



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

First Session, 58th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 29
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Horsman

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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

Bill 14, An Act Respecting Responsible Governance - Hon. Mr. Melanson

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Bill 18, Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act - Mr. LePage

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

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

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

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

Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014 - Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2015-2016

Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2013-2014

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 23 by Hon. Mr. Melanson, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 31, 2015:

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

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 7 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Debated and carried as amended
February 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, and March 10, 2015.

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.

Motion 24 by Mr. Albert. Carried March 13, 2015.

Motion 25 by Mr. Albert. Carried March 17, 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.

Motion 22 by Mr. Ames, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 17, 2015:

WHEREAS Conservative Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest, John Williamson, recently made public statements that were both racially charged and demeaning;

WHEREAS these statements showed contempt for people of different racial origins who work hard for our New Brunswick companies, pay taxes and make an important contribution to our provincial economy;

WHEREAS these statements also showed contempt for New Brunswick workers who are, for their own legitimate reasons, drawing Employment Insurance;

WHEREAS the statement shows a complete disregard by the Conservative Member of Parliament for the important contribution to our provincial economy of workers of all origins;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has long recognized an urgent and pressing need to grow its population in order to experience stronger economic growth;

WHEREAS the racial remarks of the Conservative Member of Parliament, stated so blatantly and publicly, seriously impede the ability of New Brunswick to attract immigrants to help this province grow the economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick condemn the views of the Conservative Member for New Brunswick Southwest, and affirm that the Government of New Brunswick denounces such demeaning remarks and opinions.

Motion 26 by Mr. Guitard, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2015:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be two days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 9 and 14, which shall include the days spent considering said Bills from March 24, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said two days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills, and, where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

CONCLUDED

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

Motion 18 by Mr. Guitard. Debated and carried February 20, 2015.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 11, Local Food Security Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 13, An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Relating to Wood Supply and Forest Management - Mr. Coon

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 20 by Mr. B. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 26, 2015:

WHEREAS fire, police, ambulance services, and other traditional first responders provide essential emergency services to our province, and their members often do so at great personal risk;

WHEREAS members of the Canadian Armed Forces often respond to crisis, both in Canada and overseas, and put themselves selflessly in harm's way;

WHEREAS many agencies of government, including Public Safety, Natural Resources, Social Development, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Emergency Measures Organization provide help to our province in times of crisis;

WHEREAS search and rescue, amateur radio operators, lifeguards, and the Life Saving Society, Canadian Ski Patrol, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, and other groups provide essential services in times of crisis;

WHEREAS soup kitchens, food banks, sexual assault crisis centres, helplines, transition houses, emergency shelters, and many other volunteer organizations provide important front-line services to those in desperate need;

WHEREAS hospitals, clinics, doctors, nurses, and many other health care professionals provide emergency medical care;

WHEREAS many faith-based groups often provide crucial support to individuals in times of personal crisis; and

WHEREAS these members, family, and friends of our first-responder and other emergency services deserve a day to celebrate their successes and to be acknowledged for their service to our community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Saturday immediately preceding Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day be officially designated Emergency Services Day in New Brunswick.

Motion 21 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 12, 2015:

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended by adding after Standing Rule 123:

PART IX

124(1) The Legislative Assembly shall establish a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of Members and a Code of Conduct, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Code".

124(2) The Code shall be printed in the Appendices of the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly and in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick Members' Orientation Manual.

Motion 27 by Mr. Northrup, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2015:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing and snowboarding to stay active over the winter months;

WHEREAS skiing and snowboarding are activities that should be enjoyed safely;

WHEREAS head injuries are the leading cause of death among skiers and snowboarders of all ages;

WHEREAS helmet use reduces the risk that people who ski or snowboard will suffer a traumatic brain injury, and can save the lives of participants;

WHEREAS there have been numerous traumatic brain injuries attributed to people skiing or snowboarding without a helmet in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS members of the public have advocated for New Brunswick to make helmets mandatory for all people who ski or snowboard;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce legislation to make mandatory the wearing of helmets when skiing or snowboarding.

Motion 28 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2015:

WHEREAS adoption is a very important personal matter;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has maintained adoption records for over 100 years;

WHEREAS the *Family Services Act* provides that adoption records are sealed and the identities of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents are protected;

WHEREAS societal views of adoption have varied over the years, and attitudes among New Brunswickers about adoption are changing;

WHEREAS the Department of Social Development proposed in April 2014 to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry, based on research into best practices and a jurisdictional review;

WHEREAS the Department proposed to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other if certain criteria are met;

WHEREAS the Department sought public input on these proposals, including the publication of a discussion paper, a series of regional public meetings, and a stakeholders' forum;

WHEREAS the Department published a Public Response Paper in August 2014 that outlined the input received during the said citizen engagement process;

WHEREAS the feedback received by the Department, as reported in the Public Response Paper, overwhelmingly supported the opening of sealed adoption records and agreed that there are benefits to doing so;

WHEREAS it is worthwhile for the government to implement the Department's proposals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement the proposals of the Department of Social Development to modernize the Post-Adoption Disclosure Registry and to open sealed adoption records to give adult adoptees and biological parents access to information identifying each other where appropriate criteria are met.

Motions for Returns

Motion 19 by Mr. B. Macdonald, seconded by Ms. Lynch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 26, 2015:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in the custody of or under the control of the Office of the Premier, the Premier, the Department of Finance, the Minister of Finance, the Department of Health, the Horizon Health Network, the Vitalité Health Network, the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, the Minister of Health and any other relevant government employee, department, agency, board or commission, and any

correspondence or other communication, whether by electronic means or otherwise, between or amongst those entities and persons or with the federal, other provincial, territorial or municipal governments, relating to capital expenditures and planned capital improvements, including budget figures, tables, projections and planned future budget figures, together with all reports and studies relating to the capital infrastructure of the Horizon Health Network and the Vitalité Health Network, including but not limited to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, for the years from 2010 to 2020, inclusive.

CONCLUDED

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

Motion 2 by Mr. Steeves. Debated and defeated March 12, 2015.

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.

Motion 13 by Mr. Jeff Carr. Debated and defeated March 19, 2015.

Motion 14 by Mr. Wetmore. Debated and defeated February 19, 2015.

Motion 17 by Mr. Steeves. Debated and carried as amended March 12, 2015.

PETITIONS

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.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 13: Mr. LePage, February 11, 2015.	(Response, March 17, 2015)
Petition 14: Mr. Northrup, February 11, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 15: Mr. Northrup, February 12, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 16: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, February 13, 2015.	(Response, March 23, 2015)
Petition 17: Mr. Northrup, February 13, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 18: Mr. Northrup, February 18, 2015.	(Response, February 27, 2015)
Petition 19: Mr. Northrup, February 19, 2015.	(Response, March 17, 2015)
Petition 20: Mr. Northrup, February 20, 2015.	(Response, March 17, 2015)
Petition 21: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 22: Mr. Northrup, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 23: Mr. Oliver, March 10, 2015.	
Petition 24: Mr. Northrup, March 11, 2015.	

Petition 25: Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, March 11, 2015.
Petition 26: Mr. Oliver, March 11, 2015.
Petition 27: Mr. Northrup, March 12, 2015.
Petition 28: Mr. Coon, March 12, 2015.
Petition 29: Mr. Oliver, March 12, 2015.
Petition 30: Ms. Shephard, March 13, 2015.
Petition 31: Mr. Oliver, March 13, 2015.
Petition 32: Mr. Northrup, March 17, 2015.
Petition 33: Mr. Oliver, March 17, 2015.
Petition 34: Mr. Northrup, March 18, 2015.
Petition 35: Mr. Oliver, March 18, 2015.
Petition 36: Ms. Shephard, March 19, 2015.
Petition 37: Mr. Oliver, March 19, 2015.
Petition 38: Mr. Northrup, March 20, 2015.
Petition 39: Mr. Oliver, March 20, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Procedure

First Report, December 10, 2014

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Standing Committee on Private Bills will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:10 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Law Amendments will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:15 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:20 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Economic Policy will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:25 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Social Policy will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly