



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

First Session, 58th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 16
Friday, February 13, 2015

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 6, Opportunities New Brunswick Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant

Adjourned Debates

Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act
- Hon. Mr. Boudreau

Bill 7, An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick
- Hon. Mr. Arseneault

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2015-2016

Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2013-2014

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 7 by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert that Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following "THAT" and substituting the following:

"recommendations 1 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that

considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum.”

Subamendment moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch that the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 4, 2014.

Motion 5 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried December 10, 2014.

Motion 6 by Hon. Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried December 17, 2014.

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 11, 2014.

Motion 12 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 19, 2014.

Motion 15 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried February 12, 2015.

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion 16 by Mr. Bourque, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Wednesday, February 18, 2015:

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1), the House sit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order come into effect immediately upon its adoption and remain in effect for the remainder of the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

CONCLUDED

Motion 11 by Mr. Bourque. Debated and carried December 19, 2014.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Elections Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 11, Local Food Security Act - Mr. Coon

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Ms. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2014:

WHEREAS the President of the Riverview Liberal Association sent an email on November 10, 2014, advising that government road contracts would be made available to supporters of the government, and that the Executive Assistant to the Minister of Social Development had enquired with respect to Liberal companies and individuals to be awarded road work contracts;

WHEREAS the Minister of Health, on November 21, 2014, terminated the employment of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Vitalité Health Network;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Vitalité Health Network issued a statement on November 25, 2014, to indicate that it did not question the qualifications of the former President and Chief Executive Officer, that to the best of its knowledge, the former President and Chief Executive Officer met all the requirements of his mandate, that it was not consulted prior to the termination, and that if it had been consulted, it would have indicated that there were no reasons for the dismissal of the former President and Chief Executive Officer;

AND WHEREAS these instances fall short of the government's commitment to do things differently;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the government for its failure to live up to its commitment to increase transparency and accountability in government.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 13 by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 19, 2015:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

Motion 14 by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Crossman to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 19, 2015:

WHEREAS this government has created much uncertainty with regard to the future of several schools in New Brunswick, especially those in rural regions;

WHEREAS this government committed to implementing a 10-year plan for all grade levels;

WHEREAS the 10-year education plan could greatly influence and impact the future and the use of several schools in the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge this government and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development not to close any schools in the province nor to carry out department policy 409 until the new 10-year plan promised by the government has been implemented.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Stewart. Debated and carried as amended December 11, 2014.

Motion 3 by Mr. Wetmore. Debated and defeated December 18, 2014.

Motion 9 by Mr. Stewart. Debated and carried as amended February 12, 2015.

Motion 10 by Ms. Shephard. Debated and carried as amended December 18, 2014.

PETITIONS

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| Petition 1: Mr. Wetmore, December 9, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 2: Ms. Wilson, December 10, 2014. | (Response, December 22, 2014) |
| Petition 3: Mr. Wetmore, December 10, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 4: Ms. Wilson, December 11, 2014. | (Response, December 22, 2014) |
| Petition 5: Mr. Wetmore, December 11, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 6: Ms. Wilson, December 12, 2014. | (Response, December 22, 2014) |
| Petition 7: Mr. Wetmore, December 12, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 8: Mr. Wetmore, December 17, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 9: Mr. Coon, December 17, 2014. | (Response, December 22, 2014) |
| Petition 10: Mr. Wetmore, December 18, 2014. | (Response, January 26, 2015) |
| Petition 11: Hon. Mr. Fraser, February 10, 2015. | |
| Petition 12: Mr. Northrup, February 10, 2015. | |
| Petition 13: Mr. LePage, February 11, 2015. | |
| Petition 14: Mr. Northrup, February 11, 2015. | |
| Petition 15: Mr. Northrup, February 12, 2015. | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Procedure

First Report, December 10, 2014

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly