



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Third Session, 60th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 3
Thursday, October 19, 2023

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate adjourned by Ms. Holt.

Debate to resume on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 2, An Act to Repeal the Beverage Containers Act – Hon. Mr. Crossman

Bill 3, An Act Respecting the Fisheries Bargaining Act and the Industrial Relations Act
– Hon. Ms. Dunn

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act – Hon. Ms. M. Wilson

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 1 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 26, 2023:

WHEREAS, on September 20, the Premier of New Brunswick told protesters outside the Legislative Assembly, “children are being taught to lie to their parents” by teachers;

WHEREAS that statement by the Premier of New Brunswick was disrespectful to teachers;

WHEREAS the teachers of New Brunswick play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our province through their dedication and hard work in educating our children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier of New Brunswick to issue a formal apology to the teachers of New Brunswick.

Motion 2 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 26, 2023:

WHEREAS the Human Development Council reported that there are at least 560 unhoused people living in New Brunswick's three major cities who cannot be housed with significant support mechanisms;

WHEREAS British Columbia offers complex care housing, which provides an enhanced level of health and social supports to address the needs of people who have overlapping mental health and substance use issues, trauma, or acquired brain injuries who are often left to experience homelessness or at risk of eviction;

WHEREAS there is limited peer-supported housing with wrap-around services for homeless people or people at risk of becoming homeless in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS providing wrap-around services such as mental health support, addiction treatment, employment assistance, and case management is crucial to preventing more New Brunswickers from experiencing homelessness and addressing the complex needs of homeless individuals;

WHEREAS a comprehensive and holistic approach to homelessness can significantly reduce the strain on social services, healthcare, and law enforcement while promoting community well-being;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to fund and implement a comprehensive program for peer-supported housing for the homeless, along with wrap-around services to address their diverse needs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to set targets and measurable outcomes to gauge the success of this program, with regular reporting to the public.

Motion 3 by Mr. Arseneau, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 26, 2023:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are facing financial challenges due to the rising costs of gasoline, which are affecting their daily lives, commuting, and overall cost of living;

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimated that the average New Brunswick household is expected to pay at least \$501 more on gas per year;

WHEREAS the Higgs government authorized a new tax to be added to regulated fuel prices to force consumers to pay for Irving Oil's additional costs in complying with the federal clean fuel regulations;

WHEREAS the Higgs government gas tax has added as much as seven cents for a regular unleaded litre of gasoline since its introduction on July 1, 2023, making New Brunswick's gasoline among the most expensive in Canada;

WHEREAS there was no need for the Higgs government to make it legally possible for Irving Oil to pass the costs for cleaning up their petroleum products to New Brunswickers since there was a 36-cent increase in refinery margins in New Brunswick between 2019 and 2022;

WHEREAS the Energy and Utilities Board plans to review the Higgs government's gas tax formula after six months of its implementation;

WHEREAS there is no way for customers who have been paying the Higgs government gas tax to get their money back if, after its review, the Energy and Utilities Board finds that the tax was too high or unnecessary;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately eliminate the Higgs government's tax on gasoline prices.

Motion 4 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Arseneau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 26, 2023:

WHEREAS consecutive Liberal and Conservative governments have implemented policies to centralize the management of New Brunswick's healthcare system;

WHEREAS the decentralization of our healthcare system will provide better decision-making that reflects local realities, allowing for more responsive and effective healthcare services;

WHEREAS involving local decision-making can improve healthcare services, increase community engagement, and lead to more innovative solutions to address healthcare issues at the grassroots level;

WHEREAS an Angus Reid Institute survey, in collaboration with the Canadian Medical Association, indicates that New Brunswickers' dissatisfaction towards the province's management of the healthcare system was the highest in Canada, with a combined 82% saying they are either "moderately" or "very dissatisfied";

WHEREAS the same survey shows that 82% of New Brunswickers feel that the overall quality of healthcare in New Brunswick has deteriorated over the past 10 to 15 years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate locally elected board members for the Regional Health Authorities boards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to re-establish the essential role of hospital administrators to manage their local hospitals, in collaboration with the medical and non-medical staff who work there.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Ms. Mitton, October 18, 2023.

Petition 2: Ms. Mitton, October 18, 2023.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

Independent auditor's report for the Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Oliver, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, October 18, 2023)

Shayne Davies
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly