decision on the entry point of French immersion be made within the context of a broader discussion on second language programming in the province."

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

At 4 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.14 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Arseneau, seconded by Ms. Mitton, moved a sub-amendment:

### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

That the amendment to Motion 39 be amended:

By deleting "that any decision on the entry point of French immersion be made within the context of" and replacing it with "to maintain the entry point of French immersion no later than Grade 1 and engage in".

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

At 4.46 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.52 p.m. the House resumed.

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

### **YEAS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Gallant
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

# **NAYS - 24**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fitch
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 39 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS in 2012, the Report of the Second Language Task Force recommended that the entry point for French immersion be Grade 1;

WHEREAS leading expert literature on the subject suggests that children are more likely to be successful in learning a second language when it is introduced to them at a younger age;

WHEREAS in 2017, the previous government introduced the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS in December 2018, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development indicated the government was considering revisiting the Grade 1 entry point for French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister cited concerns about the Grade 2 provincial reading assessment scores as supporting a decision to move the entry point to a later year;

WHEREAS there is no evidentiary basis to support the Minister's claims that reading assessments were related to early French immersion;

WHEREAS the Minister then tried to justify his musings on moving the Grade 1 entry point with claims that there is a shortage of French immersion teachers;

WHEREAS the Minister launched an online public opinion survey on the issue that was widely criticized for being biased and containing leading questions to support the Minister's position;

WHEREAS public consultation on this important issue has been woefully inadequate;

WHEREAS instead of trying to manage issues of teacher resources and implementation, the Minister maintains the position that the only solution is to change the entry point;

WHEREAS teachers, parents and many others have expressed concerns about creating instability in the educational system if significant changes are made to the French immersion program;

WHEREAS there has been insufficient time to adequately measure the success of the program; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government that any decision on the entry point of French immersion be made within the context of a broader discussion on second language programming in the province.

And the question being put, Motion 39 as amended 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. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fitch
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman

### **NAYS - 23**

Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Gallant
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	

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

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

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

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 42

May 8, 2019

Friday, May 10, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reduce greenhouse gases. (Petition 8)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Shephard,

Bill 29, An Act Respecting Research.

By Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.,

Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.

Bill 31, Official Notices Publication Act.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.

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

Bill 33, An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution.

Mr. D'Amours gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS a significant nursing shortage exists throughout the province;

WHEREAS projections show that, in the next 5 years, New Brunswick will lose upwards of 2,400 nurses due to retirements;

WHEREAS in each health region, nurses are on sick leave and stress leave due to overwork and stressful working environments as a result of the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are aggressively recruiting New Brunswick nurses;

WHEREAS hospitals have had to cancel services such as obstetrics due to the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS the government has failed to recognize that the nursing shortage has become a crisis;

WHEREAS there are several programs in the province that provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of family practitioners and medical specialists;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have incentives to recruit and retain nurses:

WHEREAS the government should take action to address the nursing shortage by supporting nurse training, recruiting nurses from other jurisdictions, developing incentive programs for recruitment and retention, and supporting New Brunswick nurses through measures such as flexible work schedules and a safe and quality work environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Nurses' Union, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, RHAs, l'Université de Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, community colleges, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy to train, recruit, retain, and support nurses.

Ms. Conroy gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS New Brunswick needs to change the organ donor program to an automatic organ donation system, with the option given to opt out of the program;

WHEREAS Canada has very low organ donation rates as there are only 20.9 donors per one million people compared to Spain that has 43.4 donors per one million and the United States which has 31 donors per one million people;

WHEREAS in 2015, of the approximately 267,000 deaths occurring in Canada, only approximately 150,000 or 56% happened in a hospital; and of the 150,000 deaths that happened in a hospital, only about 5,000 or 3% fulfilled the criteria to be a potential organ donor; and of these 5,000 potential organ donors, only about 650 or 13% went on to be actual organ donors, which resulted in about 1,995 transplants;

WHEREAS the lives of eight people can be saved by one organ donor;

WHEREAS one tissue donor could benefit up to 75 individuals;

WHEREAS introducing the automatic organ donation program will reduce the waiting list making sure all potential organ donors become an actual organ donor;

WHEREAS it is important and urgent to adopt an automatic organ donation program;

WHEREAS 20 people die each day waiting for a transplant in the US and, in Canada, one death every 1.25 days results from waiting for a transplant;

WHEREAS New Brunswick health care will save tens of millions of dollars a year with the automatic organ and tissue donation program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of changing the current organ donation program to an automatic organ donation system saving many lives and money in New Brunswick.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and questioned whether, once the 80 hours allocated for the consideration of estimates have expired, the government intended to present supplementary estimates during the session and, if so, would they be considered in committee. Mr. Savoie advised the House that any supplementary estimates presented would be subject to consideration.

And then, 10.50 a.m., the House adjourned.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Austin should withdraw his Member's Statement as it accused Mr. C. Chiasson of making certain remarks the previous sitting day that he did not make. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. DeSaulniers rose on a point of order and submitted that Ms. Harris referred to certain Members by name and not by riding or title. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Savoie, 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:

May 14, 2019

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 April 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, and May 7, 8 and 10, 2019, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 29, 2019.

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.:) Glen Savoie, M.L.A. Chair

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

# MAIN ESTIMATES, 2019-2020

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, 2020:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE A Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries  Less amounts authorized by law  Voted	ND FISHERIES 40,197,000 47,000 40,150,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD I	DEVELOPMENT
Corporate and Other Education Services	57,976,000
School Districts	1,121,881,000
Early Childhood Development	114,849,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	1,294,659,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVE	I OPMENT
Administration	7,931,000
Natural Resources	79,063,000
Energy and Mines	5,853,000
Land Management	3,724,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	96,524,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GO	WEDNIMENIT
Corporate Services and Community Funding	1,919,000
Local Government	137,005,000
Authorizations and Compliance	7,004,000
Environmental Science and Protection	3,602,000
Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and	3,002,000
Public Engagement	2,764,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	327,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	152,574,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat	2,756,000
Corporate Communications	4,301,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	346,000
Women's Equality Branch	3,199,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	2,630,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	13,185,000
	15,105,500

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOA	RD.
Budget and Financial Management	914,000
Financial Resource Management	10,740,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	12,398,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	6,670,000
Office of the Comptroller	3,104,000
Strategic Services	2,099,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	35,878,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	3,778,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	3,731,000
Commissions Daid to Callactors of Dari Mutual Torres	250,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	350,000 688,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	000,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies,	
and Supplementary Allowances	147,970,000
Less amounts authorized by law	170,000
Voted	147,800,000
Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service	2 015 000
and Head of the Public Service	2,015,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	334,359,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted	334,357,000
Provision for Losses	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	61,000,000
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Service New Brunswick	179,580,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	179,533,000
Supplementary Funding Provision	115,765,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	163,899,000
Medicare	671,880,000
Drug Programs	205,379,000
Part III Health Services	1,762,281,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	2,803,392,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OFFICE OF THE ATTOR	NEY GENERAL
Administration	1,301,000
Attorney General	20,452,000
Justice Services	25,432,000
Legal Aid	8,552,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	55,690,000
	22,020,000
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	9,137,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,272,000
Voted	4,865,000
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Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,740,000
Office of the Auditor General	3,322,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties	2,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted	2,094,000
Elections New Brunswick	6,560,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	5,892,000
Office of the Ombud	1,067,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	1,250,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	680,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	493,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	740,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,492,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted	1,425,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	15 022 000
Administration and Business Development Services	15,033,000
Financial Assistance	25,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	39,986,000

OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	398,274,000
Less amounts authorized by law	398,274,000
Voted	0
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Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,819,000
Labour and Employment Board	647,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	368,000
New Brunswick Women's Council	429,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities	298,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	N, TRAINING
AND LABOUR	
Labour and Strategic Services	11,015,000
NB Public Libraries	15,574,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	180,347,000
Adult Learning	9,452,000
Employment Development	13,584,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce	
Development Agreement	18,883,000
Labour Market Development	100,768,000
Population Growth	9,547,000
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	276,886,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	636,009,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services	5,702,000
Community Safety Division	53,186,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division	124,395,000
Security and Emergencies Division	44,172,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	227,408,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations	70,090,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	677,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	669,900,000
Voted	7,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT		
Corporate and Other Services	9,880,000	
Seniors and Long Term Care	547,011,000	
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	313,858,000	
Income Security	229,800,000	
Housing Services	91,423,000	
Wellness	5,400,000	
Other Benefits	37,783,000	
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000	
Voted	1,235,108,000	
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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CUL		
Administration	2,656,000	
Parks and Attractions	15,393,000	
Sport and Recreation	6,614,000	
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology	16,315,000	
Tourism	12,753,000	
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000	
Voted	53,684,000	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRA		
Administration	12,860,000	
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,190,000	
Maintenance	70,877,000	
Winter Maintenance	68,725,000	
Bridge and Highway Construction	3,002,000	
Buildings Group	132,364,000	
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	22,482,000	
Less amounts authorized by law	21,647,000	
Voted	289,853,000	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE A	ND FISHERIES	
Capital Equipment	100,000	
Strategic Infrastructure	200,000	
Voted	300,000	
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD!		
Public Schools – Capital Equipment	1,599,000	

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVEL Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement	LOPMENT 325,000
Capital Improvements	4,000,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	750,000
Land Purchase	1,500,000
Voted	6,575,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GO	VERNMENT
Local Service Districts	1,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	23,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND LABOUR	N, TRAINING
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	
Deferred Maintenance Program	2,000,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Canada-New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement.	5,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund-	3,000,000
Small Communities Fund	4,500,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	38,300,000
Voted	47,800,000
DEDARTMENT OF COCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements  Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance	3,000,000
Voted	12,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULT	TURE
Capital Improvements	2,590,000
Strategic Infrastructure	10,355,000
Voted	12,945,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRAS	TDIICTIIDE
Bridges	43,960,000
Highways	168,550,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program	10,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	52,575,000
Vehicle Management Agency	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	204,292,000
Less amounts authorized by law	45,053,000
Voted	448,324,000

# LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AN New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission Loan Programs	1,600,000 9,500,000 11,100,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK Financial Assistance to Industry	50,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND LABOUR	N, TRAINING
Student Loan Advances	65,000,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	4,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and	
Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted	5,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Housing	3,224,000
WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANG	CES
2019-2020	Voted (\$)
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	350,000
General Government	100,000
Health	1,225,000
Justice and Office of the Attorney General	15,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
WorkSafeNB Finance and Treasury Board Education and Early Childhood Development Health Voted	360,000 160,000 515,000 1,035,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
Energy and Resource Development	24,000
Environment and Local Government	3,000
Health	2,000
Justice and Office of the Attorney General	12,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	15,000
Public Safety	28,000
Social Development	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
Other (small advances)	4,000
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INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development	510,000
Health	8,830,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Public Safety	700,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

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.

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. DeSaulniers:

WHEREAS the government is best tailored to support New Brunswick businesses by eliminating barriers that hinder them from succeeding, expanding and building in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS support for businesses in New Brunswick needs to be the top priority as we do not have the same per capita demographics as other provinces in place to support growth;

WHEREAS in order to keep competitive pricing, we need multiple New Brunswick companies and factories to create pricing competition, which in turn creates a competitive market and not a monopoly; WHEREAS New Brunswick businesses and factories will generate profit and that generated profit will then go back into the New Brunswick economy;

WHEREAS the continued support and systems put in place will encourage growth for current New Brunswick companies and encourage new companies to open factories and businesses here, which in turn creates jobs;

WHEREAS the growth and building of these companies will encourage a population increase, as people will immigrate to our province and not emigrate;

WHEREAS the government should ensure that New Brunswick companies are not at any disadvantage due to current interprovincial trade agreements;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of assessing all aspects of the tendering and bidding and regulations applicable to New Brunswick companies that will inhibit their success and expansion as well as new companies that want to build their operations in New Brunswick.

Mr. DeSaulniers gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government needs to recognize and support voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police with a provincial tax credit to offset the increased travel expense due to the carbon tax;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police assist and support communities with no monetary gain;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police pay for their transportation costs to and from these emergency calls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to create a tax break for voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police similar to what the Nova Scotia provincial government has implemented for their voluntary firefighters.

At 2.45 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.50 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Bills 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 15, 16 and 17 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13 and 14.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, 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 to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Leblanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to certain points of order raised during the previous sitting day:

#### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

Yesterday, there were a number of points of order following Question Period. I will now address each one that was not resolved yesterday.

First, the Opposition House Leader submitted that the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake accused the Member for Victoria-La Vallée of making a Member's Statement in this House last Friday that he did not make. I reviewed both the statement by the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake and the entire item of Members' Statements last Friday, and the Opposition House Leader is correct, the Member for Victoria-La Vallée made no such statement.

When quoting a Member or characterizing what a Member may have said in this House and posting such allegations on-line, Members must be very careful when attributing remarks to a Member. I would ask all Members to be mindful of this in the future, and if an error is pointed out, I would suggest it may be appropriate to withdraw the offending statement.

As well, there is a well-established practice in this House that Members' Statements are not to be used to launch personal attacks against other Members. Members can question the policies of government or other parties, but not personally attack their fellow Members. The statement by the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake, and lately, statements by other Members, contained comments that could be considered personal attacks against other Members. This is not the practice of this House, and it will not be tolerated in the future.

Finally, the Member for Fredericton-York submitted that the Member for Miramichi Bay-Neguac made reference to the "Austin-Higgs government". It is a well-established practice that Members' names are not to be used in this Chamber. The only exception to this rule is the name of the current Premier, and that name only, followed by the word "government". I would ask all Members to respect this rule.

Mr. Austin rose and apologized for the error in his Member's Statement.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. C. Chiasson rose on a matter of privilege to complain that Mr. Austin posted the video of his erroneous statement on-line and requested that the video be removed and the record corrected.

Mr. D'Amours, Member for Edmundston-Madawaska Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to maintain access to nurse practitioners' private clinics. (Petition 9)

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: other parties items; Motion 36.

Ms. Mitton gave notice of Bill 23.

Mr. DeSaulniers gave notice of Bill 18.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 19, 20, 21 and 22 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act, a debate arose thereon.

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 Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Notice of Opposition Members' Business.

Mr. Arseneault gave notice that Motion 47 would follow Motion 36.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *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 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.05 p.m. the House recessed. At 1.05 p.m. the House resumed.

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, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 3.19 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.30 p.m. the Committee resumed with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 3.47 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 5 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act.

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act.

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act. Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Thursday, May 16, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.14 p.m. the House recessed due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system. At 1.26 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. D'Amours, Member for Edmundston-Madawaska Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to maintain access to nurse practitioners' private clinics. (Petition 10)

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act.

Bill 14. An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.23 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, the House divided as follows:

### **YEAS - 22**

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Landry	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Lowe
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Austin
Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	
Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc	

## **NAYS - 22**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	
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Hon. Mr. Flemming Hon. Mr. Carr

There being an equality of votes upon a division in the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 14, Mr. Speaker cast his deciding vote in

the affirmative.

Following a request by Mr. Savoie, Mr. Speaker gave the following reason for his vote:

### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

I do not have to give an explanation, but I will. This bill is going to committee. I have decided that it was not up to the Speaker to defeat or approve a bill. A committee of the Legislature is the right place to make this decision.

Accordingly, Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Electricity Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act, a debate arose thereon.

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 on the following recorded division:

## YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Mitton

Accordingly, Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Friday, May 17, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reduce greenhouse gases. (Petition 11)

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Crossman,

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Urquhart: (Motion 55)

WHEREAS public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to the health, safety and well-being of the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, employees and administrators, representing federal, provincial, territorial and local units of government, who are responsible for and must design, build, operate and maintain the transportation, water supply and wastewater systems, and public buildings and other structures and facilities essential to serve our citizens;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders of this province to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest in the public works needs and programs of their respective communities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly designate the week of May 19 to 25, 2019 as "National Public Works Week";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly join representatives of governmental agencies in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works engineers and administrators and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health and welfare.

At 10.42 a.m. the House recessed. At 10.53 a.m. the House resumed.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Savoie: (Motion 56)

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 and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission 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. Savoie, Hon. Ms. Shephard, Hon. Mr. Holland, Hon. Mr. Steeves, Mr. Horsman, Ms. Theriault, Mr. McKee, Ms. Landry, Ms. Mitton and Mr. DeSaulniers.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 33 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 19.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act, a debate arose thereon.

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 Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Prescription Drug Payment 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 Prescription Drug Payment Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, 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 Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances 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 to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution*, 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 Respecting the Public Health Information Solution, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 12.11 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 12.32 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 1.40 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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 35

May 16, 2019

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 29, 30, 31 and 32 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 20 and 21.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Research*, a debate arose thereon.

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 Respecting Research*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud, 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 Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *Official Notices Publication 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, *Official Notices Publication Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*, 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 to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 2.33 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 2.36 p.m. the Committee resumed with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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 20, Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.

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

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Response to Petitions 6, 7

May 21, 2019

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Horsman gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, June 6, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation since April 15, 2016, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General and any other government departments or Crown corporations and federal government departments and agencies with respect to the success of the Contraband Enforcement Unit including, but not limited to, the number of seizures of illegal contraband, the total value of all contraband seized, the value of foregone tax revenue from the sale of an amount of legal goods equivalent to the amount of the seized contraband goods.

Mr. Horsman gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, June 6, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation since November 9, 2018, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, and any other government departments or Crown corporations and federal government departments and agencies with respect to the decision to eliminate the Contraband Enforcement Unit.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 30, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 36, 8 and 47.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 27, 22 and 26.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 20, Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

At 11.20 a.m. the Committee recessed. At 1.05 p.m. the Committee resumed with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 3 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.28 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, during consideration of Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB, Mr. Arseneau moved an amendment to paragraph 6(1)(b).

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

### **YEAS - 17**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Mr. C. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. Landry	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Horsman
Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque	Mr. McKee
Mr. Harvey	Ms. Landry	Mr. D'Amours
Ms Harris	Ms Thériault	

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## **NAYS - 21**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman

At 4.56 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 5.04 p.m. the Committee resumed with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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 22, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Thursday, May 30, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Harvey made reference to the absence of a Member in the House. Mr. Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the remark, which he did.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. D'Amours withdraw his allegation that Hon. Mr. Cardy "misled" the House, which he did. Mr. Speaker also requested that Hon. Mr. Flemming withdraw various unparliamentary terms directed at Mr. D'Amours, which he did.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act. Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.08 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to the amendment to Motion 36, moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Ms. Conroy, as follows:

### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

That the amendment to Motion 36 be amended:

By adding after "binding arbitration process" the following: "under the terms and conditions acceptable to all negotiating parties and the Province".

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated on the following recorded division:

# **YEAS - 22**

Hon. Mr. Holder Mr. Savoie Hon. Mr. Higgs Hon. Mr. Steeves Hon. Ms. Shephard Mr. Austin Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson Hon. Mr. Carr	Hon. Mr. Urquhart Hon. Mr. Oliver Mr. Northrup Mr. Fitch Mr. Fairgrieve Mr. Crossman
Hon. Mr. Flemming		
Hon. Ms. Shephard Mr. Austin Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Wetmore Hon. Ms. M. Wilson Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Fairgrieve

## **NAYS - 25**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Landry	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Mr. Harvey	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amour
Ms. Harris	Ms. LeBlanc	Ms. Conroy
Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneau	Mr. DeSaulniers
Mr. Coon	Mr. Gallant	
Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment and it was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 36 and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

# **YEAS - 25**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Landry	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Mr. Harvey	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amour
Ms. Harris	Ms. LeBlanc	Ms. Conroy
Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneau	Mr. DeSaulniers
Mr. Coon	Mr. Gallant	
Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc	

### **NAYS - 21**

Hon. Mr. Holder Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason Hon. Mr. Gauvin	
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Hon. Mr. Urquhart Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard		Mr. Fitch
	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Crossman

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Mr. C. Chiasson moved, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on December 10, 2015, "I do not deny that we have too many hospitals. I realize we can be much better if we consolidate";

WHEREAS the now-Health Minister said on December 12, 2012,

"We have to look at the critical mass. We have to look at the needs. There is not a Costco in Perth-Andover either, because there would not be enough critical mass to sustain the place. Those are the things we have to look at. There is enough critical mass to provide a hospital. It will be a hospital. (...) Maybe that is the wrong word, but is there enough business to sustain the operation? If not, we cannot pay people \$400 000 to sit around when there is only enough work for one day a week. If you do not understand that, I cannot explain it any better. It is pretty basic arithmetic where I come from";

WHEREAS the Premier said on November 21, 2018, "We will look at all aspects of what we are planning, what has been planned, what is working, and what is not working, because we must";

WHEREAS rural hospitals provide important access to health care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the existing level of services in all of New Brunswick's regional and rural hospitals.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Flemming, seconded by Hon. Mr. Cardy, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 8 be amended:

By deleting the period at the end of the resolution clause and replacing it with the following:

", where clinically appropriate to fully meet the needs of the community."

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 8 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on December 10, 2015, "I do not deny that we have too many hospitals. I realize we can be much better if we consolidate";

WHEREAS the now-Health Minister said on December 12, 2012,

"We have to look at the critical mass. We have to look at the needs. There is not a Costco in Perth-Andover either, because there would not be enough critical mass to sustain the place. Those are the things we have to look at. There is enough critical mass to provide a hospital. It will be a hospital. (...) Maybe that is the wrong word, but is there enough business to sustain the operation? If not, we cannot pay people \$400 000 to sit around when there is only enough work for one day a week. If you do not understand that, I cannot explain it any better. It is pretty basic arithmetic where I come from";

WHEREAS the Premier said on November 21, 2018, "We will look at all aspects of what we are planning, what has been planned, what is working, and what is not working, because we must";

WHEREAS rural hospitals provide important access to health care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the existing level of services in all of New Brunswick's regional and rural hospitals, where clinically appropriate to fully meet the needs of the community.

And the question being put, Motion 8 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 47, Mr. Melanson, the seconder, moved on behalf of Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the government has announced the cancellation of the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle-Class programs instituted by the previous government;

WHEREAS this decision has been condemned by the New Brunswick Student Alliance, our post-secondary student councils and the university administrations citing concerns that it will reduce access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS students have categorized the decision as a lose-lose situation;

WHEREAS as a result of this regressive decision by the government, thousands of students who might attend post-secondary education will be unable to afford to do so:

WHEREAS many students who wish to pursue post-secondary education will have to seek part-time jobs and summer jobs in order to afford their tuition and other educational expenses;

WHEREAS this government has further reduced the opportunity for students to attend post-secondary studies by cutting the Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program which will result in far fewer summer jobs for students;

WHEREAS this will have a negative compounding impact on access to post-secondary education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to restore the funding to the SEED program to its 2018 level so that many of those students who rely on summer employment to pay for their post-secondary studies will be able to do so.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Holder, seconded by Hon. Ms. M. Wilson, moved in amendment:

## **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 47 be amended:

In the resolution clause by deleting the words after "urge the government" and substituting the following: "to increase the funding to the SEED program when appropriate and affordable".

Mr. 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.

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

Friday, May 31, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Landry used a prop when he displayed a newspaper advertisement in the House, which should not be permitted. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Arseneault requested unanimous consent to table the advertisement, and unanimous consent was denied.

Mr. Landry, Member for Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to prevent storage and commercial use in Poirier subdivision. (Petition 12)

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Thursday, June 6, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS Diabetes Canada estimates that, as of 2018, 9.3% of Canadians were living with diabetes;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is leading the country and is estimated to have the highest rate of diabetes in Canada, with 12.1% of people living with diabetes;

WHEREAS, according to estimates, one in three New Brunswickers is either living with diabetes or has prediabetes right now and this number is expected to grow over the next few years if no action is taken;

WHEREAS diabetes and the medical complications resulting from poorly managed diabetes are significant cost drivers in our healthcare system;

WHEREAS management of diabetes can represent a significant personal cost burden for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS government should not just focus on disease prevention and treatment, but should also use its best efforts to support persons with diabetes in managing their disease; BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the government to immediately renew the lapsed provincial Comprehensive Diabetes Strategy and to provide additional financial support for people living with diabetes to assist with the costs associated with diabetes medications, monitoring devices, blood glucose testing supplies, and insulin delivery devices that are not currently covered by the province.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 28 and 26.

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

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

At 12.09 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 12.14 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act. Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 1.07 p.m., the House adjourned.

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Steeves, 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. June 4, 2019.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2017-2018*, *Volume I*, of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2018, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act*, 1867, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd.:) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. Lieutenant-Governor.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Flemming used the phrase "idiot question", which was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and, in addition, requested that Mr. D'Amours refrain from engaging in personal attacks against Hon. Mr. Flemming when posing his questions.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to a planned cannabis grow-op on Picadilly Road. (Petition 13)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 35, Cooperatives Act.

Bill 36, Credit Unions Act.

Bill 37, Appropriations Act 2019-2020.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 37 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 37, Appropriations Act 2019-2020.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 37, Appropriations Act 2019-2020.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2017-2018, Volume I; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 33, 30, 31 and 32.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act.

Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allocate a maximum of 30 minutes for the consideration of the Supplementary Estimates 2017-2018, Volume I.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. 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, and had passed all remaining items.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2017-2018, 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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)	
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVE Land Management		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	10,151,527.18	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY Public Security	5,418,269.10	
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Elections New Brunswick	227,360.84	
OTHER AGENCIES New Brunswick Police Commission	100,567.46	
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND LABOUR	N, TRAINING	
Labour Market Development	1,121,275.57 2,368,511.40 3,489,786.97	
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Development Projects and Operations	13,836,457.50	
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Child Welfare and Disability Support Services Housing Services Voted	21,400,011.55 230,805.80 21,630,817.35	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRAS Winter Maintenance	STRUCTURE 9,993,877.20	
The said items were concurred in by the House.		
It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Bills.		
The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:		
By Hon. Mr. Steeves, Bill 38, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2017-2018 (1).		
Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 38 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.		

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 38, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2017-2018 (1).

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 38, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2017-2018 (1).

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, Bills 35 and 36 would be called for second reading.

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

At 4.37 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 4.42 p.m. the Committee resumed.

At 5.26 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 5.28 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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 33, An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution.

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

Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and requested that Mr. Landry refrain from using a prop, which he did.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Landry to table the following documents: letter entitled *The Carbon Tax: At the Pumps*, to Fuel Distributers and Business Owners, from the Minister of Energy and Resource Development dated May 6, 2019; and a sticker entitled *Federal Carbon Tax: At the Pumps*.

Hon. Mr. Carr laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *We can't afford a carbon tax*.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Cardy implied that a certain Member may have engaged in cannabis use. Mr. Savoie spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker advised the House that the comment was made in jest, however, if it was the will of the House to no longer allow such comments, he required further direction from the House Leaders.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, June 6, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 35 and 51.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 35 and 36 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 30, 31, 32, 29 and 21.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 33, *An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *Cooperatives Act*, 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, *Cooperatives Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *Credit Unions Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *Credit Unions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 12 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 1 p.m. the Committee resumed with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 1.34 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 1.42 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson resumed the chair.

At 4.50 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 5 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Research*.

Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.

Bill 31, Official Notices Publication Act.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Modernizing New Brunswick's Electoral Legislation, Elections New Brunswick, June 2019 June 4, 2019

Thursday, June 6, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Mr. Bourque to accuse the Premier of telling "half-truths". Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

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

June 6, 2019

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 June 6, 2019, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.:) Gary Crossman, M.L.A. Chair

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

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, June 13, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all briefing memos and Orders in Council regarding the lifting of the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing since November 9, 2018.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, June 7, 2019, Private Bill 34 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

Bill 29, An Act Respecting Research.

Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.

Bill 31, Official Notices Publication Act.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.15 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Mr. C. Chiasson moved, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents sent to departments by the Treasury Board indicating the adjustments made to their 2018-19 base budgets as a result of the 2019-20 budget process.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Steeves, seconded by Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, moved in amendment:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 35 be amended:

By adding after "process" the following: ", while maintaining cabinet confidence".

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 on the following recorded division:

## **YEAS - 22**

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Carr	
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Holland	

## **NAYS - 17**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 35 as amended as follows:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents sent to departments by the Treasury Board indicating the adjustments made to their 2018-19 base budgets as a result of the 2019-20 budget process, while maintaining cabinet confidence.

And the question being put, Motion 35 as amended was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

# YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Holland	Ms. Mitton

#### **NAYS - 17**

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 51, Mr. D'Amours moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS a significant nursing shortage exists throughout the province;

WHEREAS projections show that, in the next 5 years, New Brunswick will lose upwards of 2,400 nurses due to retirements;

WHEREAS in each health region, nurses are on sick leave and stress leave due to overwork and stressful working environments as a result of the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are aggressively recruiting New Brunswick nurses;

WHEREAS hospitals have had to cancel services such as obstetrics due to the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS the government has failed to recognize that the nursing shortage has become a crisis;

WHEREAS there are several programs in the province that provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of family practitioners and medical specialists;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have incentives to recruit and retain nurses;

WHEREAS the government should take action to address the nursing shortage by supporting nurse training, recruiting nurses from other jurisdictions, developing incentive programs for recruitment and retention, and supporting New Brunswick nurses through measures such as flexible work schedules and a safe and quality work environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Nurses' Union, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, RHAs, l'Université de Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, community colleges, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy to train, recruit, retain, and support nurses.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 51 be amended:

In the sixth whereas clause by deleting "the government has failed to recognize" and substituting "the government recognizes".

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

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

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

Friday, June 7, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Mitton, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to take further action on the Climate Change Plan. (Petition 14)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Cardy,

Bill 39, An Act Respecting Proof of Immunization.

On motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Bill 39 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Private Bill 34 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 35 and 36.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 34 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 12.25 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 12.32 p.m. the Committee resumed with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 35, Cooperatives Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

1.30 p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate all services and management of Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin. (Petition 15)

Ms. Mitton, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to maintain Murray Beach Provincial Park under provincial control and operation. (Petition 16)

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts for professional services, consulting, or similar services, awarded since March 28, 2019, by applying an exemption under the *Procurement Act*, and copies of all personal service contracts entered into by the Office of the Premier and/or the Executive Council Office since March 28, 2019.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all assistant deputy ministers and executive director positions within the government, the current incumbents in each position, and the incumbent in each position as of November 9, 2018.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all appointments made without competition under sections 15 or 16 of the *Civil Service Act* since November 8, 2018.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 39 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 35 and 36.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act Respecting Proof of Immunization*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. D'Amours, 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 39, *An Act Respecting Proof of Immunization*, 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. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 2.48 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.53 p.m. the House resumed.

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 3.37 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.47 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, 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 35, Cooperatives Act.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 36, Credit Unions Act.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 5.12 p.m., the House adjourned.

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Cardy withdraw the phrase "misled the House", which he did.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the phrase "buying votes" was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, June 13, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 51, 59 and 47.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 23 and 18.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 35, Cooperatives Act.

Bill 36, Credit Unions Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 11.29 a.m. the Committee recessed. At 11.36 a.m. the Committee resumed.

At 12.06 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 1.11 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that the Chair report Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act* as amended, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

Hon. Ms. Shephard

Mr. Austin

Ms. Conroy

Mr. Fairgrieve

Mr. Crossman

YEAS - 16		
Mr. Arseneault Mr. Melanson Mr. Landry Ms. Rogers Mr. Harvey Ms. Harris	Mr. Kenny Mr. Coon Ms. Mitton Ms. Thériault Mr. LePage Mr. Arseneau	Mr. K. Chiasson Mr. Horsman Mr. Lowe Mr. McKee
NAYS - 22		
Hon. Mr. Holder Mr. Savoie Hon. Mr. Higgs Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason Hon. Mr. Stewart Hon. Mr. Cardy Mr. DeSaulniers	Hon. Mr. Urquhart Hon. Mr. Oliver Mr. Northrup Mr. Fitch

At 3 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.15 p.m. the Committee resumed.

Hon. Mr. Wetmore

Hon. Mr. Carr

Hon. Ms. S. Wilson Hon. Mr. Holland

Hon. Ms. M. Wilson

At 3.28 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.34 p.m. the Committee resumed.

At 4 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 4.12 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

And that the Committee had directed that she report the following Bill as not agreed to as amended:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.* 

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker advised the House that Bill 23 would be removed from the Order and Notice Paper.

And then, 5.11 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:

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, June 14, 2019, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that, with unanimous consent, Bill 18 be called for third reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 18 be called for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

At 2 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 51, moved by Hon. Mr. Flemming, seconded by Mr. Savoie, as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 51 be amended:

In the sixth whereas clause by deleting "the government has failed to recognize" and substituting "the government recognizes".

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, moved a sub-amendment:

#### SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 51 be amended:

By adding before "the government recognizes" the following: "New Brunswickers are very concerned and want to ensure that".

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

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the amendment as amended and it was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 51 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS a significant nursing shortage exists throughout the province;

WHEREAS projections show that, in the next 5 years, New Brunswick will lose upwards of 2,400 nurses due to retirements;

WHEREAS in each health region, nurses are on sick leave and stress leave due to overwork and stressful working environments as a result of the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are aggressively recruiting New Brunswick nurses;

WHEREAS hospitals have had to cancel services such as obstetrics due to the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are very concerned and want to ensure that the government recognizes that the nursing shortage has become a crisis:

WHEREAS there are several programs in the province that provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of family practitioners and medical specialists;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have incentives to recruit and retain nurses;

WHEREAS the government should take action to address the nursing shortage by supporting nurse training, recruiting nurses from other jurisdictions, developing incentive programs for recruitment and retention, and supporting New Brunswick nurses through measures such as flexible work schedules and a safe and quality work environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Nurses' Union, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, RHAs, l'Université de Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, community colleges, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy to train, recruit, retain, and support nurses.

And the question being put, Motion 51 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 59, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS Diabetes Canada estimates that, as of 2018, 9.3% of Canadians were living with diabetes;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is leading the country and is estimated to have the highest rate of diabetes in Canada, with 12.1% of people living with diabetes;

WHEREAS, according to estimates, one in three New Brunswickers is either living with diabetes or has prediabetes right now and this number is expected to grow over the next few years if no action is taken;

WHEREAS diabetes and the medical complications resulting from poorly managed diabetes are significant cost drivers in our healthcare system;

WHEREAS management of diabetes can represent a significant personal cost burden for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS government should not just focus on disease prevention and treatment, but should also use its best efforts to support persons with diabetes in managing their disease;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the government to immediately renew the lapsed provincial Comprehensive Diabetes Strategy and to provide additional financial support for people living with diabetes to assist with the costs associated with diabetes medications, monitoring devices, blood glucose testing supplies, and insulin delivery devices that are not currently covered by the province.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Cardy, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve, moved in amendment:

#### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 59 be amended:

By deleting the resolution clause and substituting the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the government to develop a comprehensive approach to chronic disease prevention and management, within a broader primary health care framework in collaboration with the Regional Health Authorities and other key stakeholders."

Mr. 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. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson, moved a sub-amendment:

#### **SUB-AMENDMENT**

That the amendment to Motion 59 be amended:

By adding after "government to" the following: "renew the lapsed provincial comprehensive diabetes strategy and".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and it was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 59 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS Diabetes Canada estimates that, as of 2018, 9.3% of Canadians were living with diabetes;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is leading the country and is estimated to have the highest rate of diabetes in Canada, with 12.1% of people living with diabetes;

WHEREAS, according to estimates, one in three New Brunswickers is either living with diabetes or has prediabetes right now and this number is expected to grow over the next few years if no action is taken;

WHEREAS diabetes and the medical complications resulting from poorly managed diabetes are significant cost drivers in our healthcare system;

WHEREAS management of diabetes can represent a significant personal cost burden for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS government should not just focus on disease prevention and treatment, but should also use its best efforts to support persons with diabetes in managing their disease;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the government to develop a comprehensive approach to chronic disease prevention and management, within a broader primary health care framework in collaboration with the Regional Health Authorities and other key stakeholders.

And the question being put, Motion 59 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Guests and to allow the Premier of Alberta to briefly address the House during its proceedings.

Hon. Mr. Higgs welcomed to the House the Premier of Alberta, the Honourable Jason Kenney, following which Premier Kenney addressed the House.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 47, moved by Hon. Mr. Holder, seconded by Hon. Ms. M. Wilson, as follows:

### **AMENDMENT**

That Motion 47 be amended:

In the resolution clause by deleting the words after "urge the government" and substituting the following: "to increase the funding to the SEED program when appropriate and affordable".

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

And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.

Friday, June 14, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Mitton rose on a point of order and questioned whether the presence of a photographer on the floor of the House the previous sitting day was appropriate. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and advised that a process for approving such requests would be developed in the future.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide rural regions with access to high speed internet. (Petition 17)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition expressing frustration with health care in the province. (Petition 18)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. McKee, Bill 40, An Act Respecting Third Party Advertising.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 64)

THAT the following proceedings held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber be included in the Journal of Debates for the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick:

the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held from December 6, 2018, to January 23, 2019, to consider Bills referred to the Committee, and

the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held from April 9 to May 10, 2019, to consider the estimates referred to the Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 29, 2019.

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

On motion of Mr. Savoie, 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 19, 2019, 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.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 45, Mr. Coon rose to request an emergency debate on the potential issuance of permits for the spraying of glyphosate on Crown land.

#### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members.

The Member for Fredericton South and Leader of his Party has asked leave to introduce a motion for an emergency debate on the potential issuance of permits for the spraying of glyphosate on Crown land.

I received notice from the Member last evening, satisfying the two hours' notice requirement, which gave me an opportunity to consider the matter proposed for debate.

The issue of whether glyphosate should be sprayed on Crown land is certainly a matter of importance to Members in this House, and to all New Brunswickers in general. However, in considering whether to set aside the business of the House to consider the proposed motion, I must, in accordance with Standing Rule 45, consider the probability of the matter being brought before the House by other means.

In my opinion, the matter proposed for discussion does not satisfy the requirements of Standing Rule 46, in particular paragraph (a), which states that:

The right to move the adjournment of the House for the above purposes is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration;

The matter proposed for discussion does not, in my opinion, "relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration".

I would note that on November 21, 2018, the Member for Fredericton South gave notice of Motion 2, the purpose of which was to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over Crown land. On May 9, 2019, the Member had an opportunity to debate this motion, and chose not to.

As well, I would note that the Member chose today to raise this matter, on the last sitting day of the House, before we adjourn for the summer. He had ample opportunity to raise it at any time over the last several months, and again, chose not to.

Accordingly, based on these reasons, the matter will not go forward at this time.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House proceed with Royal Assent.

His Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His 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 Deputy Clerk then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

- Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*.
- Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act.
- Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.
- Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act.
- Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Bill 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.
- Bill 20, Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.
- Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.
- Bill 22, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act.

Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.

Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Research*.

Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.

Bill 31, Official Notices Publication Act.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgements Act.

Bill 33, An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution.

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.

Bill 35, *Cooperatives Act*.

Bill 36, Credit Unions Act.

Bill 38, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2017-2018 (1).

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His 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* 2019-2020. (Bill 37)

## His Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

His Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 12.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Mr. Premier Blaine Higgs, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly,

We have gathered here this morning for the prorogation of the second session of the 59th Legislative Assembly. With the closure of this session comes the appreciation of all that has been accomplished over this past year, and these accomplishments have not come without cooperation, consensus, and leadership.

This session represents the first full session of a minority government in our province since 1920, and I applaud the members for finding ways of working together to govern this province for the betterment of its people and its communities.

I encourage you to continue your efforts on behalf of all New Brunswickers during the session that begins this afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your public service and dedication to the people of New Brunswick. I know that serving in this House as a representative for your respective communities is a calling that often means long hours and time away from your home and families.

However, thanks to you, our province is better able to meet its challenges.

The people who have chosen you to be here to make decisions on their behalf have high expectations that you will serve them well. As you enter into debate, I hope that you will remember the very important goals that you share. I know you all want what is best for your individual communities and the province as a whole. That is what brought you here. I know you do not always agree on what best looks like or the best way to get there, but it is so important to take the time to listen and to hear each other, to respect different points of view, and to debate those views with

an open mind and open ears. You have been given great responsibility to look after the best interests of New Brunswick. You are stewards of the land, the resources, and, most importantly, the welfare of people from all walks of life.

The decisions you make here will have effects on the quality of life for New Brunswickers, not only today, but for generations to come. Do not take that responsibility lightly.

I know that you value each other's opinion and input, and I hope you will maintain the civility and dignity that comes with the vital duty that is bestowed upon you. I encourage you to show respect for the parliamentary conventions that underpin our democratic system. Not only do they represent the pleasantries of tradition, but also they provide an important operational framework for the functioning of the House.

I am confident that, as we open the third session of the 59th Legislature this afternoon, you will reflect the dignity of this historic Chamber in your actions, your decisions, and your decorum.

The New Brunswick of today and tomorrow is relying on your vision and your leadership.

Now, with the completion of the business of the second session of this 59th Legislative Assembly, it is my responsibility and my privilege to issue the command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, that this Legislature stand prorogued.

May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

Thank you.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.15 a.m.

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