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**THE HONOURABLE GRAYDON NICHOLAS,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Wednesday, November 23, 2011

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the first session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the twenty-third day of November, 2011 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the second session of the fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-third day of November, 2011 at 2:00 in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 11th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven, and in the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Marie-Claude Blais, Q.C.
Attorney General

Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests and fellow New Brunswickers.

Welcome to the opening of the Second Session of the 57th Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

The autumn is a time of change, as we say goodbye to the warmth of summer and prepare for the snow and splendour that is a New Brunswick winter.

This throne speech marks the beginning of the legislative year and the continuation of your government's work to support a stronger economy and enhanced quality of life while living within our means.

As we begin this session, we congratulate former MLA and leader of the opposition Bernard Valcourt on his election as Member of Parliament for Madawaska-Restigouche and former MLAs and cabinet ministers Keith Ashfield and Rodney Weston on their re-election as the MPs for Fredericton and Saint John. We also congratulate Mr. Valcourt and Mr. Ashfield on being named to the federal cabinet.

Celebrations

Last month, 10 more distinguished New Brunswickers were inducted into the Order of New Brunswick. The inductees recognized this year are: Lord Beaverbrook, Marjorie Cockburn, Patrick Darrah, Robert Frenette, S. Paul Handa, Jacques LaForge, Gilmond Larocque, Léo-Paul Pinet, Jessica Ryan, and Donald Savoie.

Six accomplished New Brunswickers were invested into the Order of Canada. Former lieutenant-governor Herménégilde Chiasson was made an officer of the order and Marc Chouinard, John McLaughlin, Shirley Bear, Larry Nelson, and former senator Erminie Cohen were made members.

A number of soldiers from New Brunswick received decorations for valour and meritorious service from Governor General David Johnston over the past year. Pvt. Tony Rodney Vance Harris received the Medal of Military Valour and Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Gérard Joseph

Poitras and Maj. Russell Neal Washburn received the Meritorious Service Medal.

In addition, Brig. Gen. James Baxter Simms was made an Officer of the Order of Military Merit and Captains Paul Henry Hartinger, John Douglas Hill and William English Moore; Chief Warrant Officers Jean-Paul Savoie, Anthony Slack and Gary Bradley Biggar; Master Warrant Officers Donald Tupper and Robert Paul Bartlett; Warrant Officer Patrick Love; and Sgt. Thomas William Hale were made Members.

We welcome Col. Paul Rutherford as the new commander of 3 Area Support Group Base Gagetown and Col. Dave Corbould as the new commander of the Combat Training Centre.

Three New Brunswick peace officers were inducted into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces in 2011: Staff Sgt. Jean-Marc Collin, Moncton RCMP; Chief Stephen McIntyre, Rothesay Regional Police Force; and Staff Sgt. Stephen Patterson, Saint John Police Force.

As well, five New Brunswickers were honoured by the Governor General with the medal of bravery for their courage and heroism this year: Steve Degrace of Beresford; Monique Gagnon of Petit Rocher; André Maillet and Robert Maillet of St. Thomas de Kent; and Krista Dorothy Girvan of Edmonton and Riverview.

Nancy Hartling of Riverview, a passionate advocate for women, focussing on domestic violence and poverty, also received the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Persons Case.

Congratulations to the New Brunswick athletes and para-athletes that competed for Team Canada at major international events in 2011: Jay Johnson of Saint John – Baseball; Eric Feunekes and Shawn Daye-Finely of Fredericton – Wrestling; and Jacob Kilpatrick of Saint John – Indoor Volleyball competed at the 2011 Pan American Games last month.

At this month's 2011 Parapan American Games, Shane Dobson of Campbellton competed in Athletics and Dave Durepos of Charters Settlement in Wheelchair Basketball. Mr. Durepos also had the honour of being flag bearer for Team Canada at the games' opening ceremony.

As well, Jeff Sinclair of Charters Settlement and Chauncey O'Toole of Belleisle competed for Canada at the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

Team New Brunswick won 16 medals, including two gold, five silver and nine bronze, at the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax. We congratulate all our young athletes who represented our province at this national event.

New Brunswick was proud to host the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting in Moncton this past July. Over 600 First Nations communities from across Canada were represented with over 2,000 participants taking part.

We honour Herzl Kashetsky of Saint John, who received the 2011 Strathbutler Award for excellence in the visual arts and Herménégilde Chiasson, who received the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize in the arts, the first Acadian to receive this prestigious honour.

As well, I recently had the pleasure of presenting the Lieutenant-Governor's Awards to France Daigle of Moncton for High Achievement in French Language Literary Arts; Yvon Tilmon Gallant of Moncton for High Achievement in the Visual Arts and Patrick Clark of Fredericton for High Achievement in the Performing Arts (theatre).

Finally, we congratulate the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra on its history-making first place performance in the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna this past July. Their incredible achievement is all the greater because it marks the first time a Canadian orchestra has risen above all competition at this prestigious festival. Each of these 68 young musicians can be proud of their accomplishment, their musical ability and their representation of our province and our country on the world stage.

Over the past few years, the Bay of Fundy has been part of a global campaign to recognize it as one of the top Wonders of Nature. We thank all those who voted and congratulate all those who worked hard to promote the Bay of Fundy.

Condolences

We pause to remember Lawrence Garvie, former speaker, cabinet minister and MLA for Fredericton; Azor LeBlanc, who served the people of Shediac in this Chamber for many years; and former MLA, lifelong community leader and mayor of Saint John Eric Teed.

We also take a moment to remember federal Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the New Democratic Party Jack Layton, who passed away this summer, as well as retired chief justice of New Brunswick and former provincial conflict of interest commissioner Stuart Stratton.

New Brunswick lost a number of community and business leaders this year. Wallace McCain passed away in May and Richard Oland in July. Long-time St. Martins mayor Jim Huttges passed away in August. Moncton's well-known and regarded general manager of economic development, culture and tourism, Ian Fowler and former world junior curling champion Jim Sullivan, passed away earlier this month. These

leaders made significant contributions to their communities and to our province and we honour their legacy and their accomplishments.

A New Foundation

The last few years have seen significant and difficult changes which have impacted the people of New Brunswick. It is no longer business as usual. Our economy is adjusting to international forces, our population is shifting, and our expectations are increasing with new standards and technology. As a province, we are learning to live within this new reality which can sometimes bring disappointments as well as opportunity.

Over the next twelve months, your government will continue to lay a new foundation for New Brunswick. This will be achieved with an economic development strategy that will move our workers from “hope wanted” to “help wanted” with investments in job opportunities. Families will be supported with renewed programs and services which will provide new tools to help us overcome poverty together, increase access to primary health care and provide quality education for the next generation. And, finally, this new foundation will be supported by a government that is innovative, equitable and sustainable, following the largest public-sector engagement exercise in the history of New Brunswick.

Investing in Jobs

While supporting families and getting government’s house in order are critical to building this new foundation, they will not in themselves ensure economic growth. Ultimately, New Brunswick needs a robust economy to create the quality jobs, employment income and revenues required to deliver public services. It needs a pro-active, made-in-New Brunswick economic strategy that will invest in high-growth opportunities and ensure our labour force has the skills to match industry’s needs so we can have more people working.

The Department of Business New Brunswick will identify opportunities for growth and develop focused strategies for investment in sectors. These strategies will complement existing strategies in traditional sectors of the economy as well as charting a course for developing emerging, knowledge-based opportunities.

This is not to suggest that projects in other sectors will be excluded from consideration, but rather, the focus will be on the potential for growth. This potential will be measured in terms of above-average paying job opportunities, higher-than-average investment in research and development, higher-than-average productivity, and higher-than-average value-added export potential.

Innovation will be an important part of rebuilding New Brunswick's economy. As more of our companies compete globally, we need to foster innovation and create more opportunities to grow the economy. That is why your government has created a working group on innovation, including academic and private sector leaders, to bring forward recommendations on improving our efforts on innovation, research and development.

Some activities, such as the establishment of an Atlantic Venture Capital Fund to improve access to capital for emerging, high-growth knowledge industries, are well underway. Other action items will be implemented once details are finalized over the coming months and the provincial economic development framework and delivery model is unveiled.

As part of your government's re-energized and refocused approach to economic development, Invest New Brunswick was officially launched on September 20.

Your government has also been working hard to fulfill commitments for Northern New Brunswick, creating two new economic development and innovation funds totalling \$250 million for Northern New Brunswick and the Miramichi region. These funds will focus on five priority areas: growth and development capital; adoption of information and communication technology; research, development and innovation; improving strategic infrastructure; and advanced workforce development.

Your government has consulted with stakeholders on changes to the *Public Purchasing Act* that are required to modernize the legislation, keep pace with changes to trade agreements and give New Brunswick-based business increased opportunities to bid on provincial government contracts. Due to the scope and magnitude of the changes required to current legislation, a new Act, the *Procurement Act*, will be introduced. This Act will enhance competitive opportunities for New Brunswick companies and ensure maximum value for public funds is realized.

Moving goods and people safely and efficiently to and from their destinations is a key element in fostering a strong and vibrant economy. Because of this, your government will continue to invest in strategic transportation infrastructure. As members will see in the three-year Capital Budget to be tabled during this session, your government will continue work to complete a number of major highway improvement projects that will provide safe and efficient transportation throughout the province.

Working in partnership with the federal government, the other Atlantic provinces and private-sector stakeholders, your government will continue to promote the strategic benefits the Atlantic Gateway and Trade Corridor can offer to international business and trading partners.

New investment will ensure New Brunswick is poised to grow international air cargo and cruise passenger opportunities.

In connection with, among other things, the objective of attracting out-of-province investments through trade missions and increasing the number of immigrants to New Brunswick, your government will make structured, targeted efforts to build on our international operations and networks for the benefit of our province.

Persons with disabilities are ready, willing and able to help New Brunswick overcome its labour force challenges. Your government has recently formed a committee composed of non-profit agencies, employers and government whose mandate will be to develop an Employment Action Plan for Persons with a Disability with the goal of increasing the number of persons with disabilities in the labour market.

Your government is committed to investing in our greatest resource: our people. This year, your government will be moving forward with its platform commitment to ensure predictable, multi-year funding for universities and predictable tuition for students. As well, work is underway to ensure government and universities can report to the public on the outcomes of public investments in universities, including graduation and employment outcomes.

Your government remains committed to modernize our provincial parks. Planning has already commenced for an on-line reservation system which will make it easier for visitors to experience our provincial parks.

In the past year, your government has worked with federal partners to support restructuring of the lobster fishing fleet and the shrimp fleet by reducing the number of licences to provide greater economic sustainability in the industry. Efforts towards fleet rationalization will continue in 2011-12 by finalizing purchase agreements in the ground fish fleet.

Research and development efforts are helping to explore new and emerging markets to support species diversification. In partnership with the salmon aquaculture industry and federal partners, your government will continue to invest in the development of an integrated pest management framework and research on alternative products for the management and control of sea lice.

Your government will support development of new crop opportunities for New Brunswick farmers. These opportunities will be developed through targeted assistance associated with land development, risk reduction and productivity enhancement.

Your government recognizes that 2011 has presented serious challenges for many farmers in New Brunswick due to the unfavorable weather conditions that prevailed throughout the growing season. Your government will continue to work with agricultural producers and the Government of Canada to help affected farmers recover from the severe losses they experienced.

Over the coming year, government will work with partners to develop the *Growing Forward 2 Multilateral Framework Agreement* based on the principles agreed to in the *St. Andrews Statement* held here in New Brunswick in July 2011. Growing Forward 2 will be an important component to help agriculture meet the challenges and opportunities of 2020 and beyond.

Your government is committed to improving delivery of farm fuel tax exemptions and rebates. Discussions with the farming industry have resulted in a significant improvement in the delivery of this program.

Your government has been working with industry to design a digital media incentive to help encourage economic growth and job creation in this important sector of the new economy. Details of this new program will be announced as part of the 2012-13 Budget.

Last month, your government released a 10-year Energy Blueprint with an important vision – protecting New Brunswick families and industry by lowering costs, creating efficiencies and making the right choices to keep rates competitive and stable, while meeting our responsibilities to the environment in a balanced and incremental manner. This vision will drive decision-making in the energy sector.

One of the earliest and key actions of the blueprint will amalgamate the NB Power group of companies into a single vertically integrated Crown utility. This amalgamation will include the dissolution of the NBSO and migration of system operator functions back to NB Power. Work will be conducted over the next year to develop the necessary changes to the *Electricity Act* for the consideration of this Assembly.

Your government will bring qualifying large industrial companies' electricity costs in line with their Canadian competitors by implementing a Large Industrial Renewable Energy Purchase Program by bringing forward the necessary amendments to the *Electricity Act* during this session of the Legislative Assembly. This initiative by your government will ensure competitiveness and rate predictability for many of New Brunswick's largest employers, while at the same time protecting thousands of jobs.

Your government will support small-scale renewable energy projects, integrate current and future wind generation in the most cost-effective and efficient manner, and support promising solar, bio-energy and other

emerging renewable energy technologies. Also, the Department of Energy will develop and implement policies to optimize the energy output from our province's wood-based biomass resources.

Your government will require minimum energy efficiency standards for new building construction in New Brunswick by adopting national standards and will amend the *New Brunswick Building Code Act* to create the authority to do so.

Over the next year, your government will perform a comprehensive review of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Regulations to ensure it continues to foster price stability while ensuring the lowest possible price to the consumer without jeopardizing continuity of supply.

Your government has already begun restructuring the Energy and Utilities Board to consist of full-time members. Also, your government will appoint a full-time public energy advocate to replace the system of ad-hoc appointments of public interveners. Legislative amendments to the *Energy Utilities Board Act* will be developed over the next year.

Your government will review the natural gas rate structure and distribution network to achieve a more equitable rate structure. With natural gas prices at historic lows, it is unacceptable that New Brunswickers are faced with the highest natural gas distribution rates in North America.

Your government will also work to improve access to natural gas throughout the province to help our companies reduce their energy costs. Amendments to the *Gas Distribution Act* will be brought forward as required to meet these objectives.

The oil and natural gas industry is not new to New Brunswick. The oil and natural gas industry has been contributing to our provincial economy for many decades and that continues to this day, with 30 natural gas wells producing in the Sussex area and 16 oil wells in the Elgin area.

As we look to 2012 and beyond, your government anticipates continued oil and natural gas activity and exploration in our province and will continue to provide strong leadership on this file.

As it continues to explore New Brunswick's potential in further developing the oil and gas sector, your government has maintained a strong and parallel focus on the protective measures necessary to ensure responsible development.

Your government is developing a comprehensive action plan to ensure that New Brunswick has a strong regulatory regime in place that includes robust monitoring and enforcement mechanisms. This

regulatory structure will also ensure that the economic benefits of oil and gas exploration and development are maximized for all New Brunswickers.

Your government recognizes there are technologies being used to develop this resource about which New Brunswickers are seeking more information. We will continue to ensure New Brunswickers have all the information they need to make an informed decision on this opportunity.

To meet this need, a multi-disciplinary team of experts from across government have worked collaboratively over a number of months to identify areas requiring either new or more specific measures to protect human health, drinking water and societal interests.

The work of this group will result in an Environmental Protection Plan identifying immediate, intermediate and longer-term actions to ensure New Brunswick is positioned to protect citizens and their property as well as the vital aspects of our shared environment.

Government will prioritize and adopt these actions incrementally so as to anticipate next stages in development of the oil and gas sector, and will move quickly to adopt the first phase of measures in the spring of 2012.

The forest industry continues to be a cornerstone of the New Brunswick economy. In the coming months, your government will announce its 2012 Forest Management Strategy taking into consideration the recommendations of both the Private and Crown Land Task Forces.

Your government will reaffirm its commitment to the Canadian military and armed forces reservists in New Brunswick by enhancing existing leave for reservists' rules under the *Employment Standards Act*. In addition to extending job protection during a leave of absence to all classes of reservists, your government will introduce specific provisions in legislation to facilitate unpaid leaves of absence for reservists' annual training.

Your government will introduce amendments to the *Securities Act*. These amendments include harmonized and enhanced provisions to permit the recognition of credit rating organizations, the recognition of auditor oversight bodies and the ability to adopt the use of International Financial Reporting Standards.

Over the years, government has responded to public concerns by developing a robust regulatory regime to protect our province and its residents and to guide development of our economy and resources. In the coming months, a Smart Regulation System will be developed to guide development of New Brunswick regulations.

Healthy Families and an Enhanced Quality of Life

To support the development of the next Provincial Health Plan and the health minister's reform of the health care system, your government has started a Premier's Dialogue with Citizens on the Sustainability of the Health Care System. This public consultation will inform New Brunswickers and engage them in the challenges and opportunities for renewal of our health care system.

Your government recognizes that primary health care is the cornerstone of a strong health care system. Recently, a Primary Health Care Summit was held to produce a shared vision for improving primary health care services in New Brunswick. The response to the summit has been overwhelmingly positive and the ideas generated will inform a strategic action plan. Your government will receive recommendations in 2012 from the Primary Health Care Steering Committee that will contribute to the development of this plan.

The current Provincial Health Plan expires at the end of 2012 and your government has already begun to lay the groundwork for the next plan. Consultations will be conducted not just with health care partners and stakeholders, but with all New Brunswickers on the future of our health care system.

Your government remains focused in its continued support for early learning and child care despite the difficult economic challenges. Based on extensive consultation with stakeholders, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will address necessary changes to the un-proclaimed *Early Learning and Child Care Act* to further advance New Brunswick as a leader in early childhood development.

As part of your government's commitment in *Putting New Brunswick First*, a task force has been created to review the decision to change the entry point of Early French Immersion. A comprehensive consultation process with parents, teachers and interested organizations is occurring throughout the province. Following this consultation, the four-member task force will make recommendations to government in early 2012.

In addition, your government will continue to work closely with le Groupe d'action sur l'école francophone on the recommendations of the Gino LeBlanc Commission.

Following consultations with various stakeholders and extensive site visits in schools, your government will announce a plan to address inclusion in our school system. This plan will help refocus government's efforts to ensure a consistent approach in inclusion practices throughout the province and that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

A citizen-led engagement initiative on learning and innovation, called *Learning: Everybody's Project*, was launched last year with the goal of making New Brunswick 'The Learning Province' of Canada. A second phase of consultation, consisting of a series of public dialogue sessions, will begin in January 2012.

Your government remains committed to working with New Brunswickers to overcome poverty together. While government must address its serious fiscal situation, it will not do so at the expense of those living in poverty. Your government will implement a new vision and dental program for children in low income families in the next year.

In addition, a prescription drug program for non-insured New Brunswickers is being developed. Consultation sessions will be announced for the coming months that will include key stakeholder organizations, business groups and relevant professional bodies such as pharmacists, nurses and doctors.

As well, the Department of Social Development is consulting the social assistance advisory committee of the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation as it redesigns social assistance programs to better provide for the transition to work.

In the next decade, New Brunswick will face unique and serious challenges related to a sharp increase in the senior population and the socio-economic implications of such a demographic shift. Given the number of seniors is increasing steadily, meeting their needs and expectations will be increasingly challenging without careful planning and thoughtful foresight.

A Panel on Seniors: Living Healthy, Aging Well will be created as a targeted advisory body to the Premier. The panel will consider the challenges, as well as opportunities, that will arise over the next 10 years and provide advice to government on the development of a progressive *Living Healthy, Aging Well Blueprint for Seniors in New Brunswick*.

New Brunswick is one of three provinces that do not have a mandatory barrier-free building code regulation that exceeds the minimum standards of the National Building Code. Legislation will be introduced to amend the *New Brunswick Building Code Act* which will improve accessibility for New Brunswickers with disabilities.

With regard to official languages, your government remains committed to official bilingualism and the development of the two official language communities of New Brunswick, as well as to the principles and objectives of the *Official Languages Act*.

Last May, we proposed and passed legislation to appoint a nonpartisan select committee that will, in the coming year, be responsible for reviewing the Act and holding consultations. Your government will support the work of the Select Committee on the Revision of the *Official Languages Act* in order to provide an opportunity for all New Brunswickers to express their views and provide input on amendments to this Act.

Over the past year, your government has governed openly by engaging citizens in a number of decision-making processes. To-date, 20 citizen engagement initiatives have either been undertaken or are currently underway.

As part of the overall Government Renewal process, your government asked the New Brunswick Task Force on Protecting Pensions to review both private and public sector pension plans to ensure they are affordable, sustainable and have secure benefits. Their recommendations will help shape appropriate rules and regulations to protect employees, employers and pensions in the private sector and will be taken into consideration as your government moves toward sustainable pensions for public employees.

Your government endorsed the Sport Plan for New Brunswick and the four pillars that focus on enhanced participation, excellence, capacity and interaction. Several initiatives have begun including additional financial support to help children from lower-income families to participate in sport and recreation.

Your government will introduce a new *Species at Risk Act* to replace the outdated *Endangered Species Act*. The new, modern Act will complement similar federal, provincial and territorial legislation in a national effort to prevent the loss of plants and animals due to human activities.

Extreme weather events create personal loss and economic burden for individuals and government. To better position property owners, communities, and the province to address these risks, a series of measures will be developed collaboratively to assess and communicate better the risks of the effects of climate change under a 2012-20 Climate Action Plan. This plan will include specific actions to flag flooding and storm surge risks.

Government received a clear message from those who are interested in New Brunswick's wetlands that there is a need to develop programs which safeguard our natural environment in support of sustainable development over the long-term. Considering the input received following citizen and stakeholder engagement processes, your government will implement a wetlands management strategy encompassing such longer-term actions.

Government Renewal

Over the course of the last few months, the largest-ever engagement of public servants has been underway, working towards the goal of ensuring the Government of New Brunswick is able to provide appropriate and affordable services to citizens on a sustainable basis. Each and every part of government, from departments and Crown corporations to the Legislative Assembly itself, has been analyzed and rethought with a view to prioritize, optimize and improve service delivery for the people of New Brunswick. This exercise has been known as Government Renewal.

A major component of Government Renewal is to ensure departments and agencies have a clear vision of overall government direction, goals and targets. To facilitate this and to ensure effective alignment of department service delivery, your government is embarking on a major exercise in developing a balanced scorecard. This initiative will provide government with a powerful tool to focus public sector efforts toward achieving key performance outcomes.

As your government continues to work towards balanced budgets, it will continue to engage stakeholders to ensure there is an alignment between affordable quality public services and public expectations. And, by improving the culture of government to focus on core services, accountability through performance measures and continuous performance improvement, a foundation for continuing discipline and responsible government is being established.

To address the concerns raised by the Auditor General, your government will examine the feasibility of creating a single, independent Financial Services Regulatory Agency in order to bring consistent application of regulatory authority, reduced duplication and to provide for an independent hearing tribunal.

The Legal Aid System is critical to ensure access to justice for those who can least afford it. Your government will initiate a structural review of Legal Aid with the goal of providing greater efficiency as well as greater accessibility.

Your government will continue to work with the federal government to ensure that fiscal transfers continue to support the essential services New Brunswickers need. Your government will also continue to work with its regional partners in Atlantic Canada to find opportunities to improve public services to citizens while lessening duplication and reducing costs to taxpayers.

To improve efficiency and increase industry competitiveness your government, in collaboration with the Province of Nova Scotia and the

federal government, will work on harmonizing and streamlining processes in support of the trucking industry.

Following consultation, review and analysis, the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation will introduce a comprehensive report on its mandate and future. The Premier tasked the board of directors and management to review ways to strengthen retail strategies and find new ones, increase revenues, and improve the culture and governance of the organization. The review is nearly complete and your government will begin implementing approved recommendations in early 2012.

Your government is committed to completing a renewal of the 2002 Provincial Cultural Policy. The cultural sector is important to our quality of life and there is a cultural dividend from public investment in the arts and heritage. It has been ten years since our cultural policy was last reviewed and as part of this renewal, all New Brunswickers, including those working in the cultural sector, are invited to contribute to this renewal by participating in planned consultations.

Individual meetings with New Brunswick First Nations chiefs have been held over the past year. Meetings were held to hear directly the concerns of New Brunswick's First Nation leadership and these meetings will continue in the coming year.

Your government was proud to conclude an agreement with New Brunswick First Nations and the federal government to establish a process to develop a Framework Agreement on Aboriginal and treaty rights and self-government.

New Brunswick has a shared responsibility for ensuring health, educational and child welfare outcomes for all New Brunswickers. For Aboriginal children, many of these services are delivered by First Nations through funding partnerships including the provincial and federal governments. Your government firmly believes a child's needs should come before cost or jurisdiction and will implement Jordan's Principle on providing public services for Aboriginal children during this session.

The Healing-to-Wellness Court pilot project will be located on the Elsipogtog First Nation and will be the first of its kind in New Brunswick. This partnership will incorporate First Nations practices and culture, and will deal not only with crime but also underlying causes.

In addition, your government will bring forward a Duty to Consult Policy to guide departments through the constitutional duty to consult with our province's 15 First Nation communities.

Members of this Assembly will consider changes to the *Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act* that will make it more timely and

responsive to New Brunswick's fixed elections schedule. It will ensure provincial ridings are as representative and equitable as possible for all electors.

Furthermore, in these times of spending restraint and operational review, the members of this House should not be considered exempt. In the last session, members voted to reduce the cost of MLA pensions. In this session, members will consider the question of representation in the Legislature. The number of electoral districts in our province will be reduced as part of the above amendments.

Your government believes New Brunswickers should have a say in who represents them in the Senate of Canada. Your government will introduce legislation to enable citizens to vote on New Brunswick nominees for the Senate. By selecting our Senator nominees, the Upper House of the Canadian Parliament will gain further legitimacy and, as a result, become more effective. It will help ensure decisions of the federal Parliament are balanced to protect the interest of all Canadians, no matter where they live.

Your government will soon receive a report from former Ombudsman Bernard Richard concerning the various legislative officers of this Assembly, including recommendations for making these offices more effective. These recommendations will be considered in consultation with all parties and subsequent amendments to relevant legislation and operating procedures will be introduced in the coming months.

In addition, members of this Assembly will review and consider new legislation governing the Office of the Auditor General to render this service more modern and effective.

Your government is serious about fiscal responsibility and reducing the deficit. A multi-year capital budget plan will be tabled this fall that will reflect the ongoing funding required for projects already underway, along with the funding necessary to maintain existing infrastructure.

Your government will consider options for the development of a new strategic direction for New Brunswick's gaming regime to help guide the development of responsible gaming policy for the next three to five years. Strategic objectives will focus on collaboration, future opportunities, transparency and accountability.

Our society has changed significantly in the past 45 years, but the governance system which supports citizens at the local level remains mostly unchanged. As New Brunswickers, we value the heritage and tradition evident in our communities, but we also know they cannot be sustained into the future without a new approach to governance and service delivery.

During the first six months of this year, your government undertook an extensive consultation process, actively seeking the views of citizens and stakeholders on property assessment and taxation, community funding arrangements and a regional approach to service delivery.

New Brunswickers responded with a broad range of perspectives on these and many other aspects of local governance, showing how complex and how interconnected these issues are.

Throughout this consultation process, New Brunswickers signalled their strong support for change to the local governance system and your government will take action.

Your government will bring forward a Local Governance Action Plan that will strengthen the capacity of local government structures while maintaining community identity; bring fairness and transparency to property taxation and assessments; create a new model for community-governed regional service delivery; build a more equitable community funding mechanism; and modernize legislation to better support local and regional decision-making.

Together, these initiatives support the goal of making New Brunswick's communities and regions sustainable in the long term. This action plan will be implemented in phases over the next two years.

Conclusion

Over the course of this session, ministers will provide more details regarding the initiatives and legislation contained in this Speech from the Throne. Your government will also provide details on other programs and policies of importance to all New Brunswickers.

Earlier this year, your government began its first steps towards changing the culture of government. To achieve this goal together, the people of New Brunswick have been engaged in historic levels of consultations under the banner of Government Renewal.

The results of these efforts will include a legislative and budgetary agenda to be considered by this Assembly that will lay a new foundation for rebuilding New Brunswick.

To be sustainable however, this new foundation must be built upon the bedrock of trust and collaboration. Only then can our province get back on the road to prosperity while addressing New Brunswickers' priorities, including investing in jobs; supporting healthy families and an enhanced quality of life; and continuous Government Renewal.

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

His Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. David Alward, 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 His Honour's Speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed.)

On motion of Mr. Bonenfant, seconded by Mr. Killen,

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

Mr. Bonenfant, a Member for the electoral district of Madawaska-les-Lacs, proposed an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Mr. Killen, a Member for the electoral district of Saint John Harbour, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 23, 2011.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
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. Boudreau, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Shediac—Cap-Pelé, adjourned over.

And then, 3.40 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:

Speech from the Throne November 23, 2011

November 23, 2011

Daily Sitting 2

Thursday, November 24, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Boudreau offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Azor LeBlanc, former Liberal MLA for Shediac (1974-1991).

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Dale Graham, introduced the new pages for the Session: Serena Smith, Kingston, Nova Scotia; Karen Cook, Fredericton; Randy Kaye, Colpitts Settlement; Kyle Davenport, Perth-Andover.

The returning pages are: Alicia DelFrate, Fredericton; Conrad Fox, Fredericton; Ryan O'Donnell, Boiestown; Brigid Wheaton, Central Blissville; Karina Kierstead, Quispamsis; Andrew MacDougall, Burton.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 1)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 2)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Minister of Public Safety to provide an independent, far-reaching and transparent judicial public inquiry into the murder of Paul "Poncho" Henderson and the actions of all law enforcement personnel involved in the initial investigation of his death. (Petition 3)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 4)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social

assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 5)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 6)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 7)

Hon. Mr. Leonard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *The New Brunswick Energy Blueprint, New Brunswick, Department of Energy, October 2011*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Leonard to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

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

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier had used unparliamentary language. The Premier withdrew the words in question.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Trevors,

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Hon. Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Ms. Blaney:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's natural resources represent a collective good to be developed responsibly for the benefit of our Province; and

WHEREAS Natural Gas represents an opportunity to employ New Brunswickers and to raise revenue to assist in reducing the province's debt and help fund social programs, including health care, senior care, and education; and

WHEREAS the Members of this Legislature wish to encourage the development of industry that provides meaningful opportunities to keep our people in the Province and provide work to bring New Brunswickers home from the oil and gas sector in western Canada; and

WHEREAS exploration for Natural Gas reserves has the beneficial effect of increasing knowledge about all of the Province's underground resources; and

WHEREAS prior governments have granted permissions to explore for Natural gas and other natural resources in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Members of this Legislature believe that the Government must ensure that a strong comprehensive regulatory framework must be in place to provide for the protection of our groundwater and the environment; and

WHEREAS this Government will only allow extraction if it is conducted in a manner that protects the health of our residents, the quality of our drinking water and protects the environment; and

WHEREAS energy derived from natural gas is more environmentally sound than energy derived from coal or oil and results in decreased greenhouse gas emission; and

WHEREAS Oil and Natural Gas wells, using various extraction technologies, including hydraulic fracturing, have been in production in New Brunswick since 1859;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly supports the policy of continued responsible exploration of New Brunswick's Natural Gas reserves in conjunction with the development of a framework of world class regulations to ensure the protection of the residents of New Brunswick, our groundwater, and the environment.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Alward government proposed changes to the Prescription Drug Program that doubled the co-pay amount payable by seniors from \$250 to \$500;

WHEREAS seniors feel this increase breaks the Premier's campaign promise to "provide a better deal for seniors";

WHEREAS this sudden increase creates considerable financial hardship for low-income seniors;

WHEREAS the extra cost may prevent seniors from getting the medications they need;

WHEREAS the loss of medications could be harmful to the fragile health of seniors;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Pharmacists' Association, the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, and others have suggested ways to find additional savings within the Prescription Drug Program, which would avoid the need for drastic fee increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to reverse the sudden fee increase, keep the Premier's campaign promise to "provide a better deal for seniors", and explore alternate savings through the Prescription Drug Program.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Friday, November 25, 2011, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. D. Landry gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources publicly stated on November 3, 2011, the "need for stronger regulations on the emerging industry" of shale gas exploration;

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources publicly admitted on October 19, 2011, to a “grey area” in the existing regulations surrounding shale gas exploration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to announce a moratorium on shale gas exploration and strike a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly with the mandate to review and hold public hearings on all proposed legislation, regulations, and plans for monitoring and oversight of the shale gas industry, and to make final recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 4)

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 come into effect on December 9, 2011, and shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the Alward government is proposing a two-tiered minimum wage for the province of New Brunswick, wherein servers and wait staff would earn a lower minimum wage than other workers;

WHEREAS a two-tiered minimum wage is a direct attack on the most vulnerable wage earners;

WHEREAS tipping is designed to reward excellent service, not supplement wages;

WHEREAS the scheduled increase to the minimum wage that was supposed to have taken place in September as mandated by the Poverty Reduction Plan has not yet been implemented;

WHEREAS the Poverty Reduction Plan did not suggest a two-tiered minimum wage;

WHEREAS the Alward government's public consultation on a two-tiered minimum wage consists of an online survey which contains questions which have been criticized as being designed to tip the balance of the results in favour of a two-tiered minimum wage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to respect the spirit and intent of the Poverty Reduction Plan, reject a two-tiered minimum wage and immediately implement the recommendation of the Poverty Reduction Plan to raise the minimum wage to \$10.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, which resulted in a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was "proud" to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

WHEREAS there is considerable disparity between what Premier Alward said while he was in the opposition and what he has done since forming the government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to honour the commitments made by the Premier when, as Leader of the Opposition, he expressed his support for the poverty reduction plan.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS Halifax Shipyard has been awarded a \$25-billion contract to build new combat ships for the Canadian Navy;

WHEREAS Rona Ambrose, the federal Minister of Public Works and Government Services, the department that handles procurement, said the contracts will provide 75 million hours of work and 15 000 jobs annually over the next 30 years;

WHEREAS this contract represents an important economic opportunity not just for Halifax, but for the entire Atlantic region, including New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there could be valuable opportunities for New Brunswick businesses with skilled workers to benefit from the shipbuilding contract in subcontract and supply work;

WHEREAS more New Brunswick workers would like the training to be able to participate in these skilled labour opportunities;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government made considerable investments in NBCC and CCNB to position the colleges to offer the trades training that will be required for many of these jobs, with plans to add 1 500 more seats to the college systems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately develop a comprehensive strategy to maximize opportunities for New Brunswick businesses and workers.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation including correspondence, however

recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between NB Power, the Department of Energy, and any third party in relation to all expenses and costs included in the Deferral account associated with the refurbishment of the Point Lepreau generating station since March 28, 2008, including an itemized list of these costs and expenses.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation since October 13, 2010, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, including, but not limited to, all proposals, contracts, engagement letters and records of meetings between the Department of Transportation and all consultants, corporations, individuals with respect to the conduct of any reviews, assessments or evaluations on the operations of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation since October 13, 2010, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Energy, the Premier's Office, The Executive Council Office, NB Power and any other individuals, or corporations with respect to the engagement of the consulting firm Alexander Proudfoot by NB Power including, but not limited to all correspondence, memos, contracts, directives, and proposals.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded or stored, by electronic means or otherwise, between the

Office of the Premier, Executive Council Office, Communications New Brunswick, Department of Environment, Office of the Auditor-General and the Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission related to the release of the 2011 Auditor-General's report of wastewater commissions.

And then, 3.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, November 25, 2011

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 His Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

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

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

Fredericton, N.B.
November 23, 2011.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

And the debate continuing,

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

And then, 12.03 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 2010-2011
Vehicle Management Agency

November 24, 2011

Daily sitting 4

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 8)

Mr. MacDonald, Member for York North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to place a ban on shale gas and focus on the creation of jobs to reduce energy consumption and replace the dependence on fossil fuels with renewable sources of energy. (Petition 9)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 10)

Mr. Boudreau, Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 11)

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 12)

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 13)

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 14)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process,

including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 15)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 16)

Mr. Haché, Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 17)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 18)

Mr. D. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule—Saint-Sauveur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 19)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Lakeville-Dieppe, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 20)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 21)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 22)

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, December 8, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the province of New Brunswick, the Dalhousie Nursing Home or any other corporations or third parties it may have solicited information or advice, regarding the construction of the new nursing home in Dalhousie, including all engineering reports and architectural plans, budgets, and all correspondence since September 27, 2010.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, December 8, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, from any department related to the federal crime legislation, Bill C-10, including but not limited to any records of meetings with the federal government and stakeholders, presentations, position papers, correspondence or plans given or received by the provincial government, and any information related to the financial impact of Bill C-10 on the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, December 8, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, archived or stored, related to the number of seniors waiting in hospital for nursing home spaces, including a breakdown of the numbers by location and month since October 2010.

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

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

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

Fredericton, N.B.
November 23, 2011.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

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

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

Hon. Ms. Blaney rose on a point of order and submitted that the subject matter of Mr. Arseneault's speech was not related to the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Fraser spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken as Members have a wide latitude when debating the motion in question.

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:

Annual Report 2007

Supervisor of Political Financing

November 28, 2011

Daily sitting 5

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 23)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 24)

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 25)

Mr. Haché, Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 26)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Lakeville-Dieppe, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 27)

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 28)

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 29)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 30)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 31)

Mr. D. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule—Saint-Sauveur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 32)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 33)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 34)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to place a ban on shale gas and focus on the creation of jobs to reduce energy consumption and replace the dependence on fossil fuels with renewable sources of energy. (Petition 35)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 36)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 37)

Mr. Boudreau, Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 38)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the financing to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.
(Petition 39)

Pursuant to the terms of the resolution appointing the Standing Committee on Health Care, Hon. Ms. Dubé presented the First Report of the Committee, which was filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and released on November 21, 2011, and it is as follows:

November 2011

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Health Care. The Report is the result of your Committee's public consultations and deliberations on Regional Health Authority boundaries, Regional Health electoral boundaries, and election rules.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the presenters who appeared at the public hearings and those individuals and groups who submitted written briefs. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Committee for their contribution in carrying out our mandate.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Madeleine Dubé, M.L.A.
Chair

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

History and Background

In 2008, the New Brunswick government reorganized the former 8 health authorities to two RHAs, or Regional Health Authorities: RHA A (now operating as Vitalité Health Network) and RHA B (now operating as Horizon Health Network). [MAPS]

The boundaries of the 8 former health authorities continue to be referred to as "zones". Legislative amendments to the *Regional Health Authorities Act*

set out the territorial boundaries of the two new RHAs using the old zone descriptions. As set out in Schedule A of the *Regional Health Authorities Act*, RHA A is composed of zones 4, 5, 6, and zone 1 Beauséjour. RHA B is composed of zones 2, 3, 7, and zone 1 Southeast.

The 2008 reorganization of the RHAs gave rise to concern that the government had not sufficiently met its obligation to promote the cultural, economic and social development of New Brunswick's official linguistic communities. In particular, legal action was commenced by the Francophone interest group *Égalité santé en français N.-B. inc.* Consultation with members of the Francophone community on ways to improve health care services and health care governance for Francophone residents resulted in a report entitled *Toward an Improved Health Care System in French in New Brunswick*. In response, legislative changes were made to the *Regional Health Authorities Act* and the *New Brunswick Health Council Act*. At that time, government also committed to a review of the geographic areas assigned to each Health Authority in consultation with local communities.

Elected hospital boards were replaced with appointed boards as part of the 2008 reforms. By 2010, consensus had arisen amongst all of the province's major political parties to reinstate elected members to the RHA boards.

On June 7, 2011, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick passed Motion 93, a copy of which is attached to this Report as Appendix A.

Motion 93 mandated the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Health Care to provide recommendations in preparation for the reinstatement of elected members on the boards of the province's two RHAs in conjunction with the May 2012 Municipal and District Education Council elections.

To assist the Committee with its mandate, the Department of Health published a Discussion Paper in July 2011. The Committee reviewed the Discussion Paper and agreed to solicit public input by internet, by written submission, and by appearance before one of 7 public hearings scheduled to be held around the province. In total, 33 submissions were received from New Brunswickers in various forms and locations, as listed in Appendix B.

Based on the Discussion Paper and its consultations, the Committee divided its work into three major sets of questions:

1. How, if at all, should the boundary line between RHA A and RHA B be altered?
2. Given that each RHA will elect 8 board members, how should these new ridings ("sub-zones") be organized?
3. What rules should govern the eligibility of candidates for election to those positions, and how should vacancies be filled?

While the Committee's mandate in this consultation was limited in scope and under a tight timeline in order to make recommendations in time for implementation in spring 2012, the public hearings did provide New Brunswickers with the opportunity to express their opinions on broader issues concerning health care. Some of those submissions related directly to work arising from Motion 93. In other cases, the Committee members met informally with New Brunswickers after the official hearings had adjourned for the day. Regardless of the forum, the message of interest and commitment to quality health care in the province was encouraging and helpful to the Committee in its ongoing work. The members are grateful to those who took their time to write, e-mail, telephone, and attend the public hearings.

One of the clear underlying messages of many of the public submissions was that while the mechanics of elections have some importance, the greater dialogue must be about the actual health care system itself, and the practical realities of delivering health care must be kept in mind when reforms like these are discussed and implemented. The Committee is unanimous in its desire to keep such priorities foremost, both in this report's recommendations and in its ongoing work. At the same time, however, it was evident to the Committee that there was a fundamental misconception on the part of some of the presenters as to where individuals can obtain health care services. Specifically, there is confusion among some people that the language of work of the RHAs also determines the language of service. The clear mandate of both RHAs is to provide services in both official languages, to ensure that all New Brunswickers can receive health services anywhere in the province in the official language of their choice. When this important fact is overlooked, discussion of health issues prompts unnecessary anxiety and conflict. Accordingly, the Committee wishes to emphasize this point, congratulate the efforts which have been made to improve bilingual service throughout the province, and encourage both RHAs to continue to progress in this way.

Summary of Recommendations

The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

Part I: Recommendations as to boundaries between RHA A and RHA B

1. The present boundaries which delineate RHA A and RHA B should not be altered in any way.
2. The essential nature and integrity of RHAs as regional entities should be respected.
3. Medical Centres and local linguistic communities which are served by such Centres should remain attached to the RHA in which they are geographically located.

Part II: Recommendations as to sub-zones within the RHAs

4. Each RHA should be divided into 8 sub-zones, created by dividing the 4 zones within it into two sub-zones.
5. Eligibility to vote and to be a candidate in each of the sub-zones should be limited to persons whose primary residence is within that sub-zone.
6. Persons residing in zone 1 (Beauséjour/Southeast), should be given the choice of RHA in which they cast their ballot.

Part III: Recommendations relating to rules governing elections and vacancies

- 7.a Candidates for seats on RHA boards should be required to have and maintain their primary residence within the sub-zone they represent.
- b. Board members who transfer their primary residence outside their sub-zone or who are otherwise unable or unwilling to perform their duties as board members should have their seats vacated.
- c. Vacant seats should be filled by appointment of the Minister of Health with an individual whose primary residence is in the vacated sub-zone.
- d. Employees of RHAs, employees of the Department of Health, members and employees of the New Brunswick Health Council, persons holding privileges at a hospital within New Brunswick, Senators, Members of Parliament, and Members of the Legislative Assembly should not be permitted to be candidates for RHA boards.

Part I: Recommendations as to boundaries between RHA A and RHA B

1. The present boundaries which delineate RHA A and RHA B should not be altered in any way.

More than any other issue the Committee examined, the matter of the boundary line between the two RHAs touched on the sensitive issue of language.

The discussion of where the boundaries should be drawn sprang directly from the settlement of the legal challenge raised by *Égalité santé*. In 2008, when government reformed the system of health care governance, compressing 8 RHAs into 2, concerns were raised that the adoption of the former zone boundaries had been done without sufficient consultation or sufficient attention to the needs of the province's Francophones. A report by Gino LeBlanc, entitled *Toward an Improved Health Care System in French in New Brunswick*, was commissioned and led to the former Minister of Health Schryer's statement in the New Brunswick Legislature on April 8, 2010. This statement, accompanied by amendments to the *Regional Health Authorities Act* and *New Brunswick Health Council Act*, included this commitment:

A review of the geographic areas currently assigned to each health authority will also be conducted, in consultation with local communities served. [Minister Mary Schryer, Ministerial Statement in New Brunswick Legislative Assembly, 8 April 2010]

Discussion on this issue brought into sharp relief the differing views among the province's Francophones as to the emphasis which RHA A should give to its role as a Francophone cultural institution, rather than solely as a provider of health care. A few advocates called for the boundaries between the RHAs to be eliminated, and the construction of a dual health system modeled upon that used in education. A strong majority rejected this view.

The Committee observed communities which were united in their desire for quality health care. The views of most presenters were nuanced, complex, and realistic, recognizing the dynamic interchange between language and health care. Presenters from both linguistic communities supported the enhancement of institutions which gave their communities more direct control over the decisions which impact on their health care. Everyone understands the importance of being able to obtain service in their official language as part of quality health care. Accordingly, presenters advocated strongly for improved bilingualism at all points of patient care.

Naturally, there is not unanimity in every aspect as to how best to balance the intertwined roles which RHAs perform as providers of health care, and as centres of community. To a large degree, there is consensus that both roles are very important. Balance is to be achieved through a spirit of reasonableness, accommodation, and recognition of the province's fiscal realities.

One of the words I will not use today, absolutely not, is "division." Every time the notion of linguistic division is put forward, it is misrepresented, and untruths are spread. The words that interest me the most are "convergence" and "cooperation." [Translation] [Jean-Marie Nadeau, Président de la Société de l'Acadie du Nouveau-Brunswick, Campbellton, 14 September 2011]

The issue of boundary changes was most closely connected to the suggestion by Égalité santé that Neguac, Rogersville, and Baie-Sainte-Anne should be part of the Vitalité Health Network. This position was in part based on Égalité santé's belief that bringing these communities into RHA A was the best way to ensure Francophone control of their services, and thus improve provision of health care for Francophones. However, representatives from those communities were vehemently opposed to any suggestion that they be moved from RHA B. Their substantial concern was that such a move would inevitably lead to decreasing the catchment area of the Miramichi Regional Hospital, and thus weaken the level of care provided there. In contrast with the suggestion that they as Francophones were unlikely to receive quality health care from an RHA B facility, they reported pride and satisfaction in the successes which had been achieved in providing such services. They were strongly of the view that a transfer to RHA A would be a move backwards in terms of health outcomes for their communities.

The Committee considers it significant that not a single representative of a geographic community asked to be transferred to the other RHA. Instead,

presenters expressed an overarching loyalty to their region based, not on language, but on their place in the community as a geographic entity. To these New Brunswickers, repeatedly raising the spectre of transfer to another RHA created uncertainty and threatened to divide a community which was united across linguistic lines.

The majority of presenters strongly believed that quality health care delivery should trump organizational structure. They equated quality health care with provision of local bilingual services rather than dual delivery models.

New Brunswickers do not identify themselves as residents of one or the other RHA. They support improved co-operation between RHAs and between local care and centres of specialized care.

We think that it is time to foster a global vision of health system delivery based on values such as those promoted by the World Health Organization (WHO) under their Towards Unity for Health strategy. These values are quality of services, equity of services, pertinence and cost-effectiveness.

[Aurel Schofield, Centre de formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick, written submission]

The Committee also recognizes the advantage that maintaining the present boundaries provides in terms of lessening confusion, facilitating elections, tracking population health statistics over time, and promoting stability in the organization and ability to manage and improve health services.

2. The essential nature and integrity of RHAs as regional entities should be respected.

The importance of linguistic rights is well known and acknowledged, enshrined in statute and in some cases constitutionally, and intertwined in the unique fabric of New Brunswick society. The 2010 reforms further reiterated this, providing greater clarity and assurance as to the working language of the RHAs. What the Committee heard was the substantial overarching commitment of New Brunswickers to the place they call home, beginning with a fierce love for the local community in which they live, work, and raise their families and radiating outward into a strong sense of ownership and community with the province as a whole. New Brunswickers understand the important role which health services play in the viability of their communities. While they understand that New Brunswick's population and resources are limited, they know that local services are accessible services.

Their clear preference was that RHAs be organized in ways which understand and support a strong regional focus in health care delivery.

3. Medical Centres and local linguistic communities which are served by such Centres should remain attached to the RHA in which they are geographically located.

There was a suggestion by Égalité santé that it might be preferable to transfer Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne in Fredericton, Centre Communautaire Samuel de Champlain in Saint John, and Conseil communautaire Beausoleil in Miramichi from RHA B to RHA A. However, representatives from those health centres felt that would be a step backward.

Since its inception, we have been working with the Horizon Health Network in this cooperative spirit to improve health services for Francophones in our respective regions. Moreover, the presence of Francophones on the authority's board of directors means that senior managers are well aware of the needs that exist and the responsibilities they have toward Francophone citizens. This board presence and the team spirit that characterizes our relationship with the authority have enabled us to improve the health services offered to Francophone communities...the executive directors of the three community centres are pleased to be part of the Horizon health authority liaison committee, which ensures implementation of the strategic plan on official languages. [Translation] [Thierry Arseneau, Executive Director of the Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne, Fredericton, 7 September 2011]

Efforts should be focused upon integrating centres like Medisanté fully into the RHA of which they are geographically a part, strengthening the interchanges and the involvement of the patients and administrators of these facilities within the heart of the RHA which provides them with their extended services. This also supports a more efficient acquisition of resources and allocation of staff in these community health centres.

The clear advantages of simple borders for both clarity and organizational efficiency were seen as far outweighing the possible benefits of a “honeycombed” or “swiss-cheesed” boundaries map under which Anglophone communities currently within RHA A would be transferred to RHA B and Francophone communities in RHA B would be transferred to RHA A.

In addition to the weakening of regional ties which would result, there was the additional fact that New Brunswick’s increasingly bilingual population expects both RHAs to provide bilingual service and does not wish to divide themselves from their neighbours on the basis of language. In addition, any time boundaries are altered the new division also creates a group within it which has now become a localized minority. The reality of New Brunswick is that our population is vibrant, intertwined, and mobile. Effort is better spent on strengthening co-operation between RHAs, rather than endlessly redrawing lines on a map which by their very nature will inevitably be arbitrary to some degree.

Part II: Recommendations as to sub-zones within the RHAs

- 4. Each RHA should be divided into 8 sub-zones, created by dividing the 4 zones within it into two sub-zones.**

Prior to the 2008 reforms, the province's health care system was managed by 8 regional health authorities: [MAP]

Members were elected to the boards of these 8 authorities from geographic sub-zones within them: [MAP]

Reinstating elections to the RHAs means that where New Brunswickers formerly elected members to 8 boards, they will now elect members to 2. The constituencies for these board members are created by combining the former sub-zones from the pre-2008 system into new larger sub-zones. The result is that each zone is sub-divided into two contiguous sub-zones of roughly equal population. [MAPS]

Having heard of the importance which New Brunswickers attach to their geographic communities, it is natural to seek a way of structuring the board that ensures strong regional representation. Keeping in mind the impending May 2012 date for the next elections, the Committee recommends an equal division of 2 representatives to each zone.

It must be acknowledged that organizing the constituencies geographically in this way, based on equal representation per zone, results in population variances. The reinstatement of elections removes some responsibilities from the Minister and returns them to the general public. The people of New Brunswick will once again elect the majority of the board. If this is to succeed, communities must take an active interest in ensuring that their representatives are active, informed, and qualified to undertake their duties as board members.

Elections will strengthen regional representation, but even the most committed of regional advocates understands the need for our health care system to be an integrated and efficient one, run for the benefit of New Brunswickers as a whole. We have confidence in New Brunswickers that they will exercise good judgment to elect those whose interest in the health care system does not end at the boundary of their sub-zone.

The Minister will strive to incorporate the voices of minority groups and reflect the balance and diversity of the province on each board, albeit with only 7 appointments on each board instead of 17 under the former system.

It will be up to the Minister of Health to choose the seven non-elected members in order to restore regional representativeness and also the gender balance, the age balance, and that of ethnic and Native communities. [Translation] [Dr. Hubert Dupuis, Égalité santé en français N.-B. inc., Moncton, 26 August 2011]

While electing or appointing representatives, I think special attention should be placed on having the rural areas and linguistic minority groups well-represented on each board. If you want both the Horizon and Vitalité boards to provide bilingual services, you need members from the other linguistic

community to work on them. [Georges R. Savoie, Miramichi, 8 September 2011]

A map showing proposed boundaries for the sub-zones is included in this Report as Appendix C.

5. Eligibility to vote and to be a candidate in each of the sub-zones should be limited to persons whose primary residence is within that sub-zone.

A minority of presenters supported allowing voters a choice of whether to vote geographically, based on where they live, or linguistically, based on their official language of choice. Other presenters pointed out the pitfalls of such a proposal. To begin with the most basic: while the two RHAs have different working languages, both have an absolute commitment to provide services to patients in their official language of choice.

It was clear to the Committee that more effort needs to be made to communicate the bilingual reality of health care to New Brunswickers. Some presenters expressed concern that, for example, an Anglophone living in Bathurst would be encouraged or even required to drive past their local hospital to reach Miramichi and an RHA B hospital. In fact, the bilingual nature of our health system is explicitly designed to avoid such a situation.

(I)t is important to remember that anyone can receive health services from either RHA, regardless of where one lives, and that RHAs must provide services in one's official language of choice. [Jennifer O'Donnell, President, New Brunswick Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, Bathurst, 9 September 2011]

(A) health authority is not a private club. All the services in New Brunswick are for all the citizens in New Brunswick. [Jean-Marie Nadeau, Président de la Société de l'Acadie du Nouveau-Brunswick, Campbellton, 14 September 2011]

The goal is obtain for the patient the twin advantages of local care and specialized care within an efficient province-wide system. Since the local RHA is the primary care giver, that is where the patient should cast their ballot.

Too much emphasis on the linguistic differences between the RHAs obscures the reality of our integrated, bilingual health care system, and pulls against the reality of the province as an increasingly intertwined, bilingual community. With so much goodwill and so much progress to provide services in the patient's language of choice, it would be a step backward to suggest voters separate themselves from their neighbours based upon the difference in the two RHAs internal language of work. Whatever the RHAs are internally, externally they are bilingual care providers, and it is that care which concerns the voter.

There is a commitment to foster and provide proper support to localized language minorities. Central to this is a desire that such groups are not marginalized but are integrated into their regional health system. If we allowed voting across geographic boundaries, the indications we received are that most would not take that option. Some would, however, dividing that minority community against itself and weakening its influence in their home region.

A system of voting across regional boundaries would also add significant costs and complexity to the system of voting and counting ballots on election day. It would also create the possibility that a number of electors, perhaps even a determinative group, would find themselves located outside the board member's sub-zone, creating issues around travel costs, accountability, and representation. For all these reasons, it is felt that the best way to foster a viable system of representation is to have both those who vote and those who are voted for from the same contiguous geographic area.

New Brunswickers have many attributes and there are innumerable ways in which they could be grouped and represented, including language, gender, age, and occupation. The selection of geographic criteria reflects practical considerations in the organizing of elections and management of health care, as well as the public's interest in local services.

It is not a denigration of other important factors to recognize that geographic alignment of constituencies is ultimately more practical than the alternatives. For example, the Committee notes that the new board members will represent areas so large that all will contain both urban and rural populations. This does not reflect a disparaging of either group's identity as such, or negate the importance of both receiving services. Rather, it is a reflection of the reality of modern New Brunswick life. Our cities are not so large as to have lost emotional contact with the countryside which surrounds them. Our rural areas are not so remote that the citizens do not regularly have contact with the urban centres to shop, work, and socialize. Life in New Brunswick should incorporate the best of both worlds by integrating the best features of each. Our governing system should understand that pitting one group against another serves neither.

The Committee understands the value of a board which is representative of our province's diversity, and the strength that a multitude of backgrounds will bring to the RHA boards. It recommends that the government encourage all New Brunswickers to become involved in the reinstated elections process, both as voters and as candidates. Every effort should be made to encourage wide participation of a diverse pool of New Brunswickers in terms of language, gender, interest and background.

In summary, the Committee does not recommend allowing persons to vote in the RHA outside their regional area. We feel the possible value in providing such a choice would be outweighed by the confusion, additional

expense, and physical disconnect between voters and their representatives which may result.

(If they are to represent the members of that community they need to be present and available to that community. They would have firsthand knowledge of how health care is run in that region, the accessibility issues that may be occurring and the specific needs of that community by being a resident. [Pauline Watt, New Brunswick Association of Dietitians, Written Submission])

6. Persons residing in zone 1 (Beauséjour/Southeast), should be given the choice of RHA in which they cast their ballot.

The overlapping jurisdiction of the RHAs in zone 1 is a reflection of the history and present reality of settlement patterns within the region. Just as we do not feel that it would be successful to attempt to extend the overlapping pattern of zone 1 across the province, neither do we feel it would be advisable to attempt to separate out the various parts of zone 1 in a dubious effort to force its conformity with the pattern elsewhere. Both RHAs operate Regional Hospitals within zone 1, and the reports we receive are that there is exemplary co-operation between the two. Patients quite properly move between facilities managed by different authorities as their health needs dictate, receiving service in their official language of choice.

To avoid double-voting, the residents of zone 1 would make a selection of ballot as they did before the 2008 health reforms. [MAP]

Part III: Recommendations relating to rules governing elections and vacancies

- 7. a. Candidates for seats on RHA boards should be required to have and maintain their primary residence within the sub-zone they represent.**
- b. Board members who transfer their primary residence outside their sub-zone or who are otherwise unable or unwilling to perform their duties as board members should have their seats vacated.**
- c. Vacant seats should be filled by appointment of the Minister of Health with an individual whose primary residence is in the vacated sub-zone.**
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In general, this section of the work drew the least comment from presenters.

There is an obvious advantage in having a common set of rules for elections which are being held simultaneously. At the same time, there is no need to feel obligated to have the same rules where a difference would work better for the RHAs. Common sense should prevail.

The Committee heard repeatedly of the important role of board members as points of contact for the general public, to bring their concerns and interests into the centre of the decision-making process. While everyone understands that RHA sub-zones will of necessity be large and diverse, the public still sees great value and takes reassurance from having a specific person designated as their representative on the board.

For this reason, the physical separation of the board member from his or her sub-zone would lead to immediate concerns as to their availability and contact with the people they are tasked to represent. It is recommended that this aspect of the requirements be made explicit so that it is understood in advance by would-be candidates.

Naturally, there is a desire to replace vacancies in elected positions by by-election. Unlike municipalities, however, the large area of the RHA board sub-zones would require much greater expense and effort – so much so as to make by-elections impractical. Rather than have a position sit vacant, the Committee recommends it be filled by appointment with an individual whose primary residence is within that sub-zone. The Committee notes that should there be an opportunity to fill the vacated position by by-election due to some other simultaneous event (e.g., a referendum) without substantial increased costs, it would expect the government to provide the electors with that opportunity.

Finally, there was a plurality of support to limit eligibility for candidates to RHAs in order to both avoid conflicts of interest, and to minimize partisanship within the board elections process.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

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

By Hon. Ms. Coulombe,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 1, 2011, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 7, 3 and 5.

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

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

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

Fredericton, N.B.
November 23, 2011.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
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, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

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

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:

Daily sitting 6

Thursday, December 1, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Government Plan on Official Languages, Official Bilingualism - A Strength, 2011-2013*.

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of New Brunswick*.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Albert used unparliamentary language when he referred to the Premier as “incompetent”. The Member withdrew the remark.

Hon. Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick entered into the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement with the Government of Canada to harmonize the Federal Goods and Service Tax and provincial sales tax on October 18, 1996; and

WHEREAS the provincial *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* came into force on April 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia have subsequently entered into their own agreements with the Government of Canada using an updated agreement template, which has now also been adopted by the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador; and

WHEREAS the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement required amendment in order to function properly and to give New Brunswick the same benefits as other harmonized jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS a copy of this amended agreement has been tabled in this House and subsection 2(3) of the *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* requires the Minister of Finance to introduce for consideration of the

Legislative Assembly a resolution respecting the change or agreement under subsection 2(2);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ratify and confirm the succeeding Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement entered into between the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada.

Mr. Fraser requested the unanimous consent of the House to vary the order of consideration of Opposition Members' Business, and unanimous consent was denied.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS Halifax Shipyard has been awarded a \$25-billion contract to build new combat ships for the Canadian Navy;

WHEREAS Rona Ambrose, the federal Minister of Public Works and Government Services, the department that handles procurement, said the contracts will provide 75 million hours of work and 15 000 jobs annually over the next 30 years;

WHEREAS this contract represents an important economic opportunity not just for Halifax, but for the entire Atlantic region, including New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there could be valuable opportunities for New Brunswick businesses with skilled workers to benefit from the shipbuilding contract in subcontract and supply work;

WHEREAS more New Brunswick workers would like the training to be able to participate in these skilled labour opportunities;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government made considerable investments in NBCC and CCNB to position the colleges to offer the trades training that will be required for many of these jobs, with plans to add 1 500 more seats to the college systems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately develop a comprehensive strategy to maximize opportunities for New Brunswick businesses and workers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Ms. Coulombe, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended:

By replacing the final WHEREAS clause with:

“WHEREAS the NBCC and CCNB are able to offer the trades training that will be required for many of these jobs;”

And, in the Resolution clause, by deleting the word “immediately” and adding the words “connected with the recently awarded Halifax Shipyard contract” after the words “maximize opportunities”.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS Halifax Shipyard has been awarded a \$25-billion contract to build new combat ships for the Canadian Navy;

WHEREAS Rona Ambrose, the federal Minister of Public Works and Government Services, the department that handles procurement, said the contracts will provide 75 million hours of work and 15 000 jobs annually over the next 30 years;

WHEREAS this contract represents an important economic opportunity not just for Halifax, but for the entire Atlantic region, including New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there could be valuable opportunities for New Brunswick businesses with skilled workers to benefit from the shipbuilding contract in subcontract and supply work;

WHEREAS more New Brunswick workers would like the training to be able to participate in these skilled labour opportunities;

WHEREAS the NBCC and CCNB are able to offer the trades training that will be required for many of these jobs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to develop a comprehensive strategy to maximize opportunities connected with the recently awarded Halifax Shipyard contract for New Brunswick businesses and workers.

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. D. Landry moved, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources publicly stated on November 3, 2011, the “need for stronger regulations on the emerging industry” of shale gas exploration;

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources publicly admitted on October 19, 2011, to a “grey area” in the existing regulations surrounding shale gas exploration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to announce a moratorium on shale gas exploration and strike a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly with the mandate to review and hold public hearings on all proposed legislation, regulations, and plans for monitoring and oversight of the shale gas industry, and to make final recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Northrup, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended by:

In the first WHEREAS clause, by replacing the word “the” following the words “on November 3, 2011,” with the words “that there is a” and replacing the word “exploration” with “development”;

By inserting the following two WHEREAS clauses immediately before the resolution clause:

“WHEREAS the previous Liberal Government, which includes the vast majority of the members of the current Official Opposition, was supportive of developing a shale gas industry in New Brunswick without instituting comprehensive regulation to protect our Province;”

“WHEREAS the current Government is committed to ensuring that any development of natural gas, including shale gas, is done in a responsible and strongly regulated manner that protects our watersheds, the health of our residents and the environment;”

In the Resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “urge the government to” with “commit to providing and enforcing a regulatory regime that will protect our residents’ health, our ground water, and our environment prior to allowing the extraction of shale gas, in the event that it is established that we have a viable industry in our Province”;

And by adding the following resolution clause at the end of the motion:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government not to allow the development of a shale gas industry in our Province if it is not properly regulated to protect our residents’ health, our ground water, and our environment.”

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the proposed amendment was out of order as it was a direct negative to the motion under consideration. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken as the proposed

amendment retained certain elements of the original motion and did not result in a direct negative.

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.

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 2010-2011
Public Safety

November 30, 2011

Daily sitting 7

Friday, December 2, 2011

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

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

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

Fredericton, N.B.
November 23, 2011.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Graydon Nicholas,
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,

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

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

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

Ordered that the Honourable the Premier, Mr. Bonenfant and Mr. Killen be the Committee to Wait upon His Honour with the Address and present the same.

And then, 10.39 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report 2010-2011

Department of the Environment

December 1, 2011

Annual Report 2010-2011

Department of Supply and Services

December 1, 2011

Daily sitting 8

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Boudreau, Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students of the Donat-Robichaud school in opposition to shale gas. (Petition 40)

Mr. Riordon, Member for Nepisiguit, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the funding allocated to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women. (Petition 41)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 42)

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the practice of hydro fracturing in the riding of Saint John-Fundy. (Petition 43)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that the entire shale fracturing process, including present exploration for natural gas, be halted immediately. (Petition 44)

Hon. Mr. Fitch laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Action Plan for a New Local Governance System in New Brunswick, December 2011*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Fitch to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*.

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

By Mr. Fraser,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Health, the Premier's Office, Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network and any other government department or agency regarding any and all directions from the Department of Health and/or Premier's Office to the health networks on cuts to meet the budget reductions mandated by the Alward government, including any feedback from the health networks.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding all seafood processing licences issued by the Department of Fisheries since September 1, 2010.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding any tenders issued or contracts awarded for any maintenance, snow removal and/or improvement of the Coal Creek Road in Queens County since September 27, 2010.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, Bill 9 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 7, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, be

called for second reading; following which the House would take into consideration Motion 1.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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 Employment Standards 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 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities 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 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code 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 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance 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 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities 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 6, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Hon. Mr. Northrup moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. Blaney:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's natural resources represent a collective good to be developed responsibly for the benefit of our Province; and

WHEREAS Natural Gas represents an opportunity to employ New Brunswickers and to raise revenue to assist in reducing the province's debt and help fund social programs, including health care, senior care, and education; and

WHEREAS the Members of this Legislature wish to encourage the development of industry that provides meaningful opportunities to keep our people in the Province and provide work to bring New Brunswickers home from the oil and gas sector in western Canada; and

WHEREAS exploration for Natural Gas reserves has the beneficial effect of increasing knowledge about all of the Province's underground resources; and

WHEREAS prior governments have granted permissions to explore for Natural gas and other natural resources in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Members of this Legislature believe that the Government must ensure that a strong comprehensive regulatory framework must be in place to provide for the protection of our groundwater and the environment; and

WHEREAS this Government will only allow extraction if it is conducted in a manner that protects the health of our residents, the quality of our drinking water and protects the environment; and

WHEREAS energy derived from natural gas is more environmentally sound than energy derived from coal or oil and results in decreased greenhouse gas emission; and

WHEREAS Oil and Natural Gas wells, using various extraction technologies, including hydraulic fracturing, have been in production in New Brunswick since 1859;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly supports the policy of continued responsible exploration of New Brunswick's Natural Gas reserves in conjunction with the development of a framework of world class regulations to ensure the protection of the residents of New Brunswick, our groundwater, and the environment.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. D. Landry, seconded by Mr. Boudreau, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended by:

In the second Whereas clause, removing the word "represents" and replacing it with "may represent";

In the fourth Whereas clause, removing the word “has” and replacing it with “may have”;

In the seventh Whereas clause, removing the word “will” and replacing it with “must”;

In the ninth Whereas clause, adding the words “on a limited scale” after the word “fracturing”;

Adding a tenth Whereas clause to read:

“WHEREAS concerns have been expressed by members of the public that the process of hydraulic fracturing on a larger scale associated with the exploration of shale gas may pose significant environmental risks if sufficient regulation, oversight and monitoring are not in place;”

And by removing all the words following the word “Assembly” in the Resolution clause and replacing them with “urge the government to announce a moratorium on shale gas exploration and strike a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly with the mandate to review and hold public hearings on all proposed legislation, regulations, and plans for monitoring and oversight of the shale gas industry, and to make final recommendations to the Legislative Assembly”.

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 on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 11

Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand Leblanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Haché	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bernard Leblanc	

NAYS - 36

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Parrott

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Tait
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Ms. Wilson	Mr. S. Robichaud
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Soucy	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Davis

And the question being put, Motion 1 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 - 38

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Shephard	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Bonenfant
Mr. Steeves	Mr. McLean	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Killen	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Soucy	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Davis
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Riordon	

NAYS - 11

Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand Leblanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Haché	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bernard Leblanc	

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

Daily sitting 9

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition used unparliamentary language when he accused Hon. Mr. Northrup of “misleading” New Brunswickers. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and the Member withdrew the remark.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Dubé,

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

By Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Hon. Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 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.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 8, 2011, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 10, Motion 5 and 6.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, December 9, 2011, Bills 8 and 11 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Bill 9, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation 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. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. McLean took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Jack Carr took the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McLean took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Jack Carr, the Acting Chair, after requesting that the Acting Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

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

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, the Acting 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, 5.20 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:

Daily sitting 10

Thursday, December 8, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 45)

Mr. Jack Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to ban herbicide spraying of the public forest in New Brunswick. (Petition 46)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 47)

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists, 2010-2011*; and *Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2011, Volume 2, Supplementary Information*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown*.

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc,

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the Habeas Corpus Act*.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Management of Seized and Forfeited Property Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Dubé,

Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Regional Health Authorities*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, December 9, 2011, Bills 13, 15, 16 and 17 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Deputy Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to Motion 3:

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

Honourable Members:

Before we proceed to Opposition Members' business, I want to draw your attention to Motion 3 standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Member for Centre-Péninsule—Saint-Sauveur and the amendment thereto proposed by the Minister of Natural Resources. According to an old rule of Parliament, a question being once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, cannot be questioned again but must stand as a judgment of the House. The rule exists to ensure that the time of the House is not spent debating the same question. It also ensures that the House does not arrive at contradictory decisions in the course of the same session. I find that Motion 1, adopted by the House on Tuesday last and the amendment thereto which was negatived, deal with substantially the same questions as Motion 3 and the amendment thereto. Given that the House has rendered a decision on both questions, I order Motion 3 and the amendment thereto struck from the Order and Notice Paper.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. S. Robichaud took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the Alward government is proposing a two-tiered minimum wage for the province of New Brunswick, wherein servers and wait staff would earn a lower minimum wage than other workers;

WHEREAS a two-tiered minimum wage is a direct attack on the most vulnerable wage earners;

WHEREAS tipping is designed to reward excellent service, not supplement wages;

WHEREAS the scheduled increase to the minimum wage that was supposed to have taken place in September as mandated by the Poverty Reduction Plan has not yet been implemented;

WHEREAS the Poverty Reduction Plan did not suggest a two-tiered minimum wage;

WHEREAS the Alward government's public consultation on a two-tiered minimum wage consists of an online survey which contains questions which have been criticized as being designed to tip the balance of the results in favour of a two-tiered minimum wage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to respect the spirit and intent of the Poverty Reduction Plan, reject a two-tiered minimum wage and immediately implement the recommendation of the Poverty Reduction Plan to raise the minimum wage to \$10.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. S. Robichaud resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Arseneault used unparliamentary language when he stated the Premier "lied". Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and the Member withdrew the remark.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy 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 11

Friday, December 9, 2011

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 48)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 49)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Leonard to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that certain Ministers were exceeding the one minute time limit on answers during Oral Questions. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that both sides have exceeded the time limits on occasion, which is within the discretion of the Chair to permit.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

WHEREAS during the last election campaign, the current Premier and the Health Minister promised New Brunswickers the implementation of a catastrophic drug program within the first year of their mandate;

WHEREAS lack of a catastrophic drug program continues to cause extreme economic hardship for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have approached the provincial government for assistance with drug costs and have been refused or ignored;

WHEREAS New Brunswick remains one of only two Canadian provinces and territories without such coverage;

WHEREAS this government continues to refuse to be up-front about the actual implementation date for such a program;

WHEREAS the current government promised to consult key stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program and has yet to do so;

WHEREAS this government's target date for implementation continues to change, going from "within the first year" to "before 2014" to "early in the mandate";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier to immediately engage stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program and inform New Brunswickers of the specific target date for implementation of this program.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

WHEREAS the serious illness of a child often puts parents and/or guardians under extreme emotional stress and economic hardship;

WHEREAS the current rules surrounding Employment Insurance do not allow for parents to receive benefits while tending to a seriously ill child;

WHEREAS the current rules surrounding Employment Insurance allow for workers to receive benefits while tending to a seriously ill parent;

WHEREAS the parents and/or guardians of seriously ill children do not have any job security when they take time off to tend to their children;

WHEREAS parents and/or guardians can lose their jobs while tending to a seriously ill child;

WHEREAS this represents an inequity in the workforce;

WHEREAS there are currently two Private Members' Bills before the House of Commons to address this issue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Government of New Brunswick to urge the federal government to support the passing of Bill C-323 and Bill C-542, to allow the parents of seriously ill children to take sick leave and maintain job security when taking time off to tend to a seriously ill child.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

WHEREAS there is no children's hospital in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the serious illness of a child may therefore require parents and/or guardians to seek treatment out of province;

WHEREAS out of province travel, accommodations and other expenses often have to be paid out of pocket by parents and/or guardians;

WHEREAS there currently does not exist any policy, plan or fund to assist the parents and/or guardians of children with serious illness with these expenses;

WHEREAS this often creates financial hardship for the families of seriously ill children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Government of New Brunswick to implement and disburse a fund to provide financial assistance for out-of-province expense costs for the parents and/or guardians of seriously ill children who have to travel out of province for treatment.

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

Fredericton, N.B.
December 9, 2011.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011 Volume II* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2011, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Bills 18 and 19 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 8, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 17 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 2.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code Act*.
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.
Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.
Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.
Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *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 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *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 11, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment 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 Medical Services 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 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown*, 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 Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the Habeas Corpus 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 Repeal the Habeas Corpus 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 Management of Seized and Forfeited Property 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 Management of Seized and Forfeited Property 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 Respecting Regional Health Authorities*, 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 Respecting Regional Health Authorities*, 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. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Betts, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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, 12.25 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 12

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 50)

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, December 22, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, provided by shale gas exploration companies regarding the lists of all chemicals used by all shale gas exploration companies working in New Brunswick to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environment and Department of Health, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, December 22, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard Leblanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the province of New Brunswick, Department of Public Safety, Department of Social Development, the Premier's Office and any other government department or agency, the Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home or any other corporations or third parties it may have solicited or received information, concerns or advice, regarding all aspects of the infrastructure, facilities, evacuation plans, and safety of the residents and staff at Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home in Miramichi, including, but not limited to all engineering reports and architectural plans, budgets, and all correspondence since October 13, 2010.

Hon. Mr. Higgs, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His 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 13, 2011.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates 2012-2013*, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 19, Hon. Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs proceeded to deliver the 2012-2013 capital budget speech.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee 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. Landry moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 capital estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 18 and 19 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 17, 9, 13, 8, 15, 16 and 11.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, 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.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property 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 on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 39

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Shephard	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Bonenfant
Mr. Steeves	Mr. McLean	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Killen	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Soucy	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Davis

NAYS - 12

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Haché	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property 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. Landry in the chair.

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

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

Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Regional Health Authorities*.

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.

Daily sitting 13

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a question of privilege concerning the actions of Mr. Riordon. It was submitted that prior to the start of the current day's sitting, the Member for Nepisiguit was observed examining documents on the desk of the Opposition House Leader without the knowledge and consent of the Member. Pursuant to Standing Rule 9(2), Mr. Arseneault gave notice of his intention to propose a motion on the matter later in the sitting day.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Lakeville-Dieppe, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the wetland designation to a piece of land to the north of Fundy Street in Moncton. (Petition 51)

Pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Internal Audit Report on the accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011*.

Hon. Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Arseneault, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 15, 2011, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 5, 20 and 6.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates of the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Transportation, Health, and Supply and Services, as well as the Supplementary Estimates, 2010-2011, Volume II; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 17, 9, 18, 13, 19, 8, 15, 16 and 11.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

The Chair further reported that the Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East advised that he wished to give notice of his question of privilege.

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. Arseneault rose on the question of privilege raised earlier in the sitting day and, pursuant to Standing Rule 9(2), gave notice of his intention to move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Member for Nepisiguit was observed by a member of staff of the Legislature examining documents on the desk and with documents in his hand of the Opposition House Leader before the session commenced this morning; and

WHEREAS the violation of the privacy of documents on a Member's desk is an unacceptable breach of the privilege of the Member; and

WHEREAS the Member for Moncton West (Minister of Social Development) was observed standing by the desk of the Opposition House Leader and looking at documents from this desk shown to her by the Member from Nepisiguit; and

WHEREAS this incident was then related by the Legislature staff person to Members of the Opposition;

WHEREAS the Deputy Opposition House Leader raised the matter as a point of privilege at the earliest opportunity;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House suspend the Member for Nepisiguit and the Member for Moncton West until the matter has been dealt with by the Standing Committee on Privileges.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that, in accordance with the rules of the House, he would consider the matter in two hours' time.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2010-2011, VOLUME II

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Voted

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Corporate and Other Education Services	43,933.36
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes . . .	559,504.23
Employee Benefit Plans	5,459,749.27
Provision for Losses	44,762,841.94
Tax Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	12,709,497.46

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$89,088.53 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Legal Aid	89,088.53
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$34,867,375.07 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Community and Correctional Services	131,770.40
Police, Fire and Emergency Services	34,735,604.67

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Child Protection and Child Development	598,957.08
Long Term Care	14,232,608.07
Income Security	22,827,194.60
Housing Services	4,726,491.62

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$14,549.42 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Local Service Districts	14,549.42
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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PARKS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$133,132.71 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Capital Improvements	133,132.71
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$23,805,723.16 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Canada - New Brunswick	
National Highway System Program	23,805,723.16

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,282,470.09 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Student Loan Advances	1,282,470.09
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

At 3.25 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

3.27 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 5.05 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

5.30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Regional Health Authorities*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation 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.

The required two hours' notice having been given earlier in the sitting, Mr. Speaker invited the Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East to state his question of privilege.

Mr. Arseneault submitted that Members have an expectation of privacy when it relates to documents on their desk and it is an infringement of a Member's privileges to interfere with this expectation. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the question of privilege and submitted that the Member for Nepisiguit did not intend to infringe upon the Member's privacy or privileges. Mr. Fraser also spoke.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

And then, 6.20 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:

Annual Report 2010-2011

Department of Social Development

December 13, 2011

Annual Report, 31 March, 2011

Provincial Holdings Ltd.

December 13, 2011

Daily sitting 14

Thursday, December 15, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Riordon, Member for Nepisiguit, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to adequately subsidize the services of home support workers. (Petition 52)

Mr. Bonenfant, Member for Madawaska-les-Lacs, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to restore supply management to the province's chicken industry by ensuring a predictable and stable supply of New Brunswick grown chickens to Nadeau Poultry. (Petition 53)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011 (2)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 20 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011 (2)*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011 (2)*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, December 22, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding flights made by the government airplane on December 10 and 11, 2011, including but not limited to flight logs, passenger lists and Hobbs meter.

Debate resumed on Motion 5, moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

WHEREAS the Alward government is proposing a two-tiered minimum wage for the province of New Brunswick, wherein servers and wait staff would earn a lower minimum wage than other workers;

WHEREAS a two-tiered minimum wage is a direct attack on the most vulnerable wage earners;

WHEREAS tipping is designed to reward excellent service, not supplement wages;

WHEREAS the scheduled increase to the minimum wage that was supposed to have taken place in September as mandated by the Poverty Reduction Plan has not yet been implemented;

WHEREAS the Poverty Reduction Plan did not suggest a two-tiered minimum wage;

WHEREAS the Alward government's public consultation on a two-tiered minimum wage consists of an online survey which contains questions which have been criticized as being designed to tip the balance of the results in favour of a two-tiered minimum wage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to respect the spirit and intent of the Poverty Reduction Plan, reject a two-tiered minimum wage and immediately implement the recommendation of the Poverty Reduction Plan to raise the minimum wage to \$10.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 5 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 11

Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Haché

Mr. Albert
Mr. Kenny
Mr. Collins
Mr. Bernard LeBlanc

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson
Mr. D. Landry

NAYS - 39

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Shephard	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Bonenfant
Mr. Steeves	Mr. McLean	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Killen	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Soucy	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Davis

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

WHEREAS during the last election campaign, the current Premier and the Health Minister promised New Brunswickers the implementation of a catastrophic drug program within the first year of their mandate;

WHEREAS lack of a catastrophic drug program continues to cause extreme economic hardship for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have approached the provincial government for assistance with drug costs and have been refused or ignored;

WHEREAS New Brunswick remains one of only two Canadian provinces and territories without such coverage;

WHEREAS this government continues to refuse to be up-front about the actual implementation date for such a program;

WHEREAS the current government promised to consult key stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program and has yet to do so;

WHEREAS this government's target date for implementation continues to change, going from "within the first year" to "before 2014" to "early in the mandate";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier to immediately engage stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program and inform New Brunswickers of the specific target date for implementation of this program.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Dubé, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 20 be amended:

In the first WHEREAS clause, by deleting the words “within the first year of their mandate”;

In the sixth WHEREAS clause, by deleting the words “and has yet to do so”;

By deleting the third, fifth, and seventh WHEREAS clauses;

By adding the following three clauses immediately before the resolution clause:

“WHEREAS the previous Liberal government ignored the need of our residents;”

“WHEREAS this government inherited a billion dollar deficit and it is of paramount importance to solve the current financial crisis facing the Province;”

“WHEREAS, despite the current financial challenges, this government has started a three step approach to implement a catastrophic drug program;”

In the Resolution clause, by replacing the words “immediately engage” with “continue engaging” and replacing all the words following “and” with “continue implementing the full program as soon as it can be done in a responsible manner within the current government’s mandate”.

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 20 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS during the last election campaign, the current Premier and the Health Minister promised New Brunswickers the implementation of a catastrophic drug program;

WHEREAS lack of a catastrophic drug program continues to cause extreme economic hardship for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick remains one of only two Canadian provinces and territories without such coverage;

WHEREAS the current government promised to consult key stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program;

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government ignored the need of our residents;

WHEREAS this government inherited a billion dollar deficit and it is of paramount importance to solve the current financial crisis facing the Province;

WHEREAS, despite the current financial challenges, this government has started a three step approach to implement a catastrophic drug program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier to continue engaging stakeholders in the development of a catastrophic drug program and continue implementing the full program as soon as it can be done in a responsible manner within the current government's mandate.

And the question being put, Motion 20 as amended was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 36

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Macdonald

Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Tait
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Ms. Shephard	Mr. S. Robichaud
Mr. Steeves	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Bonenfant
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McLean	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Killen	Mr. Betts
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Soucy	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Davis

NAYS - 11

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Haché	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, which resulted in a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was “proud” to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

WHEREAS there is considerable disparity between what Premier Alward said while he was in the opposition and what he has done since forming the government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to honour the commitments made by the Premier when, as Leader of the Opposition, he expressed his support for the poverty reduction plan.

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.

Mr. Riordon rose and apologized to Mr. Speaker and members of the opposition in relation to the question of privilege raised by Mr. Arseneault during the previous sitting day.

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:

Fine-tuning Parliamentary Machinery: A Review of
the Mandates and Operations of New Brunswick's
Legislative Officers, December 2011.

December 14, 2011

Daily sitting 15

Friday, December 16, 2011

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling in relation to the question of privilege raised on Wednesday last:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I am prepared now to rule on the question of privilege raised at Wednesday's sitting by the Honourable Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East.

In stating his question of privilege, the Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East submitted that prior to the start of Wednesday's sitting, the Member for Nepisiguit was observed examining documents on the desk of the Opposition House Leader and handling certain documents.

The Member submitted that the violation of the privacy of documents on a Member's desk is an unacceptable breach of the privileges of the Member.

The Honourable Government House Leader also spoke on the question of privilege and noted that it is a common occurrence for Members on one side of the House to gather with Members on the opposite side to discuss procedural or other issues and that the expectation of privacy in the Chamber is not absolute.

The Government House Leader further submitted that the Member for Nepisiguit was not trying to obtain confidential information coming from the official opposition but simply examining a colouring book that had been placed on certain Members' desks.

Honourable Members, as the Government House Leader pointed out, there are many occasions where Members from one side of the House will gather with Members on the other side to converse or discuss particular issues. Indeed, this is part of what makes parliament function and it helps facilitate the flow of business in the House.

It should go without saying, however, that Members have the right to expect that the documents or other possessions that are placed on their desks will not be picked up, examined or otherwise interfered with.

In this instance, it has been submitted that it was not the intention of the Member for Nepisiguit to view any personal or confidential documentation. I refer Members to a December 5, 1997 decision of Speaker McKay. At that time, the then Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée had complained that his briefcase which was in the chamber had been tampered with during his absence and that his rights as a Member had been interfered with. In that instance, the Speaker found that the duct-taping of the Member's briefcase did not amount to a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege as there was no meaningful intent to infringe upon the Member's rights, or interfere with the member's ability to do his work in the House.

Similarly, in the situation before us, I am hesitant to find that this particular incident rises to the level of a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege. While I do not condone the actions of the Member, I am hesitant to find that there was any meaningful intent to infringe upon the rights or privileges of the Opposition House Leader. I must reiterate, however, that Members do have a right to expect privacy with respect to the desks that have been assigned to them and it is not acceptable for Members to handle or examine documents that have been placed on another Member's desk.

At this time, I also want to address the issue of distribution of documents on Members' desks. There have been previous rulings in this House that Pages should not be asked to distribute items of a frivolous or offending nature. The distribution of colouring books to particular Members of the House is one such example and it is not something that I wish to see repeated.

Honourable Members, it has been said many times that we must treat each other with respect and courtesy in this Chamber. As elected parliamentarians it is a privilege to have the right to sit in this Chamber and represent the people who have elected you. I urge all of you to reflect on this privilege and to conduct yourselves accordingly.

In conclusion, I have found that this particular matter does not rise to the level of a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege. Accordingly the proposed motion will not go forward at this time.

I want to thank Honourable Members for their comments on this matter and I acknowledge the fact that the Member for Nepisiguit has offered an apology to the House.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 54)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 55)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 56)

Mr. D. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule—Saint-Sauveur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 57)

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, December 22, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding any and all safety concerns at the Saint John Regional Correctional Centre, including but not limited to any third party reports or findings such as the report identified in the Telegraph Journal article of December 15, 2011.

Mr. McLean, Acting 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 9, 18, 13, 19, 8, 15, 16 and 11.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*, Hon. Ms. Blais, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

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

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third reading be discharged and the Bill referred back to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Regional Health Authorities*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

At 1.14 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

1.19 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

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

Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown*.

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 Standing Rule 10, Hon. Ms. Blais rose on a question of privilege and submitted that Mr. Fraser questioned the integrity of the Speaker on his twitter account.

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

Daily sitting 16

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 58)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 59)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 60)

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13, 19, 8, 15, 16 and 11; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Health and Transportation.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

And after some time, the Chair put the question on the motion that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, be reported as agreed to as presented, and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YAYS - 31

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Lifford
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Riordon
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Parrott
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Wilson	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Savoie
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McLean	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Killen	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Soucy	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Leonard		

NAYS - 12

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Haché	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting past the ordinary hour of daily adjournment in order to consider Bill 11 in Committee of the Whole.

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

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

- Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act.*
- Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
- Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown.*
- Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the Habeas Corpus Act.*
- Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Management of Seized and Forfeited Property Act.*
- Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property 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, 6.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 17

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 61)

Mr. Kenny welcomed to the House former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Frank Branch, Liberal MLA for Gloucester County (1970-1974), Nepisiguit-Chaleur (1974-1995) and Nepisiguit (2003-2006).

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Friday, March 30, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the election platform for the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick, *Putting New Brunswick first... For a Change*, committed to finding a means for political parties without representation in the Legislative Assembly to participate in the business of the House;

WHEREAS the Premier mandated Don Desserud to examine the question of legislative reform in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS Mr. Desserud and Cody Waite have released their report entitled *Proposals for Legislative Reform in New Brunswick*;

WHEREAS the government wishes to consider reforms to the current practices of the House to encourage greater participation and representation for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Standing Rules 92 and 104, this House appoint a Select Committee on Legislative Reform to consider the recommendations of the Desserud report on proposals for legislative reform in New Brunswick and to file with the Legislative Assembly a report with recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said committee by the Standing Rules, the committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the following session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;
- to hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the committee may 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee be composed of the Member for Victoria-Tobique, the Member for Hampton-Kings, the Member for Tracadie-Sheila, the Member for Saint John Lancaster, the Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, the Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, and the Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 2 o'clock p.m., 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. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading and Royal Assent, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Health, Transportation, Supply and Services, and Education and Early Childhood Development.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown*.

Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the Habeas Corpus Act*.

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Management of Seized and Forfeited Property Act*.

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 11.25 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

11.34 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Building Code Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

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

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Recovery of Debts Owed to the Crown.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the Habeas Corpus Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Management of Seized and Forfeited Property Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Regional Health Authorities.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2010-2011 (2).*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed

At 3.08 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.13 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, 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, 6.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 18

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

2 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Higgs, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His 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 27, 2012.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2013, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd.:) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *2012-2013 Budget, Rebuilding New Brunswick Together*; and *2012-2013 Economic Outlook*.

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

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of His 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 25, Hon. Mr. Higgs 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. Higgs proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

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

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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, 3.11 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2010-2011 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	December 21, 2011
2010-2011 New Brunswick Forest Products Commission	December 22, 2011
2010-2011 New Brunswick Highway Corporation	January 4, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Business New Brunswick	January 4, 2012
2010-2011 New Brunswick Farm Products Commission	January 4, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Intergovernmental Affairs	January 6, 2012
2010-2011 Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	January 9, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Local Government	January 11, 2012
2010-2011 New Brunswick Internal Services Agency	January 11, 2012
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume II, 2011	January 12, 2012
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, 2012	January 12, 2012
2008 Supervisor of Political Financing	January 16, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	January 17, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Natural Resources	January 18, 2012
2010-2011 Tourism and Parks	January 18, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	January 23, 2012

2010-2011 Energy	January 24, 2012
2010-2011 New Brunswick Police Commission	January 26, 2012
2010-2011 Office of Human Resources	January 30, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport	January 30, 2012
Annual Report on Fees	
Department of Finance, January 2012	January 31, 2012
2010-2011 Community Non-Profit Organizations Secretariat	February 1, 2012
2010-2011 Department of Health	February 9, 2012
2010-2011 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	February 20, 2012
2010-2011 Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	February 21, 2012
2010-2011 NB Power	March 1, 2012
2009 Supervisor of Political Financing	March 13, 2012

Other

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Patrick A.A. Ryan, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into Allegations by Mr. Bruce Fitch, MLA for Riverview, of Violations of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by Minister Richard Miles, MLA for Fredericton-Silverwood and Minister of Environment (including Exhibit Book)

February 20, 2012

Motions

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 11	December 8, 2011
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 18	December 15, 2011
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 9, 13, 26, 27	December 22, 2011
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 14	January 13, 2012
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 8, 10	January 19, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 17	January 27, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 12	February 3, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 24	February 15, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 23	February 20, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 16	February 22, 2012

Petitions

Response to Petition 3	December 8, 2011
Response to Petitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22	December 13, 2011
Response to Petition 34	December 19, 2011
Response to Petitions 40, 44, 46	December 20, 2011
Response to Petitions 1, 8, 23, 33, 42, 43	December 21, 2011

Response to Petitions 39, 41	January 4, 2012
Response to Petitions 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38	January 11, 2012
Response to Petition 51	January 12, 2012
Response to Petitions 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61	January 13, 2012
Response to Petitions 52, 53	January 24, 2012
Response to Petitions 2, 10, 24, 60	February 7, 2012

Daily sitting 19

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 62)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 63)

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

Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier lied to the House during Oral Questions. Mr. Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the term “lied”, which he did. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken as the matter involved a dispute of facts.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Killen,
Bill 21, *Rothsday Netherwood School Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Alward government is aiming for a balanced operational budget by 2014;

WHEREAS the Alward government is mostly focusing on the expenditure side of the provincial balance sheet to achieve this;

WHEREAS in addressing the provincial financial situation, a balanced approach is needed;

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick has experienced negative job growth since the Alward government took office;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers understand that to reach this objective of a balanced budget by 2014, additional revenues are needed;

WHEREAS a significant way to increase provincial revenues is through job creation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has yet to develop a strategic job creation plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Legislature urge the provincial government to immediately develop and release a comprehensive job creation plan, including objectives and measurable targets.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS the Moncton City Hospital and the Saint John Regional Hospital are the only two neurological Centres of Excellence in the province;

WHEREAS doctors and medical experts agree that Moncton City Hospital and Saint John Regional Hospital, as major trauma centres serving patients from all regions of the province, would provide better health care with the availability of 3T Magnetic Resonance Imaging;

WHEREAS the Alward government has ruled out the installation of 3T MRIs, going so far as to refuse an offer of a \$1 million contribution by a hospital foundation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to heed the advice of medical professionals and purchase and install 3T MRIs at Moncton City Hospital and Saint John Regional Hospital.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines drivers have been on strike for more than three months;

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines is the only public inter-city mode of transportation in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers depend on Acadian Coach Lines for transportation;

WHEREAS the federal government has refused to intervene in this strike, with New Brunswick's Conservative MPs, cabinet ministers and Senators remaining silent on the issue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to demand the federal government intervene in this labour dispute so that public inter-city transportation can resume in New Brunswick.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS many factors contribute to economic growth;

WHEREAS a qualified workforce is critical to job creation and economic sustainability;

WHEREAS the business community has identified the lack of access to a qualified workforce as a significant roadblock to growth;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not addressed this issue through the creation of a fully integrated job creation plan that would include specific initiatives in response to this need;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to organize and facilitate a provincial employment summit before the end of May 2012, which would bring together stakeholders from the business community, the nonprofit sector, and postsecondary institutions, in order to understand the needs, identify the gaps, and propose a solution.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding the number of vacancies in Parts I, II, III and IV of the New Brunswick civil service and the classification of each position and/or the position description as of today's date.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 28)

WHEREAS the election platform for the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick, *Putting New Brunswick first... For a Change*, committed to finding a means for political parties without representation in the Legislative Assembly to participate in the business of the House;

WHEREAS the Premier mandated Don Desserud to examine the question of legislative reform in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS Mr. Desserud and Cody Waite have released their report entitled *Proposals for Legislative Reform in New Brunswick*;

WHEREAS the government wishes to consider reforms to the current practices of the House to encourage greater participation and representation for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Standing Rules 92 and 104, this House appoint a Select Committee on Legislative Reform to consider the recommendations of the Desserud report on proposals for legislative reform in New Brunswick and to file with the Legislative Assembly a report with recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said committee by the Standing Rules, the committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the following session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;
- to hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the committee may 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee be composed of the Member for Victoria-Tobique, the Member for Hampton-Kings, the

Member for Tracadie-Sheila, the Member for Saint John Lancaster, the Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, the Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, and the Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 11 o'clock a.m.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 34)

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted November 24, 2011, the House shall sit on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 35)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Killen for Ms. Wilson and Mr. S. Robichaud for Mr. Bonenfant;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Riordon for Mr. B. Macdonald;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Health Care be amended by substituting the name of Mr. K. MacDonald for Ms. Shephard;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bonenfant for Mr. S. Robichaud;

THAT the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. C. Landry for Mr. McLean and Mr. Urquhart for Mr. Jack Carr and by adding the name of Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Legislative Officers be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Davis for Mr. Stewart, Mr. McLean for Ms. Wilson, Mr. S. Robichaud for Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud and Ms. Lynch for Mr. C. Landry;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Parrott for Mr. Riordon, Mr. Stewart for Mr. Harrison and Ms. Wilson for Mr. Urquhart;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Privileges be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Parrott for Mr. Bonenfant;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Urquhart for Ms. Wilson and Mr. Steeves for Mr. McLean;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bonenfant for Mr. Davis and Mr. Tait for Mr. Stewart.

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

And then, 12.15 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 2011

New Brunswick Insurance Board

March 27, 2012

Daily sitting 20

Thursday, March 29, 2012

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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 Hon. Mr. Leonard, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 11.40 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 21

Friday, March 30, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 64)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging that acute care beds at the Miramichi Regional Hospital remain as such, and that the hospital maintain its level 3 trauma designation. (Petition 65)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Northrup to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Arseneault used the term "liar" in reference to the Premier. Mr. Speaker requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bonenfant,

Bill 22, An Act to Incorporate the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 25).

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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

The debate was resumed.

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

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

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

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

Daily sitting 22

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker paid tribute to those who lost their lives at Vimy Ridge.

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to instruct the New Brunswick Housing Authority to allow and accommodate reasonable pet ownership by people living in their apartments. (Petition 66)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents in rural areas surrounding Miramichi requesting to remain in Region 5 (Miramichi) for regional services. (Petition 67)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Fairisle LSD and Alnwick Parish who do not wish to be part of the Action Plan for a New Brunswick Local Governance System. (Petition 68)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 69)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 70)

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding the total number of applicants to the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors from the program start date of March 1, 2012 to present.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 25).

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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

The debate was resumed.

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

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

At 5.11 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

5.30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And then, 6 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:

Annual Report 2010-2011

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate,

Strengthening the Voices of Youth

March 30, 2012

Annual Report 2011

Firefighters' Compensation Act Disability Fund

March 30, 2012

Annual Report 2011

Worksafe NB

March 30, 2012

Daily sitting 23

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Boudreau, Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the funding allocated to the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women. (Petition 71)

Mr. Melanson, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the funding allocated to the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women. (Petition 72)

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 73)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 74)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier and Hon. Ms. Blais accused the Leader of the Opposition of making “false statements” and “false accusations”. Mr. Speaker cautioned Members against making such allegations.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais Q.C.,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Trevors,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the number of alternative level of care beds, how many beds have been designated, and the staffing complement of RNs, LPNs and PCAs for alternative level of care patients, in each of the province's hospitals.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the negotiations between the former Department of Supply and Services, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the former Department of Tourism and Parks, the Department of Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living and all other government departments and agencies, and New Castle Hotels & Resorts and Southwest Properties, regarding the Algonquin Hotel.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the Point Lepreau refurbishment project is three years behind schedule and \$1 billion over budget;

WHEREAS the refurbishment contract was signed by the former Progressive Conservative government of Bernard Lord in 2006, with no protection for cost overruns;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy has stated in this House that his government will accept nothing less than full compensation from the government of Canada for cost overruns at Lepreau;

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada has stated publicly that the federal government will only honour its contractual obligations in the refurbishment project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to sue the federal government for the full value of the cost overruns at Lepreau.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the increasing price of gas creates significant economic hardship for ordinary New Brunswickers, particularly those who live in rural regions; and

WHEREAS the Conservative government raised the gas tax by 2.9 cents per litre, plus HST in its first budget, despite its election promise not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers; and

WHEREAS the provincial government collected \$247.3 million in gas taxes in 2010-2011;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House urge the government to immediately implement a gas tax rebate for all New Brunswickers.

Motions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 5, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 29 and 32.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the time for the meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Thursday, April 5, 2012 as follows: 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 25).

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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

The debate was resumed.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and cautioned Members against the use of props to manipulate the sound system of the House.

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 24

Thursday, April 5, 2012

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 75)

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 76)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of seniors in opposition to the Tax Deferral program. (Petition 77)

Hon. Mr. Olscamp requested unanimous consent to make a lengthy Minister's Statement, and unanimous consent was denied.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Leonard on behalf of Hon. Ms. Blaney,
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,
Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp on behalf of Hon. Mr. Northrup,
Bill 28, *Species at Risk Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Premier committed during the 2010 election campaign to guaranteeing that the annual budget for the Department of Health will increase each and every year of a four-year mandate by a minimum of three per cent;

AND WHEREAS the most recent budget limits the increase of the budget for the Department of Health to 1.6 per cent growth;

AND WHEREAS the budget for the Department of Health has increased by an average of approximately 7 per cent annually between 2006 and 2010;

AND WHEREAS this health budget reduction will mean the Department of Health will likely have to make drastic cuts to programs and services of more than \$136 million to meet this budget target;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide detailed information on the specific cuts to programs and services to the health care system that will be required to meet this difficult budget target.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS investments in preventative health care now will result in primary care savings in the future;

WHEREAS obesity is a major roadblock to healthy living in our province, which consistently ranks among the highest in Canada in obesity rates;

WHEREAS an obesity clinic pilot program in Bathurst has helped approximately 800 patients manage their diabetes, high blood pressure and other obesity-related conditions;

WHEREAS the provincial government has cut funding to the clinic;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to reinstate funding to the obesity clinic program as an investment in preventative health care.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mines is due to cease operation in Bathurst next year;

WHEREAS Brunswick Mines is an important employer in northern New Brunswick, with more than 900 employees and more than 1,200 jobs indirectly linked to the mine;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a significant and detrimental effect on the economy of northern New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to develop and release a strategy to stimulate and improve the northern New Brunswick economy to lessen the blow of the mine closure.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, Bills 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 29, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Alward government is aiming for a balanced operational budget by 2014;

WHEREAS the Alward government is mostly focusing on the expenditure side of the provincial balance sheet to achieve this;

WHEREAS in addressing the provincial financial situation, a balanced approach is needed;

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick has experienced negative job growth since the Alward government took office;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers understand that to reach this objective of a balanced budget by 2014, additional revenues are needed;

WHEREAS a significant way to increase provincial revenues is through job creation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has yet to develop a strategic job creation plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Legislature urge the provincial government to immediately develop and release a comprehensive job creation plan, including objectives and measurable targets.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Higgs, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 29 be amended:

By deleting the word “mostly” from the second WHEREAS clause;

By adding the words “, as is outlined in the Government’s vision for rebuilding New Brunswick through changes to the culture and structure of government” at the end of the third WHEREAS clause;

By deleting the fourth, fifth and seventh WHEREAS clauses;

By replacing the words “a significant” with “an important” and adding the words “and decrease provincial expenditures” after the word “revenues” in the sixth WHEREAS clause;

By adding the following clauses before the resolution clause:

“WHEREAS this government believes that responsible management of the province’s finances is paramount;

WHEREAS this government believes that we must provide the environment for sustainably growing the economy to create and maintain high-quality jobs across the province;

WHEREAS a culture of healthy, growing communities and an enhanced quality of life for all New Brunswickers is a priority for this government;”

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “the provincial government to” with “continue with the development of a comprehensive economic development strategy that includes a job creation plan, with performance indicators that measure economic progress, quality of life, and fiscal management”.

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, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 29 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Alward government is aiming for a balanced operational budget by 2014;

WHEREAS the Alward government is focusing on the expenditure side of the provincial balance sheet to achieve this;

WHEREAS in addressing the provincial financial situation, a balanced approach is needed, as is outlined in the Government's vision for rebuilding New Brunswick through changes to the culture and structure of government;

WHEREAS an important way to increase provincial revenues and decrease provincial expenditures is through job creation;

WHEREAS this government believes that responsible management of the province's finances is paramount;

WHEREAS this government believes that we must provide the environment for sustainably growing the economy to create and maintain high-quality jobs across the province;

WHEREAS a culture of healthy, growing communities and an enhanced quality of life for all New Brunswickers is a priority for this government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Legislature urge the provincial government to continue with the development of a comprehensive economic development strategy that includes a job creation plan, with performance indicators that measure economic progress, quality of life, and fiscal management.

And the question being put, Motion 29 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 32, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS many factors contribute to economic growth;

WHEREAS a qualified workforce is critical to job creation and economic sustainability;

WHEREAS the business community has identified the lack of access to a qualified workforce as a significant roadblock to growth;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not addressed this issue through the creation of a fully integrated job creation plan that would include specific initiatives in response to this need;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to organize and facilitate a provincial employment summit before the end of May 2012, which would bring together stakeholders from the business community, the nonprofit sector, and postsecondary institutions, in order to understand the needs, identify the gaps, and propose a solution.

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.

Hon. Ms. Blais, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud:

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, April 13, 2012, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, 2012; and

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, May 18, 2012, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Blais moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 44)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, all estimates contained in the *Main Estimates 2012-2013* and *Capital Estimates 2012-2013* not yet adopted by the Committee of Supply shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates, which shall report its progress to the House on Tuesday, April 24, 2012;

That the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates shall be televised and shall take place in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

Thursday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

Friday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;

That all estimates remaining for the consideration of the Standing Committee on Estimates at the conclusion of the proceedings on April 20 shall be referred back to the Committee of Supply for its consideration;

That the Standing Committee on Estimates shall operate and conduct its proceedings in the same manner as the Committee of Supply, which operates largely as an Opposition forum where Members of the Official Opposition question Ministers on their departmental estimates.

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

And then, 4.05 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 2010-2011

Department of Justice and
Consumer Affairs, Insurance

April 4, 2012

Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Olscamp to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 23, 27, 24, 26 and 28 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 25).

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies 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 to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence 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 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 Motor Vehicle 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 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity 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 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 28, *Species at Risk 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, *Species at Risk Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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

The debate was resumed.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

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

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Government of New Brunswick Workforce Profile 2011*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 41 and 42.

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

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Thursday, April 12, 2012, it stand adjourned until Friday, April 13, 2012, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 25 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 26, 24, 28, 23 and 27; following which the House would debate Motion 15.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit 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 Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit 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. Landry in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*.

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*.

Bill 28, *Species at Risk Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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 15, Hon. Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick entered into the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement with the Government of Canada to harmonize the Federal Goods and Service Tax and provincial sales tax on October 18, 1996; and

WHEREAS the provincial *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* came into force on April 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia have subsequently entered into their own agreements with the Government of Canada using an updated agreement template, which has now also been adopted by the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador; and

WHEREAS the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement required amendment in order to function properly and to give New Brunswick the same benefits as other harmonized jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS a copy of this amended agreement has been tabled in this House and subsection 2(3) of the *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* requires the Minister of Finance to introduce for consideration of the Legislative Assembly a resolution respecting the change or agreement under subsection 2(2);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ratify and confirm the succeeding Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement entered into between the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 15 was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Daily sitting 27

Thursday, April 12, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of a catastrophic drug program. (Petition 78)

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reverse its decision to increase the seniors drug plan co-pay of \$250.00 annually to \$500.00 annually. (Petition 79)

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

April 12, 2012.

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 April 12, 2012, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 21, *Rothesay Netherwood School Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 22, *An Act to Incorporate the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick*;

and reports that it has made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Grand Falls—Drummond—Saint-André, that the report be concurred in by the House.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker then put the question on the motion of concurrence and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the gallery that the taking of photographs is prohibited.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and advised Mr. Fraser to direct his questions through the Chair.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition used the term “stupid” in reference to Hon. Ms. Dubé. Mr. Boudreau spoke on the point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

Hon. Mr. Fitch rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Kenny misled the House during Members’ Statements. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point not well taken as the matter involved a dispute of facts and requested the Member to withdraw the term “misled”, which he did.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, April 19, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the federal government’s discussion paper titled *The Future of Canada’s Commercial Fisheries* fails to adequately support the owner-operator system upon which the future of the commercial fishery depends;

WHEREAS commercial fishermen in New Brunswick are concerned that the federal government may abandon the owner-operator system, handing the management of the sector over to large corporations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to confirm its support for the owner-operator system and urge the federal government to formally support the owner-operator system.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Thursday, April 19, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, relating to the operation of white-tailed deer farms in New Brunswick, since December 1, 2010.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 41, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Premier committed during the 2010 election campaign to guaranteeing that the annual budget for the Department of Health will increase each and every year of a four-year mandate by a minimum of three per cent;

AND WHEREAS the most recent budget limits the increase of the budget for the Department of Health to 1.6 per cent growth;

AND WHEREAS the budget for the Department of Health has increased by an average of approximately 7 per cent annually between 2006 and 2010;

AND WHEREAS this health budget reduction will mean the Department of Health will likely have to make drastic cuts to programs and services of more than \$136 million to meet this budget target;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide detailed information on the specific cuts to programs and services to the health care system that will be required to meet this difficult budget target.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised Mr. Fraser to refer to Members by constituency or title, and not by name.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Riordon, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 41 be amended:

In the second whereas clause, by deleting all the words following “most recent” and replacing them with “capital and ordinary budgets provide for an increase of 3.9%”; and

By replacing the third and fourth whereas clauses with:

“AND WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is committed to a sustainable, publicly funded health care system;”

“AND WHEREAS strategic decisions need to be made to protect the government-paid, quality, efficient universal health care system that is so important to New Brunswickers;”

In the resolution clause, by replacing all the words following “detailed information on” with “specific funding to programs and services in the health care system through the budgetary estimates process, as is the tradition of this House, that make-up the Department’s budget”.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Fraser to refrain from referring to Members by name. Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that it is not appropriate, even when the Member is quoting from a letter or other document.

Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Fraser withdraw the term “ass”, which he did.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 41 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Premier committed during the 2010 election campaign to guaranteeing that the annual budget for the Department of Health will increase each and every year of a four-year mandate by a minimum of three per cent;

AND WHEREAS the most recent capital and ordinary budgets provide for an increase of 3.9%;

AND WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is committed to a sustainable, publicly funded health care system;

AND WHEREAS strategic decisions need to be made to protect the government-paid, quality, efficient universal health care system that is so important to New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide detailed information on specific funding to programs and services in the health care system through the budgetary estimates process, as is the tradition of this House, that make-up the Department's budget.

And the question being put, Motion 41 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 42, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS investments in preventative health care now will result in primary care savings in the future;

WHEREAS obesity is a major roadblock to healthy living in our province, which consistently ranks among the highest in Canada in obesity rates;

WHEREAS an obesity clinic pilot program in Bathurst has helped approximately 800 patients manage their diabetes, high blood pressure and other obesity-related conditions;

WHEREAS the provincial government has cut funding to the clinic;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to reinstate funding to the obesity clinic program as an investment in preventative health care.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 42 be amended by:

Replacing the third and fourth whereas clauses with:

“WHEREAS the 2010 platform of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick recognized that “we need to shift our focus toward living better by expanding wellness, health education and prevention programs;””

“WHEREAS, since its election in 2010, the Progressive Conservative Government has increased spending on wellness and healthy living in both of its budgets;”

In the resolution clause, deleting all the words following “government to” and replacing them with “continue funding wellness programs that include strategies to reduce obesity as an investment in preventative health care”.

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

And after some time, Mr. Deputy 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 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 62, 63, 64 and 65	April 10, 2012
Annual Report 2008-2009	
Forest Protection Limited	April 11, 2012
Annual Report 2009-2010	
Forest Protection Limited	April 11, 2012
Annual Report 2010-2011	
Regional Development Corporation	April 11, 2012

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Friday, April 13, 2012

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 25),

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 25 was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy 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. Landry moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, after requesting that Mr. Deputy 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.

And then, 11.52 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 29

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Hon. Ms. Blais, Member for Moncton North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to instruct the New Brunswick Housing Authority to allow and accommodate reasonable pet ownership by people living in their apartments. (Petition 80)

Ms. Shephard, from the Standing Committee on Estimates, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 24, 2012.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2012, to consider the estimates referred to it by resolution of the House adopted April 5, 2012.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed several items.

Your Committee recommends that the estimates adopted by the Committee and outlined in the attached report be concurred in by the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Dorothy Shephard, M.L.A.
Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy 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 full report of the Committee as presented follows:

April 24, 2012.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2012, to consider the estimates referred to it by resolution of the House adopted April 5, 2012. Your Committee took into consideration the estimates of the following offices and departments:

Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries;
Department of Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living;
Department of Environment and Local Government;
Department of Health;
Department of Justice and Attorney General;
Department of Natural Resources;
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour;
Department of Public Safety;
Executive Council Office;
Office of the Premier;
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed several items. Pursuant to the resolution of the House adopted April 5, 2012, all estimates not passed by the Committee are referred back to the Committee of Supply for its consideration.

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

**MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013
ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

Office of the Premier	1,576,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	284,000

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Dorothy Shephard, M.L.A.
Chair.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 47)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2012, to consider the estimates referred by resolution of the House adopted April 5, 2012, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Second Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 21 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Justice and Attorney General; Natural Resources; and Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. At 5.45 o'clock p.m., Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*.

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*.

Bill 28, *Species at Risk Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 21, *Rothsay Netherwood School Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Deputy Speaker ordered Private Bill 21 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 21, *Rothsay Netherwood School Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

At 3.48 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

3.55 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$63,033,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration and Planning	3,635,000
Attorney General	18,088,000
Court Services	29,789,000
Justice Services	3,700,000
Legal Aid	7,874,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	63,033,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2012 - 2013

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Justice and Attorney General	15,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Justice and Attorney General	24,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

Mr. Deputy 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 Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 21, *Rothsay Netherwood School Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act*.

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*.

Bill 28, *Species at Risk 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 Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

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

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

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

At 5.55 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy 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. Deputy 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, 10.07 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 66	April 16, 2012
Response to Petitions 67 and 68	April 17, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 36	April 12, 2012
Annual Report 2011	
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	April 13, 2012

Daily sitting 30

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
April 24, 2012.

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.:) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Assembly Mr. François Ouimet, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Quebec, and Mr. Richard Daignault, Special Advisor in the Interparliamentary and International Relations Branch of the National Assembly.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Fraser,
Bill 29, *Energy Drink Sales Act*.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS there is growing concern by the residents of Moncton and surrounding areas with respect to the secrecy of the process used to select the site for the new Moncton High School;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has inexplicably refused to provide the public with the information on which he based his decision to choose the Royal Oaks site, as has the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has even refused to provide information on what other possible sites were under consideration, as has the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are legitimate questions on costs, safety, transportation and many other issues that deserve answers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier's Office to disclose all the relevant, detailed information on the site selection process, including all reports, studies, assessments, recommendations and opinions, and provide the public with the opportunity to review this documentation and ask questions at an open public forum.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 26, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 31 and Bill 29.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living; Energy; and Government Services.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Ms. Shephard took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Shephard, the Acting Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,867,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	502,000
Energy Policy Management and Market Development	2,418,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	2,867,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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:

Annual Report 2010-2011

Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne

April 25, 2012

Daily sitting 31

Thursday, April 26, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fitch used unparliamentary language. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the provincial government released a regional service commission model providing for the establishment of 12 regional service commissions by January 2013;

WHEREAS several people are expressing concern and raising relevant questions about the proposed regional service commissions;

WHEREAS the public information sessions held by the Department of Environment and Local Government failed to provide people with the information they need and deserve or to adequately and sufficiently answer the many questions that were asked;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to delay its plans to implement the new Regional Service Delivery Model for one year in order to provide an opportunity for meaningful consultation and engagement, including public meetings in local service districts and rural communities.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, between the Department of Health, Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network, and another government department, agency or Crown Corporation, related to the "orphan patient" lists kept by the Horizon Health Network and the Vitalité Health Network, including but not limited to the number of people currently, as at today's date, on the wait lists for family physicians, broken down by region.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between federal and provincial government departments, agencies and/or persons regarding the Point Lepreau refurbishment since March 31, 2011.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant- Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, from the Department of Health, Premier's Office, any minister and/or MLA, employees of any minister and/or MLA, the Vitalité Health Network and any other government department, agency or Crown Corporation, related to the provincial breast cancer centre of excellence, from October 10, 2010 to present.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Public Safety; and Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines drivers have been on strike for more than three months;

WHEREAS Acadian Coach Lines is the only public inter-city mode of transportation in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers depend on Acadian Coach Lines for transportation;

WHEREAS the federal government has refused to intervene in this strike, with New Brunswick's Conservative MPs, cabinet ministers and Senators remaining silent on the issue;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to demand the federal government intervene in this labour dispute so that public inter-city transportation can resume in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 31 was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *Energy Drink Sales Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 8.51 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

8.52 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$137,313,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services and Planning	5,361,000
Community and Correctional Services	43,373,000
Police, Fire and Emergency Services	68,997,000
Safety Services	19,635,000
Less Amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	137,313,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$287,554,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services	5,794,000
Policy and Planning	1,349,000
NB Public Libraries	14,766,000
Student Financial Assistance	20,118,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	103,711,000
Adult Learning	9,513,000
Labour	3,181,000
Employment Development	17,092,000
Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreement	14,854,000
Labour Market Development	90,351,000
Population Growth	6,878,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	287,554,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	277,096,000
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

New Brunswick Police Commission	358,000
Labour and Employment Board	616,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$7,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission:	
Deferred Maintenance Program	7,500,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$62,900,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Student Loan Advances	62,900,000
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WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

WorkSafe NB

- Finance	360,000
- Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
- Health	515,000
- Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	30,000
Voted	1,065,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Public Safety	25,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000

INVENTORIES

Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 8.56 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, April 27, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 Health; Government Services; and Natural Resources.

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

At 1.06 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

1.11 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,582,755,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate and Other Health Services	290,850,000
Medicare	601,372,000
Prescription Drug Program	192,024,000
Regional Health Authorities	1,498,562,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	2,582,755,000

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$59,404,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

General Services	8,920,000
New Brunswick Internal Services Agency	24,698,000
Service New Brunswick	25,839,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	59,404,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$81,559,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services	7,094,000
Forest Management	47,186,000
Fish and Wildlife Management	11,153,000
Minerals Management	4,472,000
Land Management and Natural Areas	4,407,000
Regional Management	7,300,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	81,559,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$23,200,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment	23,200,000
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$200,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Musquash Watershed Infrastructure -	
Capital Improvements	0
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	200,000

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WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Health	1,225,000
Government Services	100,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Health	5,000
Natural Resources	30,000

INVENTORIES

Health	11,000,000
Natural Resources	510,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 1.26 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:

Response to Petition 77

April 26, 2012

Daily sitting 33

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Clarence Cormier, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Memramcook (1982-1987).

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*.

Bill 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, May 10, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, regarding the total number of applicants to the Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors from April 1, 2012 to present.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, May 10, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the emergency response capacity program in Charlotte County, including the qualifications of staff, the hiring process, targets and objectives, timelines, budgets, and expenses incurred in wages, travel, office space rentals and consultation with stakeholders.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 Regional Development Corporation; the Department of Economic Development; and Invest New Brunswick.

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

At 5.28 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

5.35 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 8.01 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

8.05 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$104,598,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	2,433,000
Business and Industry Development	12,695,000
Strategic Assistance	14,500,000
Regional Development Corporation	75,023,000
Less amount authorized by law	53,000
Voted	104,598,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$14,637,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Invest NB	4,637,000
Strategic Assistance	10,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	14,637,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$6,085,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Regional Development Corporation:

Canada - New Brunswick Building Canada Fund - Communities Component	4,585,000
Economic Development and Innovation	1,500,000
Voted	6,085,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$65,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000
Regional Development Corporation:	
Financial assistance under the Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	4,000,000
Financial assistance under the Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted	65,000,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Financial Assistance to Industry	30,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 10 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 2010-2011

Efficiency NB

April 27, 2012

Daily sitting 34

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to lower the speed limit on Jardineville Road (route 505) to 50 km/h. (Petition 81)

Hon. Ms. Coulombe, Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of white-tailed deer farming in New Brunswick. (Petition 82)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 3, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 48, Bill 29 and Motion 45.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 55)

THAT the sitting hours of the House on Thursday, May 3, 2012, shall be as follows:

2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and

THAT Opposition Members' Business shall be taken up until 7:30 p.m.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries; and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$39,930,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Management Services	4,183,000
Agriculture	27,393,000
Aquaculture and Fisheries	7,407,000
Strategic Assistance	1,000,000
Less amount authorized by law	53,000
Voted	39,930,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$200,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Marshland Maintenance	200,000
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LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,100,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loans Programs	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2012 - 2013

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
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INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6.04 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 35

Thursday, May 3, 2012

2.30 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Coulombe,

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, May 10, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, from the Department of Health related to the allowable Medicare billing rates for New Brunswick family physicians who treat Canadian non-residents of New Brunswick and the allowable Medicare billing rates for Canadian family physicians outside of New Brunswick who treat New Brunswick residents.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, May 10, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a detailed list of the 500 jobs that have been created by Invest NB according to what Minister Paul Robichaud said during question period on May 2, 2012, including the type of job, the economic sector, the average salary, the level and type of investment by Invest NB, and the location of the head office of the business.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance; and the Management Board.

Hon. Mr. Williams gave notice that on Friday, May 4, 2012, Bill 33 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 48, Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS there is growing concern by the residents of Moncton and surrounding areas with respect to the secrecy of the process used to select the site for the new Moncton High School;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has inexplicably refused to provide the public with the information on which he based his decision to choose the Royal Oaks site, as has the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education has even refused to provide information on what other possible sites were under consideration, as has the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are legitimate questions on costs, safety, transportation and many other issues that deserve answers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier's Office to disclose all the relevant, detailed information on the site selection process, including all reports, studies, assessments, recommendations and opinions, and provide the public with the opportunity to review this documentation and ask questions at an open public forum.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 48 be amended by:

Adding the following clauses before the first WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS there has long been concern in the Moncton area about the health and safety of the existing Moncton High School facility;

AND WHEREAS the current government inherited a situation that saw the students, teachers and staff of Moncton High School relocated due to the lack of action on the health and safety issues relating to the school;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provided the people of Moncton with clear and decisive action to deal with the issues related to the selection of a site for a new Moncton High School;

In the first WHEREAS clause, adding the word “AND” at the beginning of the clause and replacing the words “there is growing concern by the” with “some” and replacing the words “with respect to the secrecy of the process used to select” with “have expressed concerns with”.

Deleting the second and third WHEREAS clauses.

Deleting the word “many” from the fourth WHEREAS clause.

Adding the following clauses before the resolution clause:

AND WHEREAS this administration, unlike the previous administration, believes that municipalities should not be burdened with the full costs associated with supporting municipal infrastructure for schools;

AND WHEREAS the Government is bound to protect the privacy of individuals under the provisions of the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

In the resolution clause, by adding the words “and Early Childhood Development” following the word “Education”, by adding the words “not already disclosed” following the words “relevant, detailed information”, and by replacing all the words following “and opinions,” with “as permitted by law; and continue to provide the public with the opportunity to review this documentation and ask questions”;

Adding the following clause after the resolution clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier’s Office to openly discuss the challenges with Moncton High School and the solutions they have put in place to build a new regional high school.

Mr. Collins rose on a point of order and submitted that the proposed amendment was not within the spirit of the original motion. Hon. Mr. Jody Carr spoke on the point of order.

At 4.46 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

5.11 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members:

I have had the opportunity to consider the proposed amendment. *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Form*, 6th Edition, states at paragraph 567:

The object of an amendment may be either to modify a question in such a way as to increase its acceptability or to present to the House a different proposition as an alternative to the original question.

In reviewing the proposed amendment, I find that although several clauses would be added to the motion, the essential elements of the original motion would be retained: namely, that all relevant detailed information be disclosed and that the public be provided the opportunity to review the documentation and ask questions.

In my opinion, the proposed amendment would not amount to a direct negative of the original motion.

Accordingly, I find the amendment to be in order.

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 48 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there has long been concern in the Moncton area about the health and safety of the existing Moncton High School facility;

AND WHEREAS the current government inherited a situation that saw the students, teachers and staff of Moncton High School relocated due to the lack of action on the health and safety issues relating to the school;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provided the people of Moncton with clear and decisive action to deal with the issues related to the selection of a site for a new Moncton High School;

AND WHEREAS some residents of Moncton and surrounding areas have expressed concerns with the site for the new Moncton High School;

AND WHEREAS there are legitimate questions on costs, safety, transportation and other issues that deserve answers;

AND WHEREAS this administration, unlike the previous administration, believes that municipalities should not be burdened with the full costs associated with supporting municipal infrastructure for schools;

AND WHEREAS the Government is bound to protect the privacy of individuals under the provisions of the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier's Office to disclose all the relevant, detailed information not already disclosed on the site selection process, including all reports, studies, assessments, recommendations and opinions, as permitted by law; and continue to provide the public with the opportunity to review this documentation and ask questions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier's Office to openly discuss the challenges with Moncton High School and the solutions they have put in place to build a new regional high school.

And the question being put, Motion 48 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 29, *Energy Drink Sales Act*, be now read a second time.

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, *Energy Drink Sales Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 45, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the federal government's discussion paper titled *The Future of Canada's Commercial Fisheries* fails to adequately support the owner-operator system upon which the future of the commercial fishery depends;

WHEREAS commercial fishermen in New Brunswick are concerned that the federal government may abandon the owner-operator system, handing the management of the sector over to large corporations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to confirm its support for the owner-operator system and urge the federal government to formally support the owner-operator system.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

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

At 7.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

8.30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had 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, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 36

Friday, May 4, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Arseneault to withdraw the term “lied” in reference to the Premier, which he did.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Bill 33, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, 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, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 37

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Rebuilding New Brunswick, Strategic Framework to Support Priority Growth Sectors in New Brunswick, 2012-2016*; and *Rebuilding New Brunswick, Growing Together, Economic Development Action Plan, 2012-2016*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 33; following which the House would resolve itself in a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

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

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

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

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education 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.

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

At 5.02 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

5.06 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,071,080,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate and Other Education Services	10,411,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	994,908,000
Early Childhood Development	65,814,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,071,080,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,200,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment	1,200,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

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Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development

- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority 350,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 9.36 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 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74,
75 and 76

May 4, 2012

Daily sitting 38

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bonenfant, Member for Madawaska-les-Lacs, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of white-tailed deer farming in New Brunswick. (Petition 83)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Collins,
Bill 35, *Cellular Phone Contracts Act*.

Motions 21, 30 and 42 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 10, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 45 and 49.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Social Development.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, 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, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 39

Thursday, May 10, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Arseneault to withdraw the term “lied”, which he did.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 36, *Statute Repeal Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*.

By Mr. Fraser,

Bill 38, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Social Development.

Debate resumed on Motion 45, moved by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Doucet, as follows:

WHEREAS the federal government's discussion paper titled *The Future of Canada's Commercial Fisheries* fails to adequately support the owner-operator system upon which the future of the commercial fishery depends;

WHEREAS commercial fishermen in New Brunswick are concerned that the federal government may abandon the owner-operator system, handing the management of the sector over to large corporations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to confirm its support for the owner-operator system and urge the federal government to formally support the owner-operator system.

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

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

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Olscamp, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 45 be amended by:

In the first WHEREAS clause, replacing all the words following “federal government’s” with “consultation paper published by Fisheries and Oceans Canada is intended to launch a discussion with stakeholders and Aboriginal groups on how to modernise fisheries management”;

In the second WHEREAS clause, replacing the word “system” with “policy”;

In the resolution clause by replacing all the words following “its support for the” with “main principles of the owner-operator policy and urge the federal government to formally support the main principles of the owner-operator policy”.

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

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Doucet, moved the following sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 45 be amended by:

Removing the words “main principles of the” in both instances in the resolution clause.

Mr. 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 defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 45 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the federal government’s consultation paper published by Fisheries and Oceans Canada is intended to launch a discussion with

stakeholders and Aboriginal groups on how to modernise fisheries management;

WHEREAS commercial fishermen in New Brunswick are concerned that the federal government may abandon the owner-operator policy, handing the management of the sector over to large corporations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to confirm its support for the main principles of the owner-operator policy and urge the federal government to formally support the main principles of the owner-operator policy.

And the question being put, Motion 45 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 49, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the provincial government released a regional service commission model providing for the establishment of 12 regional service commissions by January 2013;

WHEREAS several people are expressing concern and raising relevant questions about the proposed regional service commissions;

WHEREAS the public information sessions held by the Department of Environment and Local Government failed to provide people with the information they need and deserve or to adequately and sufficiently answer the many questions that were asked;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to delay its plans to implement the new Regional Service Delivery Model for one year in order to provide an opportunity for meaningful consultation and engagement, including public meetings in local service districts and rural communities.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, 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, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 40

Friday, May 11, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Fitch to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that certain Ministers were exceeding the one minute time limit on answers during Oral Questions. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Arseneault accused Hon. Mr. Leonard of misleading the House. Mr. Speaker requested that Members refrain from questioning the honesty of their fellow Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 39, *Small Claims Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Williams,

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following Royal Assent, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Women's Issues Branch, and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Hon. Mr. Williams gave notice that on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Bills 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 would be called for second reading.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, 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 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 Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

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

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to the Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

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

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

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

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

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

At 1.11 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

1.15 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had 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, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Strategies for Innovation, A framework for accelerating the Province of New Brunswick, April 2012*; and *Strategies for Innovation, A framework for accelerating the Province of New Brunswick, Summary, April 2012*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Coulombe,

Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

Bill 44, *Procurement Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, May 24, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation from the Department of Health related to the outbreak of E. coli in the Miramichi region which occurred in May 2012, including, but not limited to: all reports, investigations, test results, correspondence and related documentation.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 Management Board; and the Department of Social Development; following which Bills 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 41 and 42 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, Bill 43 and 44 would be called for second reading.

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

At 2.51 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.05 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

At 3.56 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts declared a recess and left the chair.

4.29 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.46 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts declared a recess and left the chair.

4.51 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,049,872,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Child Welfare and Youth Services	126,396,000
Long Term Care	566,075,000
Income Security	257,377,000
Housing Services	83,966,000
Corporate and Other Services	13,322,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,789,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,049,872,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	8,743,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,782,000
Voted	3,961,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,391,000
Office of the Auditor General	2,104,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties	1,622,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted	1,532,000
Elections New Brunswick	7,034,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	6,366,000
Office of the Ombudsman and Child and Youth Advocate . . .	1,685,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	513,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	476,000
Office of the Access to Information and	
Privacy Commissioner	605,000

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND HEALTHY LIVING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$49,469,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	2,581,000
Marketing Development and Operations	26,798,000
Culture	10,048,000
Healthy Living	10,095,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	49,469,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$104,790,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services	5,420,000
Community Planning and Environmental Protection	12,534,000
Local and Regional Governance	2,520,000
Local Government	71,990,000
Community Funding and Technical Services	251,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	309,000
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency	
of New Brunswick	11,819,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	104,790,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$19,112,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Financial Resource Management	15,404,000
Office of the Comptroller	3,761,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	19,112,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$8,811,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Service of the Public Debt	672,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	663,189,000
Voted	8,811,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,059,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Executive Council Secretariat	2,988,000
Strategic Communications	1,387,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	336,000
Women's Issues Branch	3,198,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	3,150,000
Voted	11,059,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	1,434,000
Management Board	11,112,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$253,725,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	15,781,000
Policy, Strategic Development and	
Intergovernmental Relations	2,222,000
Maintenance	56,871,000
Winter Maintenance	60,555,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	2,227,000
Buildings Group	115,579,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	19,998,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,508,000
Voted	253,725,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Supplementary Funding Provision	
- Central Salary Provision	9,283,000
- Other	54,550,000
- Program Efficiency	0
Provision for Losses	35,100,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies,	
and Supplementary Allowances	247,284,000
Less amounts authorized by law	226,000
Voted	247,058,000
Employee Benefit Plans	59,223,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted	59,221,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	463,000
Consolidated Entities	231,439,000
Less amounts authorized by law	231,439,000
Voted	0
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	560,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	31,900,000
Council of Atlantic Premiers	655,000
Intergovernmental Conferences	23,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$0 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Public Housing - Capital Renovations and Repairs	0
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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND HEALTHY LIVING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$750,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Capital Improvements	750,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Local Service Districts	500,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$908,125,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Permanent Bridges	43,850,000
Permanent Highways	66,358,000
Rural Road Infrastructure	38,000,000
Canada - New Brunswick Border Infrastructure Program . .	0
Canada - New Brunswick National Highway System Program	585,409,000
Fundy Isles Ferry Project	0
Public Works and Infrastructure	164,508,000
Vehicle Management Agency	10,000,000
Voted	908,125,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,905,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Housing	5,905,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$0 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick:

Loans for energy efficiency upgrades	0
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$22,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Loans and Advances Program	22,000,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

	2012 - 2013	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES		
Social Development		1,900,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living		500,000
Environment and Local Government		30,000
Transportation and Infrastructure -		
Algonquin Properties Limited		3,000,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES		
Social Development		24,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living		97,000
Environment and Local Government		20,000
Other (small advances)		40,000
Transportation and Infrastructure		23,000
INVENTORIES		
Social Development		100,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living		1,400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure		25,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation 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 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*, 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, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*, 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 Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax 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 Gasoline and Motive Fuel 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 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights 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, *Statute Repeal 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, *Statute Repeal 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 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee 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 39, *Small Claims Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *Small Claims 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 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration 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 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 53, 57

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Wednesday, May 16, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Stultz,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Trevors,

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act*.

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012*.

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2012-2013*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 54 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2012-2013*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2012-2013*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 17, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 49, Bill 35 and 38.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Thursday, May 17, 2012, Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading of Bills 40, 43 and 44, it was the intention of

government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 30, 31, 36, 37, 39, 34, 32, 41 and 42.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 40 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation 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 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification 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 44, *Procurement Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *Procurement 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. Urquhart in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

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

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*.

Bill 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

Bill 36, *Statute Repeal Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*.

Bill 39, *Small Claims Act*.

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital 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, 5.25 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 Petition 78

May 14, 2012

Response to Petition 80

May 15, 2012

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Thursday, May 17, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Malloch, Member for Charlotte-Campobello, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Pennfield and surrounding areas urging the government to stop a composting facility from processing fish waste. (Petition 84)

Hon. Mr. Leonard laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Summary of RFP 0610053*; and *Summary of RFP 35475 and Post Tender Addendum*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Thursday, May 24, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mine is a significant employer and economic driver in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a devastating effect on the local economy;

WHEREAS there are many valuable assets on the Brunswick Mine site including several mills;

WHEREAS ore prices have risen to a level where other mining companies have expressed interest in establishing operations in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these assets may be beneficial in attracting other mining opportunities or economic development projects to create new employment opportunities;

WHEREAS one mill has already been dismantled and moved to another mine outside of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to give priority to ascertaining which Brunswick Mine's assets may be useful to retain; develop a strategy to entice new mine-related or other business to establish operations in the area; and use its best efforts to ensure these assets are retained and remain on site for the benefit of the people of New Brunswick.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Soucy:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, May 18, 2012, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, May 18, 2012, Bills 55 and 56 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business and third reading of Bills, it was the intention of government that Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 would be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 40, 43 and 44.

Debate resumed on Motion 49, moved by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

WHEREAS the provincial government released a regional service commission model providing for the establishment of 12 regional service commissions by January 2013;

WHEREAS several people are expressing concern and raising relevant questions about the proposed regional service commissions;

WHEREAS the public information sessions held by the Department of Environment and Local Government failed to provide people with the information they need and deserve or to adequately and sufficiently answer the many questions that were asked;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to delay its plans to implement the new Regional Service Delivery Model for one year in order to provide an opportunity for meaningful consultation and engagement, including public meetings in local service districts and rural communities.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 49 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Melanson
Mr. Haché	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Ms. Shephard	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. Killen	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Soucy	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Jack Carr

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *Cellular Phone Contracts Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*.

Bill 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

Bill 36, *Statute Repeal Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*.

Bill 39, *Small Claims Act*.

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education 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 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare 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 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 47 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 47, *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 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 48 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security 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 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 49 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 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 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 50 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *An Act to Amend 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 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 51 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property 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 52, *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 52 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 52, *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 53, *Loan Act 2012*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012*, 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. Landry in the chair.

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

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

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act*.

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

Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification 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, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 44

Friday, May 18, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act.*

Hon. Mr. Williams gave notice that on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, Bill 57 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 55 and 56 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 47, 48, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 55 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities 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 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

Hon. Mr. Williams rose on a point of order and submitted that the remarks by Mr. Arseneault were not on the principle of the Bill. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 56 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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. Urquhart in the chair.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act*.

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

Bill 44, *Procurement 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.

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

Response to Petition 81	May 17, 2012
Response to Petition 82	May 16, 2012
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 51	May 17, 2012
Annual Report 2010-2011	
Forest Protection Limited	May 16, 2012

Daily sitting 45

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government not to implement the Regional Services Commission governance model until it is studied, understood and voted upon. (Petition 85)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Northrup,

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act.*

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, related to the severance pay-out and pension allowance for the former member for Rothesay, from May 1, 2012 to present.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS the proposed bylaws for the Horizon Health Network contain a provision to prohibit medical staff from speaking out publicly on issues of concern related to health care:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Medical Society has expressed concern with the provision and the lack of consultation with members of the medical profession;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Medical Society has further indicated that patient advocacy and the ability to offer valued input to system administrators is critical for physicians and in the best interests of health care;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to suspend the imposition of the bylaw that limits the ability of physicians and other medical professionals until such time that a meaningful consultation can be held and the matter addressed to the satisfaction of the medical professionals.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, between the Department of Health, the office of the Minister of Health, the CEO of Horizon Health Network and the CEO of Vitalité Health Network related to the budgets of the health networks for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the Alward government has refused to take on the federal government for the \$1 billion in cost overruns caused by AECL, a federal crown corporation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has decided not to fight for the interests of New Brunswick by seeking compensation for the millions of dollars in additional costs the province will be burdened with in relation to the new federal omnibus crime bill;

WHEREAS the Alward government did not fight for adequate compensation from the federal government for the future upkeep and maintenance of the Harbour Bridge;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to secure the support of the federal government in keeping the presence of Canadian Blood Services as a production and distribution facility in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not voiced concern about federal job cuts in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not confirmed its support for the fishing industry by speaking out against proposed federal changes to the owner/operator policy;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not spoken out against cuts by ACOA to the regional economic development agencies;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not stood up for New Brunswick in relation to the proposed EI eligibility changes which will have a devastating effect on our seasonal industries, our communities and our people;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to stand up and speak out against the federal government on measures that have negative economic and financial consequences for New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 57 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 55, 25, 50, 51, 52, 53, 49, 44, 56 and 43.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, Bills 58, 59 and 60 would be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 57 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the 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. Urquhart in the chair.

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

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*

Bill 44, *Procurement Act.*

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.*

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012.*

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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, 5.45 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 83	May 18, 2012
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 37, 56	May 18, 2012
Response to Petition 79	May 25, 2012

Daily sitting 46

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Soucy, Member for Grand Falls—Drummond—Saint-André, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of white-tailed deer farming in New Brunswick. (Petition 86)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*.

By Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick economy includes several seasonal industries, such as fishing, forestry, farming, and construction;

WHEREAS there are several workers in the education system, such as teaching assistants, library assistants, and bus drivers, who do not work year-round;

WHEREAS the reforms brought forward by the federal government will make it even more difficult for seasonal workers and educational employees to qualify for employment insurance;

WHEREAS this will cause several workers to leave their communities to seek year-round employment in other communities;

WHEREAS the Premiers of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island have spoken out against these reforms;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to speak out against the employment insurance reforms and stand up for the New Brunswick labour force.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Arseneault, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 31, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 38 and 12, Motion 59.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 65)

THAT the membership of the Select Committee on the Revision of the *Official Languages Act* be amended by adding the name of Mr. Killen.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Thursday, May 31, 2012, Bill 61 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 58, 59 and 60 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 57, 43, 45, 46 and 56.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*.

Bill 44, *Procurement Act*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act*.

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act*.

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012*.

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 58 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 59 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife 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 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education 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. Urquhart in the chair.

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

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

At 3.34 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.40 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare Act*.

Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the 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 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 46

May 25, 2012

Daily sitting 47

Thursday, May 31, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Parrott, Member for Fundy-River Valley, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Parish of Musquash requesting that the proposed Regionalisation of New Brunswick proceed no further without a provincial plebiscite. (Petition 87)

Mr. Parrott, Member for Fundy-River Valley, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Greenwich LSD in opposition to the proposed Regionalisation of New Brunswick. (Petition 88)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Fraser withdraw his reference to the absence of a Member from the House, which he did.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, June 1, 2012, Bill 63 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business and third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 61 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 59 and 58.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 38, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 38, *Lobbyists' Registration 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 to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare Act*.

Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery 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. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

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

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas 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, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 48

Friday, June 1, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of white-tailed deer farming in New Brunswick. (Petition 89)

Mr. Collins, Member for Moncton East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Villa du Repos in Moncton urging the government to increase the funding and staffing of their nursing home. (Petition 90)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Alward,

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Selection of Senator Nominees*.

By Mr. Fraser,

Bill 65, *Family Physician Access Act*.

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,

Bill 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension Act*.

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, including correspondence, however recorded, stored, or archived, between the Office of the Premier, the office of the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Office of the Prime Minister, since October 13, 2010.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, Bills 64, 66, 67 and 68 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 63 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 60, 58, 56, and 61.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 63 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. McLean took the chair.

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

At 1.09 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

1.15 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*.

Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act*.

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

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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.

Daily sitting 49

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Boudreau offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Bernard Jean, former Liberal MLA for Gloucester County (1960-1972), Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Justice and Attorney General. Hon. Ms. Blais joined in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools, Report of the Review of Inclusive Education Programs and Practices in New Brunswick Schools, An Action Plan for Growth; and Government's Response to the Recommendations of: Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools, An Action Plan for 2012-13.*

Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Friday, June 8, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have served in the Armed Services and Merchant Marine and have given the ultimate sacrifice in times of peace and war;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have served and died in the line of duty as firefighters, police officers, peace officers, first responders, and others working to serve the public in times of crisis;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers working to build this province have served and died in dangerous situations while striving to make this province great;

WHEREAS thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Army Veterans (CAV) motorcycle units, other provinces across Canada have dedicated highways in honour of those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty;

AND WHEREAS 2 CAV has been working with government and other veterans groups to champion this initiative here in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick express its support for the initiative to ascribe "Highway of Heroes" as the label on Highway 2, the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick, to commemorate all those fallen in the line of duty.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 64, 66, 67 and 68 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 56, 61 and 63.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*.

Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Selection of Senator Nominees*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Ms Blais, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, 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 64, *An Act Respecting the Selection of Senator Nominees*, 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 after some time Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Fraser to direct his comments to the principle of the Bill. Following several warnings, Mr. Speaker advised Mr. Fraser that he no longer had the floor to debate the amendment under consideration.

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

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 affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council 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 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel 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 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 68 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension 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. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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, 10 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 Petition 84	June 1, 2012
Business Plan 2012-2016, Vehicle Management Agency, New Brunswick Department of Transportation.	June 1, 2012

Daily sitting 50

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Olscamp welcomed to the House Mr. Yvon Poitras, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Restigouche West (1982-1987).

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 59 and Bill 62.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 68)

THAT in addition to the powers conferred by the *Legislative Assembly Act* and the Standing Rules, the Legislative Administration Committee and the Standing Committee on Law Amendments shall have the power, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, to release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 56, 61, 63, 66, 67 and 68.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Tait took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud interrupted proceedings for the purpose of proposing a motion pursuant to Standing Rule 34.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

THAT the House continue sitting beyond 6.00 p.m. tonight to continue considering the Bills currently before the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion and five or more Members having risen in their places, the motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

Mr. Urquhart, 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 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*.

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

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery 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.

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Thursday, June 7, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to stop all activities related to the construction of the new Moncton High School at Royal Oaks until the community is engaged in a discussion about the site of the school. (Petition 91)

Mr. Urquhart, from the Legislative Administration Committee, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

June 7, 2012.

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Legislative Administration begs leave to submit this their First Report.

At a meeting of the Committee held on January 26, 2012, Mrs. Loredana Catalli Sonier, Q.C., announced her decision to retire as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Catalli Sonier, Q.C. began her career at the Legislative Assembly in 1985 as Clerk Assistant (Procedural). She was appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the House on November 30, 1993.

The Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Catalli Sonier, Q.C., for her professionalism, dedication, and exemplary service to the Legislative Assembly and the Province.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is the chief permanent officer of the Legislature and the principle authority on the laws, practices and privileges of Parliament. The Clerk's responsibilities include advising the Speaker and Members on questions of parliamentary law, procedure, and interpretation of the rules and practices of the House. The Clerk is also responsible for the overall administration of the Legislative Assembly and is Secretary of the Legislative

Administration Committee. The Clerk serves all Members equally, regardless of party affiliation, and must act with impartiality and discretion.

At a meeting held April 4, 2012, the Committee agreed that Donald J. Forestell, senior Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, had the necessary qualifications and 19 years of experience at the Table to serve as the next Clerk of the House.

Your Committee therefore recommends to the House that Donald J. Forestell be appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly effective September 1, 2012.

And your Committee asks leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Carl Urquhart.
Deputy Speaker.

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 69)

WHEREAS Loredana Catalli Sonier, Q.C., was appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the House adopted November 30, 1993;

WHEREAS Ms. Catalli Sonier will retire as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on August 31, 2012;

WHEREAS the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly on the recommendation of the Legislative Administration Committee pursuant to subsection 34(2) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*;

WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee has recommended the appointment of Donald J. Forestell as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly appoint Donald J. Forestell, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, effective September 1, 2012.

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

Hon. Mr. Jody Carr laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Putting Children First, Positioning Early Childhood for the Future, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, June 2012.*

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Jody Carr to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business and third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 63, 66, 67 and 68.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 59, Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mine is a significant employer and economic driver in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a devastating effect on the local economy;

WHEREAS there are many valuable assets on the Brunswick Mine site including several mills;

WHEREAS ore prices have risen to a level where other mining companies have expressed interest in establishing operations in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these assets may be beneficial in attracting other mining opportunities or economic development projects to create new employment opportunities;

WHEREAS one mill has already been dismantled and moved to another mine outside of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to give priority to ascertaining which Brunswick Mine's assets may be useful to retain; develop a strategy to entice new mine-related or other business to establish operations in the area; and use its best efforts to ensure these assets are retained and remain on site for the benefit of the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Northrup, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 59 be amended:

After the last WHEREAS clause by adding the following WHEREAS clauses:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is working with industry to kick-start exploration for new base metal deposits in the Bathurst Mining Camp area, including a joint venture involving Xstrata, Votorantim Metals Canada and El Nino Ventures;

WHEREAS under an Advanced Exploration Program, both the provincial government and Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. will invest in exploration in the Bathurst Mining Camp;

WHEREAS on March 23, the Government of New Brunswick announced that it is providing professional and financial resources to the Chaleur Community Economic Leadership Group, to mitigate the impact of the pending closure of Xstrata Zinc’s Brunswick Mine;

WHEREAS the Chaleur Community Economic Leadership Group’s objectives include drawing up an enhanced community economic development plan focusing on three strategic pillars: people, infrastructure and business;

WHEREAS two senior government officials, the Deputy Minister of Economic Development, and the Premier’s Chief of Staff, were appointed to the leadership group;”

In the resolution clause, by replacing the word “give” with “continue giving”, by replacing the words “ascertaining which” with “this situation, including considering which, if any, of”, by deleting the words “develop a strategy”, by inserting the words “, where appropriate,” following the words “ensure these assets”, and by deleting the words “and remain on site”.

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

At 4.15 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

4.26 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 59 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS Brunswick Mine is a significant employer and economic driver in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the closure of the mine will have a devastating effect on the local economy;

WHEREAS there are many valuable assets on the Brunswick Mine site including several mills;

WHEREAS ore prices have risen to a level where other mining companies have expressed interest in establishing operations in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these assets may be beneficial in attracting other mining opportunities or economic development projects to create new employment opportunities;

WHEREAS one mill has already been dismantled and moved to another mine outside of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is working with industry to kick-start exploration for new base metal deposits in the Bathurst Mining Camp area, including a joint venture involving Xstrata, Votorantim Metals Canada and El Nino Ventures;

WHEREAS under an Advanced Exploration Program, both the provincial government and Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. will invest in exploration in the Bathurst Mining Camp;

WHEREAS on March 23, the Government of New Brunswick announced that it is providing professional and financial resources to the Chaleur Community Economic Leadership Group, to mitigate the impact of the pending closure of Xstrata Zinc's Brunswick Mine;

WHEREAS the Chaleur Community Economic Leadership Group's objectives include drawing up an enhanced community economic development plan focusing on three strategic pillars: people, infrastructure and business;

WHEREAS two senior government officials, the Deputy Minister of Economic Development, and the Premier's Chief of Staff, were appointed to the leadership group;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to continue giving priority to this situation, including considering which, if any, of Brunswick Mine's assets may be useful to retain; to entice new mine-related or other business to establish operations in the area; and use its best efforts to ensure these assets, where appropriate, are retained for the benefit of the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, Motion 59 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 8.29 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

8.41 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, June 8, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 69 be ordered for second and third reading forthwith and that the Bill be deemed to have received Committee of the Whole consideration.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 61, 66, 67 and 68.

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

At 12.32 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

12.57 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

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

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery 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.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that, with the unanimous consent of the House,

all government Bills remaining before the Committee of the Whole at the time of adjournment on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, shall be deemed to have been considered in Committee of the Whole House, agreed to and reported thereon,

the House shall sit at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2012,

following routine business on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, the House shall consider Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, as Opposition Members' Business for the period of time remaining in the 2 hour time limit allocated for the consideration of the Bill,

and following the vote at second reading of Bill 62, the House shall proceed with Third Reading of Government Bills followed by Royal Assent.

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

RESOLVED, THAT, when the Assembly adjourns on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 11 o'clock a.m., 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 then, 1.55 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the New Brunswick Whitetail Deer Farming Association Inc., demanding the resignation of Hon. Mr. Northrup and biologist Mike Sullivan. (Petition 92)

Mr. S. Graham, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed changes to employment insurance. (Petition 93)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Ms. Stultz to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 70 that on Thursday, June 21, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, between the Department of Social Development, the Auditor General's office, and any other provincial government department and/or agency and The Village Nursing Home in Campbellton since September 2010.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government to take into consideration Motion 67; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 61, 63 and 68.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That the motion for third reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third reading be discharged and the Bill referred back to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 67, Mr. Macdonald moved, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have served in the Armed Services and Merchant Marine and have given the ultimate sacrifice in times of peace and war;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have served and died in the line of duty as firefighters, police officers, peace officers, first responders, and others working to serve the public in times of crisis;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers working to build this province have served and died in dangerous situations while striving to make this province great;

WHEREAS thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Army Veterans (CAV) motorcycle units, other provinces across Canada have dedicated highways in honour of those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty;

AND WHEREAS 2 CAV has been working with government and other veterans groups to champion this initiative here in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick express its support for the initiative to ascribe “Highway of Heroes” as the label on Highway 2, the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick, to commemorate all those fallen in the line of duty.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to rescind the amendment to subsection 10(1) of Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*, adopted by the Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2012.

And after some time, Mr. McLean took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

At 5.49 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

6 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

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

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery 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, 6.23 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:

Public Disclosure Statements 2010 and 2011 for Members

of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly

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Wednesday, June 13, 2012

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of white-tailed deer farming in New Brunswick. (Petition 94)

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the New Brunswick Whitetail Deer Farming Association Inc., demanding the resignation of Hon. Mr. Northrup and biologist Mike Sullivan. (Petition 95)

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 71 that on Thursday, June 21, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, however stored, recorded or archived, from the former Department of Supply and Services, the current Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and any other government department and/or agency regarding the site selection process and the site criteria for the new Moncton high school, since October 13, 2010.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that, pursuant to the motion adopted on Friday, June 8, 2012, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 62 under Opposition Members' Business; following which third reading and Royal Assent would take place.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 62 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. McLean	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Mr. Killen	Mr. Haché
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Soucy	Mr. Betts
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Lifford	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Riordon	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Ms. Blais	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Albert
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Parrott	Mr. Kenny
Hon. Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Collins
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Tait	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. S. Robichaud	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Bonenfant	Mr. Melanson
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Stewart	Mr. D. Landry
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Arseneault	

Accordingly, Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Boudreau requested the unanimous consent of the House to order Bill 62 for Committee of the Whole consideration and third reading forthwith, and unanimous consent was denied.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act*.

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, 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 Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act.*
Bill 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012.*
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*
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Bill 36, *Statute Repeal Act.*
Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act.*
Bill 39, *Small Claims Act.*
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act.*
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act.*
Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*
Bill 44, *Procurement Act.*
Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Early Learning and Childcare Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*
Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Family Income Security Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act.*
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 53, *Loan Act 2012.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Repeal the Income Tax Act.*
Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*
Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*
Bill 60, *An Act to Repeal the Social Services and Education Tax Act.*
Bill 61, *Regional Service Delivery Act.*
Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*
Bill 68, *An Act to Repeal the City of Saint John Pension Act.*
Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation 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 Lieutenant-Governor 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 His 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 2012-2013*. (Bill 54)

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 was pleased to deliver the following message:

Before they come to get me, I just want to wish each of you a very wonderful summer. We have a lot of beautiful festivals in our province, and I look forward to attending many of them in your constituencies and meeting many people as well. I know that you have done a lot of hard work, sometimes under difficult circumstances. However, we have seen spring arrive. Thank you.

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

And then, 1.18 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Tuesday, November 27, 2012

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Rothesay in the by-election held June 25, 2012.

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

RESOLVED, that the return be entered in the Journals of the House.

And it is as follows:

RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION
FOR A MEMBER OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE 2012

ROTHESAY # 32		
Hugh John Flemming	PC	1,625
John Wilcox	L	1,328
Dominic Cardy	NDP	1,158
Sharon Murphy	PVNBGP	69
Marjorie MacMurray	IND	62

Richard Thorne
Returning Officer

Mr. Flemming, member-elect for the electoral district of Rothesay, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by the Honourable the Premier and took his seat in the House.

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

His Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the time has come to prorogue the second session of the 57th Legislature of New Brunswick. During this legislative session, you, the members of this Chamber, considered, debated, and passed into law many bills of

critical importance to all New Brunswickers in the towns, villages, rural communities, and cities they call home.

I am very proud to have been a part of this session and to join with you in continuing our parliamentary and democratic tradition of service to the people of our province. I want to thank each of you for the many hours of service you put in in the Legislature, on committees, and in your ridings over the course of this session and throughout the year. You should be commended for your dedication to your constituents. I ask you to continue your good work on their behalf and on behalf of all New Brunswickers as we prepare for the third session of the 57th Legislature to follow.

Now, with the completion of the business of the second session of the 57th Legislative Assembly, it is my privilege and responsibility to issue the command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and Queen of New Brunswick, that the Legislature stand prorogued. May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of our province, New Brunswick.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.19 o'clock a.m.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

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