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

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Fredericton, N.B.  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS I have proclaimed that the first session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province be prorogued on the first day of December, 2015 at 11:00 in the forenoon;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the second session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the first day of December, 2015 at 2:00 in the afternoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

**BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Serge Rousselle, Q.C.  
Attorney General.

Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests and all New Brunswickers. Welcome to the opening of the Second Session of the 58th Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

Your government remains focused on three priorities: making the choices that must be made to get our finances in order so we can invest in the priorities of New Brunswickers; growing the provincial economy to create new jobs; and making strategic investments in programs like health and education to make New Brunswick the best place to raise a family.

Governments across Canada and around the world are facing change. Whether these changes are due to shifting demographics or financial pressures, these governments are looking at ways to deliver services in a better and more cost-effective manner to meet the needs of their citizens. Strategic Program Review is the means by which government will deliver on these priorities.

Strategic Program Review is about more than just achieving balanced budgets. It is about making choices that will allow the province to have a sustainable budget into the future and afford the health, education and other social services that New Brunswickers expect and deserve, while creating the conditions for new jobs.

### **Congratulations**

Much has occurred that warrants our recognition since the last session of the New Brunswick Legislature.

On behalf of the Province of New Brunswick, I offer my congratulations to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the New Brunswick Members of Parliament: Dominic LeBlanc, René Arseneault, Serge Cormier, Matt DeCoursey, Pat Finnigan, TJ Harvey, Alaina Lockhart, Wayne Long, Karen Ludwig and Ginette Petitpas Taylor. This team will be working with the provincial government to advance the interests of the people of New Brunswick, Atlantic Canada, and all Canadians, in order to create jobs, grow our economy and support families.

I also thank outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his years of service to his country and former Members of Parliament for New Brunswick Robert Goguen, Rob Moore, Rodney Weston, John Williamson, Yvon Godin, Bernard Valcourt, Mike Allen, Keith Ashfield and Tilly O'Neill Gordon.

On behalf of this Assembly, I welcome Stewart Fairgrieve, to his first Session as the Member for Carleton. I also want to take this opportunity to extend thanks and congratulate former Premier David Alward for his years of dedicated service to his province and congratulate him on his appointment as Consul General in Boston. Boston has always been a strong economic partner for New Brunswick.

### **Recognition**

New Brunswick is full of gifted and giving individuals who contribute to our cultural fabric, our quality of life and our economy with their multiple talents, leadership abilities and generosity of spirit. I am pleased to take the opportunity to recognize the following New Brunswickers who have served in various ways to move our province forward over the past year.

Camille Albert, Sister Arleen Brawley, Gary Gould, Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, Thaddeus Holownia, Carol Loughrey, Sister Adèle Morin, Dr. Réjean Thomas, Marlene Unger and Kevin Vickers were named as members to the Order of New Brunswick.

Mr. Vickers, who was named the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland in January, also received the RCMP Commissioner's Commendation for Bravery and a medal of valour from the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

On the national stage, Sandra Irving of Saint John, Patrick Darrah of Saint John, Russ Howard of Moncton and Serge Patrice Thibodeau of Moncton were invested into the Order of Canada this year.

Warrant Officer Brenda Di Bartolo of Burton, Major Stephen Gallagher of Burton, and Master Warrant Officer Troy Charles Chiasson, Chief Warrant Officer Terry Ronald Serge Joseph Garand, Warrant Officer Suzanne Kavanagh, Chief Warrant Officer Walter Allan Laughlin, Warrant Officer Erica Oliver, Warrant Officer Derek Ashley Thompson, all of Oromocto, were invested as Members of the Order of Military Merit.

We are also proud to recognize our police forces for their courage and commitment in serving and protecting others.

RCMP Constable Ryan Lewis earned a Medal of Bravery for saving the life of a person attempting suicide in Moncton.

Fredericton RCMP Chief Superintendent Wayne Gallant, Moncton RCMP Superintendent Marlene Snowman and Fredericton RCMP Inspector Roderick Shaw were also invested as members of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces for excellence in police work.

Bernard Touesnard of Riverview, Patricia Lafford of Sackville, Samar Effendi of Edmundston, Brahim Benahmed of Pointe-Alexandre, Germain Blanchard of Caraquet, Raymond Chiasson of Shippagan, Rose-Marie Collin of Saint-Léolin, Brenda Daigle of Miramichi, Bernice Doiron Chiasson of Shippagan, Raymond Gionet of Caraquet and Roseline Paulin of Tracadie-Sheila were recognized with the Governor General's Caring Canadian award.

I am a firm believer in honouring excellence, and again this year, I was pleased to pay tribute to those in our province who strive to do their best, not for recognition or reward, but because it is the right thing to do.

Don Dennison, posthumously, and Roberta Clowater received the Award for Excellence in Land Conservation.

Muriel and Robert Buckley, and Don Bossé received New Brunswick Youth Orchestra Awards.

Lou Duffley posthumously received the Award for Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation.

Bernard Richard received the New Brunswick Human Rights Award.

Frederic Arsenault, posthumously, Fred Beirsto, and the Bathurst Youth Centre received Dialogue Awards.

Bill LaPointe, posthumously, and Fred Beirsto received Awards for Excellence in Aging; and

Thaddeus Holownia, Jules Boudreau and Jacques Savoie received Awards for High Achievement in the Arts.

Richard J. Currie received the Canadian Red Cross 2015 Humanitarian Award and Kyla LaPointe received the Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award.



On the music scene, the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra was bestowed with the Prime Minister's Volunteer Award for the success of Sistema New Brunswick, the orchestra's after-school program for children.

At this year's Music New Brunswick Awards, John and Lisa McLaggan of Saint John, and Tristan Horncastle of Fredericton were triple award winners. David Myles of Fredericton was named Expat Artist of the Year and the Directors' Lifetime Achievement Award was presented posthumously to Marc Chouinard of Moncton.

City Natives, Tobique First Nation, Hero's Last Rite of Fredericton and Les Hay Babies of Moncton were recognized with 2015 East Coast Music Awards.

Brenda Best of Campbellton, James Cunningham of Loggieville, Tammy Morris of Sussex and David Palmer of Fredericton were inducted into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame. George Allain of Miramichi was also inducted posthumously.

The family of Luke, Bonnie and Lindsay Weaver of Benton were named Trio of the Year for the second straight time at the Maritime Gospel Music Association Awards.

Matt Andersen of Perth-Andover was nominated for a 2015 Juno Award and a Maple Blues Award, honoring the best musicians and performers in Canada. Ross Neilsen of Fredericton and Theresa Malenfant of Dieppe were also nominated for Maple Blues Awards for their contributions to the genre.

Mélanie Massé and Christa Piercey were recipients of the Council of the Federation Literacy Awards.

Line Pelletier of Moncton earned national acclaim as the first runner-up in the MasterChef Canada home cook-off competition.

Ziyuan (Sam) Song of Saint John won first place at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Chess Challenge.

Monica Adair of Saint John was named the 2015 Young Architect of the Year by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Dominique Doucette of Campbellton was named Miss Canada.

Brooklyn Douthwright of Riverview was named to the Guinness Book of World Records as the Youngest Person to swim the Northumberland Strait.

N.B. River Watch earned a KIRA Award for excellence in innovation in the public sector.

Business leaders David Hawkins, Larry Nelson and Camille Thériault were named to the New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame this year.

2015 is the Year of Sport in New Brunswick with many citizens earning accolades for their participation and dedication to sports.

Edmond Gagnon of Grand-Barachois, John G. LeBlanc of Campbellton, Peter Murray of Saint John, Marc Pepin of Fredericton, Everett Sanipass of Elsipogtog and Brigitte Soucy-Anderson of Bouctouche, were inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame.

Matt Stairs of Tay Creek was named to Canada's Baseball Hall of Fame.

Gardiner MacDougall was recognized as CIS Coach of the Year for his work with the UNB men's hockey team.

At the Canada Winter Games, Team New Brunswick won its first ever Centennial Cup for most improved performance with 13 medals during two weeks of competition.

Louis Fortin won two gold and one silver in para-Nordic cross country skiing. Scott Ring earned gold in air pistol target shooting. Emily Dean and Delayne Donahue won silver in team air rifle target shooting. Miranda Dedam earned a silver medal in Special Olympics figure skating, the N.B. Women's Short Track Speed Skating relay team took home silver, Alyssa Murphy and Hailey Baisley each won bronze in archery, the N.B. Ringette team and Men's Short Track Speed Skating relay team each won bronze, and Jédrick Imbeault and Maxime Emond, also each won bronze in judo.

Six New Brunswick athletes participated in the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto. Mandy Bujold of Moncton won a gold medal in boxing. Catharine Pendrel of Harvey Station won a silver medal in mountain bike racing. Kate Campbell of Fredericton earned silver in karate and Geneviève Lalonde of Moncton captured bronze in the steeplechase. Jamie Allan of Saint John competed in sailing and Charles Thoms of Fredericton finished fourth in wrestling.

Nathan Cumberland of Keswick Ridge won first place at the 2015 Timbersports Rookie World Championships in Florence, Italy.

David Tatta of Riverview won one gold, one silver and two bronze medals for swimming at the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

The Purple Pirates Special Olympics Bowling Team in Bathurst Chaleur captured 16 medals at provincial bowling championships in Saint John, while the Miramichi Special Olympics Bowling Team brought home a total of 10 medals.

### **Condolences**

We pause to remember the individuals we have lost over the last year.

We pay our respects to the victims of the recent attacks in Paris, France.

We also pay tribute to Gilbert Finn, New Brunswick's 26th lieutenant-governor and also a Member and later an Officer of the Order of Canada, who left a legacy in the development of institutions which continue to act as cornerstones to the Greater Moncton community and to the province.

We pause to remember J. Alfred Roussel, former MLA for Restigouche West, who also served his community in a leadership role as an RCMP officer, the Edmundston Fire and Police Chief and mayor of Saint-Quentin.

We remember Marc Chouinard, executive director of the Capitol Theatre in Moncton and a Member of the Order of Canada, for his steadfast promotion of Acadian culture.

We pay tribute to Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment who died while serving in Iraq.

We also pay tribute to RCMP Constable David Wynn who died in the line of duty.

Also in our thoughts is Pte. Samuel Nadeau a Canadian Armed Forces reserve soldier who died during training at CFB Gagetown.

We remember Robert (Bob) Kenny, a Fredericton lawyer and philanthropist, for his work with the United Way, the University of New Brunswick, the Canada Winter Games, the East Coast Music Awards, as well as his volunteer work.

We pay tribute to Dr. Marie MacBeath, a professor of chemistry at the University of New Brunswick and the founder of Fredericton's Science East Centre.

We celebrate the life of Robert Scott, a professor of electrical engineering and the founder of University of New Brunswick's Institute of Biomedical Engineering, who led a team of researchers that achieved world leadership in the development of electronic control systems for artificial limbs.

We celebrate the life of James (Jim) Morrison, former editor of the *Bugle* and *Telegraph-Journal*.

We remember Kenneth Taylor, Ambassador to Iran, who was awarded the United States Congressional Gold Medal for his role in helping six Americans escape from Iran during the hostage crisis.

We pay tribute to Kathleen (Kaye) Rafferty, former president of the Moncton East Liberal Association and the Moncton East Women's Liberal Association, who volunteered for many years with the Open Hands Food Bank.

#### **Getting our Fiscal House in Order**

The upcoming legislative session will mark the end of the decision phase of the Strategic Program Review initiative. With the help of New Brunswickers, your government plans to restore a sound fiscal foundation in this province. Governmental expenses have exceeded provincial revenues for close to a decade now. The situation is not sustainable.

Without action, our province faces mounting debt. This will increase our interest payments which already represent our province's fifth-largest expense after the departmental budgets of Education and Early Childhood Development, Health, Social Development, and Transportation and Infrastructure. We are now spending more on servicing the debt than we are investing in post-secondary education. The combined budgets of Environment and Local Government, Energy, Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Tourism, Public Safety, and Justice do not add up to what we spend on interest for our debt annually.

If we keep going down the same path and our credit rating were to be downgraded, as a result our interest costs would go up. This would hinder your government's ability to invest in education and health care.

Your government is not the first to sound the alarm bell. But until now, no one has really heeded that alarm. The inability for a government to balance the books since 2007 means the problem has compounded. That has to end. As a province we need to make better choices.

Strategic, long-lasting changes are necessary to protect the province's future. A significant challenge for government is balancing revenue and spending measures to address the fiscal challenge, with the need to grow the provincial economy. Creating the right conditions for job-creation must be a priority and Strategic Program Review is about setting the table so we can invest in the priorities of New Brunswickers such as jobs, health care and education. Instead of tinkering around the edges, significant choices need to be made in the upcoming budget. Your government needs to bring deficit budgeting to an end. All the decisions that will get our province there will be presented to New Brunswickers in this session.

It is important that all of the New Brunswickers who have taken time to participate in Strategic Program Review and provide input into the choices we must make as a province are acknowledged.

More than 1,200 New Brunswickers took part in 14 public sessions and more than 100 attended 5 regional stakeholder sessions. Twenty-eight groups hosted their own meetings on Strategic Program Review. Sixty-seven community and business leaders from around the province took part in a Strategic Program Review forum. Youth were engaged in sessions hosted by 21 Inc. and 550 students from the Francophone and Anglophone education sectors also submitted ideas.

More than 9,000 New Brunswickers also submitted ideas online, by email or regular mail. It is important that we thank New Brunswickers for recognizing that a problem exists, and why it needs to be fixed once and for all.

This examination of government spending and the ideas brought forward through the consultation process has identified opportunities where we could better focus programs and services, streamline operations and transform the way we do business to achieve better results and meet the needs of New Brunswickers. The ideas and suggestions raised during the consultation processes also identified opportunities to increase revenues.

Changing how government works will lead to better, more effective programs and services that have improved outcomes. By taking control of change, your government will be able to operate with greater efficiency and ensure expenditures are invested in our collective priorities of jobs, health care and education.

Your government has made some early decisions under Strategic Program Review that were part of the 2015-16 Budget that found \$115 million in savings.

Those savings included swearing-in the smallest cabinet in 50 years, a pay cut of 15 per cent for the Premier and 10 per cent for members of the Executive Council, freezing MLA salaries for the eighth consecutive year, freezing funding levels for officers of the Legislative Assembly, reducing the numbers of senior civil servants, and centralizing some government services.

Your government created a new centralized common services organization to consolidate and modernize the way services are delivered across government and to regional health authorities. The new crown corporation, Service New Brunswick, was proclaimed on October 1, 2015. It is responsible for shared services including finance, information technology, and procurement. The business case estimates an annual savings of more than \$42 million by 2020. This is a great example of how government can do things better, smarter and more efficiently.

It is also an example of how as a government we first need to look at our own operations to eliminate waste and do things in the most cost-effective way. Your government recognizes that we all have a role to play in making the decisions necessary to get New Brunswick back on its feet financially and live within our means.

There are opportunities to make services better and more suited to the realities of our province by eliminating waste, and also by better integrating innovation and technology into how government works and interacts with New Brunswickers. The status quo is not sustainable and changes need to be made for New Brunswick to thrive again.

Strategic Program Review is not about broad cuts that force the public service to do more with less, nor is it about randomly cutting programs. These approaches have been tried in the past and they did not work. Now is the time to transform government by focusing on investing in the needs and priorities of New Brunswick's changing population.

It is time to build a responsive government that is focused on the job, health and educational needs of New Brunswickers now and into the future. Today, New Brunswick has the opportunity to make government more responsive to New Brunswickers, but choices cannot be delayed any longer.

New Brunswick's net debt stands at \$12.4 billion. The amount spent paying interest on New Brunswick's debt each year is greater than the individual budgets of all but four government departments. Our economy is now smaller than it was in 2010 with real GDP in 2014 at \$28.4 billion – more than \$200 million less than the level reached in 2010.

Your government is committed to make changes now to protect services like health and education and to allow us to better focus on job creation. Your government recognizes that action is required now or else many more difficult decisions will have to be made in the future.

Over the past number of months, your government has been exploring a number of options that would help address the financial challenge. A variety of ideas have emerged since the launch of the Strategic Program Review process in January 2015, and many of them can be found in the recently released report on the choices we face as New Brunswickers. These are ideas that New Brunswickers brought forward. These ideas have been analyzed for financial impacts, economic impacts, gender impacts, children's rights impacts and broader public policy impacts.

Some of the choices contained in this report are a significant departure from current practice and processes, while others would have an impact on a large number of New Brunswickers. Some have large financial implications; some are not so much about the bottom line but about doing government better. The implementation of all of these ideas is not required to right the financial situation in the province but some tough choices will need to be made.

Thank you to those New Brunswickers who took the time to participate in the Strategic Program Review process so far, whether in person, online or by other means. It is now time for us as a province to make those choices on the best way forward to a strong fiscal foundation so we can create more jobs and invest in health and education.

### **Investing in Jobs**

The best way to get our finances on the right track is through economic growth. Job creation continues to be the top priority of your government. To achieve this, your government is working with the private sector to create the right conditions for businesses to start up, expand, and invest, so they can thrive and succeed.

Recently, your government participated in the biggest job announcement ever in New Brunswick's history. An international firm, BMM Testlabs, is adding 1,000 jobs in Moncton and \$75 million to the province's economy. The historic announcement with BMM is but one of the opportunities your government hopes to bring to New Brunswick.

Your government is working to spur economic growth through a diversified approach and strategic investments. The small business tax was reduced, and will continue to be reduced until New Brunswick has the lowest small business

tax east of Manitoba. There is a focus on red tape reduction to eliminate barriers to skills training and business. The Small Business Investor Tax Credit was expanded to ensure businesses have access to capital.

Opportunities New Brunswick was created, led by outstanding private sector experience, to be a single point of contact to navigate government. Removing the burden of bureaucracy from these businesses is working. To continue the momentum, as a province, we need to invest strategically in skills training and education. It is a great way to create opportunity for New Brunswickers, but also ensures job creation and economic growth over the long term.

New Brunswick is seeing results. From October 2014 to October 2015, employment rose by 3,500 according to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey. Over the same period, the unemployment rate went down to 9.0 per cent.

Your government has been hosting a series of Opportunities Summits around the province to identify new prospects for creating jobs and economic growth in New Brunswick. The growth opportunities identified through these summits will be reviewed and evaluated for development as part of an economic plan for the province. The Jobs Board will develop this economic plan which will focus on fostering job creation and economic growth in all regions of the province.

Your government will ensure that each department in government will have an economic mandate. The Jobs Board will oversee the implementation of these departmental economic mandates and work with departments to find opportunities for economic growth. In partnership with Opportunities New Brunswick, your government will transition to an 'opportunities-led' model of economic development that supports the departments to achieve these economic mandates together.

The forestry sector continues to be one of the key economic drivers in New Brunswick, providing more than 20,000 jobs across the province, many of them in rural areas. Therefore, your government will continue its work on evaluating and deciding on a course of action on the forestry strategy.

The Minister of Natural Resources has held consultations with more than 54 individuals and groups, including a number of First Nations representatives. The goal is to move forward with a plan which is more balanced and ecologically sound in the near future. Your government will continue to be transparent in this and other sectors, and ensure that New Brunswick's industries are competitive and able to grow and create more jobs and opportunities in the future.



Your government will work diligently on issues related to export of our lumber products by working in partnership with Atlantic counterparts to ensure any future softwood lumber agreement continues to exclude New Brunswick from tariffs and quotas.

Opportunities for economic development and growth in a number of areas related to natural resources will be explored, including opportunities related to crown lands, fish and wildlife sectors, and the maple sugar and blueberry industries.

Your government provided 38 new leases to companies and individuals to make 4,000 hectares of crown forests available to the maple sugar industry through a Request for Proposals. These leases represent an investment of \$25 million in the industry.

Your government recently released a Request for Proposals to enable new and established blueberry producers' access to targeted crown lands for wild blueberry development and expansion. By the summer of 2016, up to 3,800 acres of land will have been provided to producers to begin developing these wild blueberry fields. This availability of new lands for development will assist the wild blueberry industry in becoming the largest global production area.

Fishing and hunting provide enjoyment for thousands of New Brunswickers and also benefit our economy by creating jobs and generating much-needed revenue. More than 150,000 licenses are issued for those sports annually. Work will continue this year on the new e-licensing system so that New Brunswickers have more efficient and easy access to get the licenses they need to enjoy one of their favorite pastimes in the bountiful, natural areas of New Brunswick.

Your government's job is to create the best possible conditions for job creation. It is a job that your government takes very seriously.

There has been a lot of conversation nationally, within every province, at boardroom tables and kitchen tables, in every city and every community recently about our shared economic challenges. There's no doubt about it, we face challenges. As we are facing our budget challenges together and the choices that must be made, we are also working together on the challenges New Brunswick faces in terms of job growth.

The business community is finding it increasingly challenging to find qualified workers. Your government will grow the workforce through a more focused effort to ensure skills alignment between the workforce and available jobs. Programming will be targeted to support young workers as

they start their careers. To ensure that more New Brunswickers have the option to stay at home and build their careers, your government will better promote available jobs now and in the future.

We need to grow our population by keeping New Brunswickers here and bringing them back, and also by welcoming new New Brunswickers. Your government is committed to growing the number of immigrants that settle in the province and has reached out to the federal government to discuss accommodating approximately 1,500 Syrian refugees. These immigrants could be new customers for our existing businesses and fill vacancies with employers that have hard-to-fill positions. They could bring entrepreneurial ideas and skills to our province. This would not only help provide workers for industry now but would also help grow the province in the future.

To give municipalities the powers they need to promote development and become hubs of job creation, your government is committed to working closely with our stakeholders. Your government will continue to work with municipalities to help our communities succeed while looking at ways to collaborate to develop new ideas and innovative ways to grow our economy.

Your government will continue to work with First Nation communities to advance opportunities in the areas of education, training, culture and language preservation, economic development and partnerships. Your government is also committed to facilitate the platform commitments of the Government of Canada aimed at improving service delivery to First Nations as well as opportunities to advance economic independence.

To spur economic growth, your government continues to invest in New Brunswick businesses, people and infrastructure. The Strategic Infrastructure Initiative allows for focused investment in projects that have the potential to encourage economic growth and job creation in the short term, and sustain that growth by supporting the expansion and growth of New Brunswick industry, businesses, and communities going forward.

Your government is supporting other projects, such as the Port of Saint John. As Eastern Canada's largest port, it connects our neighbours and businesses with 350 ports worldwide. It handles an average of 28 million metric tonnes of cargo annually, and with your government's investment of \$68 million, its capacity and impact will only grow.

These investments will move New Brunswick forward now and in future decades. New Brunswickers benefit from the immediate jobs created by construction and also from the jobs that will be generated through improved competitiveness and productivity. Your government works to ensure that

every dollar spent on infrastructure provides a solid return in terms of employment and GDP. This is demonstrated in projects like the Moncton Centre, Route 11, the Dieppe Industrial Park, the Lorneville Barge Terminal in Saint John, the Centennial Bridge and many, many more.

This summer, we saw a major private investment of \$200 million at the Irving oil refinery create 3,000 construction jobs in Saint John. As previously mentioned, your government announced the largest ever government-supported job expansion through a historic partnership with BMM Testlabs, a Las Vegas-based gaming testing laboratory.

It is stories like this that remind us that we can seek out new opportunity, work together, and build something great. But it truly has to be a collaborative effort. New Brunswick has opportunities to create jobs from coast to coast, but we will only proceed when we know that our health, water and environment are protected.

Your government supports the Canaport LNG terminal in Saint John in increasing their business case and their exploration of the potential conversion to an export facility. This is good for the economy, it creates jobs and liquefied natural gas can play a role in reducing emissions from other sources of energy. There are also many exciting mining opportunities on the horizon, including the proposed Sisson Mine in central New Brunswick, the PCS Picadilly potash expansion project in the Sussex area and a re-start of the Trevali lead-zinc mine at Caribou Mine.

Your government has also been active in discussions at the national level as strong proponents of the Energy East Pipeline project. An important part of these discussions has been how to create a diverse and responsible portfolio of energy resources that will help meet future demand for Canadian crude oil, reach new global markets and develop new products.

This project would create thousands of jobs in this province and bring tremendous growth for our country. According to a report by the Conference Board of Canada, the Energy East pipeline in New Brunswick would generate \$1.6 billion in GDP growth during the planning and construction, and another \$1.5 billion during the first 20 years in service, for a combined total of more than \$3 billion in GDP growth.

Nationally, it means more than 14,000 direct and indirect jobs in the development phase, and billions of dollars in tax revenue. According to a September 2014 report from the Conference Board of Canada, the project will create more than 2,300 jobs annually and 6,300 during peak construction in New Brunswick.

Of course, all of this must be in a context of responsible development and with our safety, health and environment in mind. Moving oil by pipeline is both safer and better for the environment. Also, it's expected that the direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the transport of oil from Alberta to New Brunswick will be less by pipeline than by rail. This is largely due to the fact that much of the energy needed to transport oil by pipeline will come from low or emissions-less electricity sources, while oil by rail is based on diesel.

Your government wants to be part of the solution and we believe Energy East is a better and safer option that will help meet our shared goal of managing greenhouse gas emissions while safely delivering the oil that millions of Canadians and countries around the world rely on in their daily lives.

New Brunswick is ready to play a key role in this. We have the largest, most sophisticated oil refinery in the country, in Saint John. With a deep-water, ice-free port, we are ideally positioned for energy exports. We have a skilled work force with energy sector experience, and we continue to invest in skills training to meet industry needs. New Brunswick is the ideal geographic location to pursue energy exports.

This nation-building project is about challenging the status quo, redefining the problem and finding a transformative solution. It is also a key factor in addressing the other major challenges governments across the country are facing to provide quality health care, education, create jobs and fix finances.

Innovation is key to job creation. It leads to successes in emerging sectors, and allows our traditional industries to compete on a national and international stage. We need innovative ways of doing the things New Brunswick is already good at, even better. Innovation can also help your government to deliver better services in a more efficient manner. Many of these initiatives will be discussed in the legislative session ahead. A new focused innovation strategy and approach to help the province become more innovative and competitive in the global economy will be developed.

Agriculture is an essential and historical part of New Brunswick's rural economy. Increasing production and sales of locally grown products creates jobs, advances economic growth and plays a vital role in improving the quality of family life in rural communities. Farmland is a non-renewable resource and is the backbone for all agricultural activities. Your government will complete an engagement and consultation process with agricultural producers and the public, as a first step towards developing an agricultural land policy that will help preserve and recognize the importance of prime agricultural land.

Your government has committed to develop a local food and beverages strategy that will support farmers, producers and processors in supplying more products to the local market and growing their business.

The value of aquaculture production in the province rose in 2014 to \$124 million and is an important contributor to the vitality of our coastal communities, creating the equivalent of 1,150 full-time jobs for New Brunswickers. The province's enterprises have been world leaders in salmon and oyster production and are making strong progress in alternative species and innovative culture methods. Your government will establish a framework to support industry in growing the aquaculture industry to take advantage of new opportunities.

New Brunswick is the second-largest fish and seafood exporting province in the country, accounting for 22 per cent of Canada's exports. The value of New Brunswick fish and seafood exports rose by eight per cent to reach \$1.09 billion in 2014. Your government will revise our export strategies to ensure our enterprises are in a position to increase the value of our fisheries and seafood products and to benefit from the opportunities available from the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union and developing Asian markets.

There is also opportunity with our technology infrastructure, such as the Fibre Centre in Moncton, to connect our region to European markets. Venture capital firms from across the continent are noticing some of New Brunswick's successes in start-ups and the technology sector. To encourage this, your government has invested in companies to support start-ups in early stages of development.

New Brunswick cannot have long-term and sustained economic growth if we are not first protecting our land, water and air.

Just this summer, during the 39th annual conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Newfoundland, Premier Gallant joined Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and their colleagues in unanimously adopting ambitious targets. Together, they set a target of decreasing carbon pollution by between 35 and 45 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030. By 2050, the goal is to reach 75-85 per cent of 2001 emission levels.

Your government is moving closer to finalizing a new Climate Change Action Plan. It will provide a road map of concrete actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the resilience of New Brunswick to climate change through adaptation efforts. The plan will represent a large step forward to combating climate change and growing our economy in a sustainable manner.

This session, work will begin in partnership with stakeholders and communities to develop a Provincial Water Strategy. The Water Strategy is a comprehensive approach to managing New Brunswick's surface and ground water resources to ensure quality and availability for people, nature and the economy, now and into the future.

### **Investing in Education**

Your government will invest in New Brunswick's priorities by investing more money in education and early childhood development than any other government in history. While efficiencies will be identified to ensure the system operates in the most effective manner possible, all funds saved will be reinvested in the system to better support youth and their families. These investments will be guided by expert-led strategies for education and literacy.

Your government is committed to the development of a 10-year education plan to bring stability to New Brunswick's school system, and the implementation of an aggressive literacy strategy.

By July 1, 2016, a plan will be introduced to chart the course for New Brunswick to become a national and world leader in nurturing the skills, talents and attitudes of children and youth in this evolving 21<sup>st</sup> century society. Consultation with citizens has included, among other important initiatives, engagement sessions in 15 communities across our province and some of our provinces top teachers, as well as contributions from a non-partisan advisory panel.

The literacy strategy will foster improved literacy skills among residents of all ages, so they are able to participate fully in school, at work, at home and in their communities. The literacy strategy will build on current successes in the early learning and education system, and will also recommend new ways to address this critical challenge.

Your government is investing in New Brunswick's priorities through skills development and programs such as the Youth Employment Fund. To date, over 1,200 positions have been created for unemployed young people between the ages of 18 and 29. The program helps youth to close the skills gap and find the jobs, training and experience they need to find permanent work right here in New Brunswick.

That is why education and skills training is such a sound investment. It is a lifetime return for these individuals, who will go on to thrive in New Brunswick communities. They create and fill jobs, get to stay here at home with their families, and they contribute to building our province.

As stewards of the public purse, your government is committed to requiring greater public accountability for its finances. Therefore, your government will be requiring the province's four publicly funded post-secondary institutions to appear annually before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. This will ensure your government's investment in universities is supporting the province's vision of a relevant post-secondary education system that contributes to the economic growth of the province.

### **Helping Families**

Investing in priorities means investing in programs that will make life better for New Brunswick's families.

New Brunswick's population is aging and the magnitude of that shifting demographic brings with it considerable social and economic challenges. Every province is struggling to address the financial, infrastructure and system challenges associated with an aging population and a growing demand for health care and long-term care supports and services. These challenges are particularly severe in New Brunswick.

Discussions on the aging population are too often framed in terms of the daunting financial pressures and sheer scale of additional investment required to existing infrastructure in order to meet the projected demand for institutional care. There is growing evidence that much more can and must be done to alter the traditional trajectory from an individual's home to a lengthy hospital stay to a nursing home. It is also clear that immediate attention must be given to addressing the growing number of Alternate Level of Care (ALC) clients in hospital beds throughout the province and the associated impact on the overall acute care system.

There has been a lot of discussion on the challenges we are facing as a province and your government will continue to reach out to New Brunswickers for their advice and ideas for addressing these challenges to invest in New Brunswick's priorities.

In joint efforts to find innovative solutions, it is important to build on the work completed to date and to consolidate all of the information and feedback provided by seniors, stakeholder groups, service providers and health care professionals. Taken together, the Home First strategy, the Wellness Strategy and platform commitments related to seniors represent a broad menu of actions and initiatives that are innovative, responsive to the needs identified by seniors, and reflective of the latest research and international best practices.

In light of the immediate attention required to address the challenges associated with Alternate Level of Care clients in hospitals, and the longer-term projected demand and expenditures for long-term care services, it is critical that all of the actions and initiatives identified to date are considered and prioritized with the objective of arriving at a progressive new strategy on aging that represents a reasonable balance of responsiveness, effectiveness and sustainability.

At the recent Alternate Level of Care Summit, participants were challenged to identify potential options and solutions for alleviating the immediate challenges associated with hospital congestion, reducing wait times, improving access to hospital beds and reducing the number of surgical cancellations in hospitals. It is clear that a transformation needs to occur and will require deliberate and purposeful action in the short-term to address the most immediate challenges.

The mobilization, engagement and involvement of seniors and stakeholder groups through a new council on aging will be instrumental in developing a new strategy on aging that will help guide our collective efforts to achieve a shared vision. Your government has invited those interested in serving on this council to do so. These are the people who will help us develop a sustainable system based on the province's vision for long-term care.

Your government is committed to invest in New Brunswick's priorities by improving access to primary health care and maximizing the use of health professionals and ensuring that all professionals are functioning at their full scope of training and practice.

In 2016, a *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act* will be introduced to enhance the quality of patient care by ensuring that patient safety incidents are properly reported, investigated and addressed. Your government will also introduce Good Samaritan legislation to ensure that off-duty health professionals and New Brunswick citizens are protected from civil liability when they render first aid or assistance to persons in an accident or other emergency situations.

Your government will build on its Atlantic partnership to promote a strong regional voice to engage the new Federal government on health care investment and innovation and a renewal of the Health Accord to address the unique needs and challenges of New Brunswick's rural communities and aging population.



Your government also recognizes the role of first responders in this province, and the impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on those who choose this profession. Last session the Official Opposition introduced a Bill concerning this issue that has yet to make it through Law Amendments. A Bill that respects the spirit of that original Bill will be supported by government in the upcoming session.

Your government is focused on making life more affordable by putting more money in the pockets of low-wage earners, the majority of whom are women. One of the ways your government will do this is by raising the minimum wage.

In addition to these increases, your government has amended the *Employment Standards Act* to require a comprehensive review of minimum wage. The first review will be completed by December 31, 2016. In conducting this review, your government will consider, among other things, the social and economic effects of minimum wage rates in the province.

There will be ups and downs, but as a province, we are taking the right approach, making the right investments, and following a strong plan. With the help of job creators, we can work together to overcome our challenges and move New Brunswick forward.

### Conclusion

Throughout the Strategic Program Review process, New Brunswickers have identified choices that need to be made to invest in priorities such as jobs, health care and education, and provide the services we rely on sustainably into the future of our province. Your government is focused on making decisions based on these choices to control expenditures and increase revenue measures in this session's budget.

New Brunswick continues to face significant fiscal challenges and deficits. Your government has a plan to change that by building a strong fiscal foundation, reinvesting in New Brunswickers priorities of jobs, health care and education, and restoring confidence in our province's economy.

Over the course of this session, ministers will provide more details regarding the initiatives contained in this Speech from the Throne. This session will also include Capital Budget Estimates and, over the coming days, amendments to a variety of Acts of the Legislative Assembly will be introduced and debated in order to ensure your government continues to improve services offered to the public.

Your government will also provide details on additional policy and program matters of importance to the people of New Brunswick.

Setting New Brunswick on the road to a bright future is within our grasp but there is still work to be done. Decisions need to be made and there are opportunities at our fingertips. Your government is committed to making these with the participation of New Brunswickers. We all have a role to play in making the decisions necessary to get New Brunswick back on its feet financially and living within our means.

By repairing our finances and investing in priorities, we will position New Brunswick for a bright future. If we take action now, we can start down a new path of hope and success. There are tough choices to be made. But those choices will lead to better days ahead.

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

Her Honour then retired.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. Brian Gallant, 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.

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Mr. Speaker then informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed.)

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On motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

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

Ms. LeBlanc, a Member for the electoral district of Moncton East, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which she read in her place, and being seconded by Mr. Harvey, a Member for the electoral district of Carleton-Victoria, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

And a debate arising thereon, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Fitch, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Riverview, adjourned over.

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And then, 4 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 2

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Chris Collins, introduced the new pages for the session: Katie Avery, Fredericton; Amy Baldwin, Regina, Saskatchewan; Samantha Bizimungu, Fredericton; Lauren Colter, Fredericton; Gopi Krishna Adhikari, Fredericton; Conor Munroe, Truro, Nova Scotia; Andrea Robertson, Caracas, Venezuela; Brandan Seagrave, Moncton; Clara Simpson, Fredericton; Nathaniel Wallace, Fredericton; Tyler Williams, Quispamsis.

The returning pages are: Ben Graham, Jacksonville; Phoebe Marmura Brown, Fredericton; Corben Parker, Fredericton; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Québec.

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

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Choices to Move New Brunswick Forward, Strategic Program Review*.

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Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *Report of the 2012 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission, June 4, 2015*; and *Government's Response to the Report of the 2012 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission, Department of Justice, December 2, 2015*.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

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

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 5, *Green Jobs Act*.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the current government did not campaign on taking seniors' assets from them;

WHEREAS the Premier is reported to have promised in a pre-election meeting of the Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents' Rights that he would not take seniors' assets away from them;

WHEREAS the current government did bring forward a policy to take away seniors' assets this past Spring;

WHEREAS the Premier has since then hit the "reset button" and has only said his government was taking the policy off the table for the time being;

WHEREAS the Minister of Social Development has stated that the decision to take away seniors' assets was a fair policy that was poorly communicated;

WHEREAS the Premier still has not unequivocally committed to remove seniors' assets from the consideration of financial need;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on the policy of taking seniors' assets for the rest of their mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to work with all seniors groups and associations in reviewing policies that affect senior care.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the proposed federal government income tax changes, combined with the most recent provincial government income tax increases, will result in New Brunswick having the highest income tax rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government is considering increasing the HST in New Brunswick to 15%, making it equivalent to the highest sales tax rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government has already increased the fees for a multitude of licenses, services and registrations;

WHEREAS the combined effect of Canada's highest income tax rates, highest sales tax rates, and increased fees, will make New Brunswick uncompetitive in attracting professionals such as doctors and entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS the previous provincial government had already corrected revenue gaps to diminish the deficit and was addressing the real problem of controlling expenditures;

WHEREAS the recent Strategic Program Review options are heavily weighted toward increasing taxes instead of eliminating government waste;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has stated he is contemplating reducing the recently increased provincial income tax rates in an attempt to restore competitiveness;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the federal government that income tax abatement be implemented on the proposed federal income tax rate for those with incomes over \$200,000 in order to maintain the federal income taxation rate for these individuals at 29%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Government of New Brunswick to reject any further increases in provincial tax rates or fees and that the Government of New Brunswick focus its revenue generation efforts on increased private sector economic activity in the province.

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Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS the Mactaquac Dam and power station are expected to end their useful life in 2030;

WHEREAS NB Power is asking the public to provide input into three potential options addressing the future of this vital facility, namely a dam with a new power station, a dam with no power station, or no dam options;

WHEREAS the second and third options involving the removal of the power station or the free running of the St. John River provide no ongoing economic benefits for the province;

WHEREAS the first option maintains a dam and power station that will allow the continued enjoyment of the headpond as well as creating economic opportunity and jobs through the generation of power for use or sale by New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly supports the first option proposed by NB Power, to maintain the dam and to install a new power station at or near the current location in Mactaquac.

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Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the government has been conducting an endless attack on rural New Brunswick by reducing and eliminating services to regions which are already disadvantaged by distance, opportunity for employment, and access to government;

WHEREAS these rural attacks include closures of schools, Service New Brunswick offices, library services, and court houses;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also announced plans to reduce the number of hospital beds in their network by nearly 20%;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also suggested that rural hospitals could be repurposed to become senior care centers;

WHEREAS the former Progressive Conservative government was implementing a plan to find efficiencies in the health care system without any reduction in the number of hospital beds;

WHEREAS the government has provided no evidence to prove that these reduction in service points are necessary or that they will improve services for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly not support the plan to reduce the number of hospital beds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government be urged to conduct public consultations with the communities that will be affected by the proposed service point closures in an effort to find efficiencies without reducing services, especially in rural regions.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Guests.

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Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Friday, December 4, 2015, Bills 2, 3 and 4 would be called for second reading.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 5)

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

Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

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

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Mr. LePage offered condolences to the family of the late Joseph Alfred Roussel, former Liberal MLA for Restigouche County (1970-1974) and Restigouche West (1974-1982).

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And then, 11.52 a.m., the House adjourned.



Daily sitting 3

Thursday, December 3, 2015

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

And the debate continuing,

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

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And then, 11.21 a.m., the House adjourned.

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

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Annual Report 2013	
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Department of Environment and Local Government	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Department of Finance	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Department of Justice	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Department of Natural Resources	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Department of Social Development	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Office of the Attorney General	December 1, 2015
Annual Report 2014-2015	
Vehicle Management Agency	December 1, 2015

Daily sitting 4

Friday, December 4, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act.*

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Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is Canada's only officially bilingual province;

WHEREAS access to second language training is limited or non-existent in many communities across the province, which impedes mutual understanding and access to opportunities;

WHEREAS access to French immersion education programming is limited or non-existent in many schools across the province;

WHEREAS the government's ability to continue to provide a high quality of services to citizens in both official languages may be affected by a lack of investment in second language training and education;

WHEREAS there are best practices in other jurisdictions, as well as new technology, which could be explored to address the gap in investment in second language training and education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to examine the issue of second language education and training, and report back to this Assembly with a plan to enhance opportunities for New Brunswickers to improve their skills in communicating in both official languages.

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Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Bills 6, 7 and 8 would be called for second reading.

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

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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.

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

Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, introduced during the previous session. (Petition 1)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Lynch,  
Bill 9, *An Act Respecting the Right to Work*.

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

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

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And then, 6.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Under the provision of the *Fees Act*, proposed fee  
changes for the Land Registry, the Personal  
Property Registry and the Vital  
Statistics Registry

December 3, 2015

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Member for Fredericton North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide full medicare coverage of prosthetic eye replacement and maintenance costs or adapt a co-pay system that does not discriminate against age or financial status. (Petition 2)

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2015 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on February 13, 2015, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2014, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

*Metric Conversion Act*, S.N.B. 1977, c.M-11.1, sections 13, 15 and 25 of Schedule A;

*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

*Agricultural Land Protection and Development Act*, S.N.B. 1996, c.A-5.11, paragraph 8(c) and sections 10, 21 and 22;

*An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29, sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b);

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2015, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 10, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 1, 2 and 3.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Official Languages Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Service New Brunswick 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 Service New Brunswick Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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 Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission 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 Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance 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 Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

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

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And then, 6.14 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, December 10, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the phrase “making up stories” in relation to a Minister, which he did.

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Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption centre owners’ request for an increase in handling fees. (Petition 3)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,  
Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*.

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Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, December 17, 2015, 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.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Opposition Members’ Business would be considered.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

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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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. Harris took the chair.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the current government did not campaign on taking seniors' assets from them;

WHEREAS the Premier is reported to have promised in a pre-election meeting of the Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents' Rights that he would not take seniors' assets away from them;

WHEREAS the current government did bring forward a policy to take away seniors' assets this past Spring;

WHEREAS the Premier has since then hit the "reset button" and has only said his government was taking the policy off the table for the time being;

WHEREAS the Minister of Social Development has stated that the decision to take away seniors' assets was a fair policy that was poorly communicated;

WHEREAS the Premier still has not unequivocally committed to remove seniors' assets from the consideration of financial need;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on the policy of taking seniors' assets for the rest of their mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to work with all seniors groups and associations in reviewing policies that affect senior care.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 1 was resolved in the negative

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the proposed federal government income tax changes, combined with the most recent provincial government income tax increases, will result in New Brunswick having the highest income tax rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government is considering increasing the HST in New Brunswick to 15%, making it equivalent to the highest sales tax rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government has already increased the fees for a multitude of licenses, services and registrations;

WHEREAS the combined effect of Canada's highest income tax rates, highest sales tax rates, and increased fees, will make New Brunswick uncompetitive in attracting professionals such as doctors and entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS the previous provincial government had already corrected revenue gaps to diminish the deficit and was addressing the real problem of controlling expenditures;

WHEREAS the recent Strategic Program Review options are heavily weighted toward increasing taxes instead of eliminating government waste;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has stated he is contemplating reducing the recently increased provincial income tax rates in an attempt to restore competitiveness;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the federal government that income tax abatement be implemented on the proposed federal income tax rate for those with incomes over \$200,000 in order to maintain the federal income taxation rate for these individuals at 29%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Government of New Brunswick to reject any further increases in provincial tax rates or fees and that the Government of New Brunswick focus its revenue generation efforts on increased private sector economic activity in the province.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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.

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And then, 6.13 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2014-2015

Department of Human Resources

December 9, 2015

Annual Report 2014-2015

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

December 9, 2015

Daily sitting 8

Friday, December 11, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Harvey:

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

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 1, 2015.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

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

And the debate continuing,

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

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

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

Ordered that the Honourable the Premier, Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Harvey be the Committee to Wait upon Her Honour with the Address and present the same.

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And then, 9.40 a.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2014-2015

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture    December 10, 2015

Annual Report 2014-2015

Department of Public Safety    December 10, 2015



Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption centre owners' request for an increase in handling fees. (Petition 4)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to re-instate Dr. Eilish Cleary as Chief Medical Officer. (Petition 5)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*.

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act*.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, Bills 11 and 12 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 7.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2015 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on February 13, 2015, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2014, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

*Metric Conversion Act*, S.N.B. 1977, c.M-11.1, sections 13, 15 and 25 of Schedule A;

*Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

*Agricultural Land Protection and Development Act*, S.N.B. 1996, c.A-5.11, paragraph 8(c) and sections 10, 21 and 22;

*An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29, sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b);

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2015, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 7 was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then, 2.40 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Albert rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Fitch used the term “inaccurate”, following which Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Melanson used the term “not factual”. Mr. Speaker ruled both points not well taken, as the terms used related to a dispute of facts and were not meant to question the honesty of Members.

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Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption centre owners' request for an increase in handling fees. (Petition 6)

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

December 16, 2015

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on December 15, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*;  
Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Service New Brunswick Act*;  
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*;  
Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*;  
Bill 7, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*;  
Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,  
Bill 14, *Public Participation Act*.

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Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 2, 3 and 4.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 18, 2015, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 1 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.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access 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 Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts 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 Crown Construction Contracts Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 11.50 a.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 14, 2015
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists 2014-2015 Annual Report 2014-2015	December 14, 2015
Education and Early Childhood Development Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, Financial Audit, 2015	December 15, 2015
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume IV, Performance Audit, 2015	December 15, 2015

Daily sitting 11

Thursday, December 17, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fitch welcomed to the House Mr. Mike Olscamp, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Tantramar (2006-2014); and Ms. Carolle de Ste. Croix, former Liberal MLA for Dalhousie-Restigouche East (1995-1999).

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During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker called Mr. Fairgrieve to order for alleging the Premier “misled” New Brunswickers.

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Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption centre owners’ request for an increase in handling fees. (Petition 7)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of a ban on herbicide spraying of forests within the boundaries of Kedgwick. (Petition 8)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

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

Fredericton, New Brunswick.

December 17, 2015.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2014-2015, Volume I*, required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

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

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Hon. Mr. Melanson 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. Melanson proceeded to deliver the 2016-2017 capital budget speech.

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

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Mr. Albert, 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.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Harris, 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 she was directed to ask leave to sit again.

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Ms. Harris 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.

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Mr. Albert, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

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

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, December 18, 2015, Bills 15 and 16 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2.30 p.m.; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*.

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

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*.

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*.

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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At 11.50 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Higgs, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr, as follows:

WHEREAS the proposed federal government income tax changes, combined with the most recent provincial government income tax increases, will result in New Brunswick having the highest income tax rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government is considering increasing the HST in New Brunswick to 15%, making it equivalent to the highest sales tax rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the provincial government has already increased the fees for a multitude of licenses, services and registrations;



WHEREAS the combined effect of Canada's highest income tax rates, highest sales tax rates, and increased fees, will make New Brunswick uncompetitive in attracting professionals such as doctors and entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS the previous provincial government had already corrected revenue gaps to diminish the deficit and was addressing the real problem of controlling expenditures;

WHEREAS the recent Strategic Program Review options are heavily weighted toward increasing taxes instead of eliminating government waste;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has stated he is contemplating reducing the recently increased provincial income tax rates in an attempt to restore competitiveness;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the federal government that income tax abatement be implemented on the proposed federal income tax rate for those with incomes over \$200,000 in order to maintain the federal income taxation rate for these individuals at 29%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the Government of New Brunswick to reject any further increases in provincial tax rates or fees and that the Government of New Brunswick focus its revenue generation efforts on increased private sector economic activity in the province.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 2 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Urquhart moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS the Mactaquac Dam and power station are expected to end their useful life in 2030;

WHEREAS NB Power is asking the public to provide input into three potential options addressing the future of this vital facility, namely a dam with a new power station, a dam with no power station, or no dam options;

WHEREAS the second and third options involving the removal of the power station or the free running of the St. John River provide no ongoing economic benefits for the province;

WHEREAS the first option maintains a dam and power station that will allow the continued enjoyment of the headpond as well as creating economic opportunity and jobs through the generation of power for use or sale by New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly supports the first option proposed by NB Power, to maintain the dam and to install a new power station at or near the current location in Mactaquac.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Ms. Harris took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Ms. Dubé moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the government has been conducting an endless attack on rural New Brunswick by reducing and eliminating services to regions which are already disadvantaged by distance, opportunity for employment, and access to government;

WHEREAS these rural attacks include closures of schools, Service New Brunswick offices, library services, and court houses;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also announced plans to reduce the number of hospital beds in their network by nearly 20%;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also suggested that rural hospitals could be repurposed to become senior care centers;

WHEREAS the former Progressive Conservative government was implementing a plan to find efficiencies in the health care system without any reduction in the number of hospital beds;

WHEREAS the government has provided no evidence to prove that these reduction in service points are necessary or that they will improve services for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly not support the plan to reduce the number of hospital beds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government be urged to conduct public consultations with the communities that will be affected by the proposed service point closures in an effort to find efficiencies without reducing services, especially in rural regions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

Daily sitting 12

Friday, December 18, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 24, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS in order to address their on-going fiscal deficit problems the government has created a grocery list of options that will cripple public services as well as the economy of the province; and

WHEREAS the government has continually called upon the Official Opposition to please provide them with more ideas and efficiencies to help balance their financial books; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the current deficit problem has been created by unnecessary election promises; and

WHEREAS the current administration keeps digging the hole deeper with ill-advised policy decisions such as making tax room for the federal government and chasing away potential investors in the natural resources development field;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the complete list of options, including the delay of unnecessary spending promises and implementing fair taxation policies, be considered by the government to eliminate the deficit for the upcoming provincial budget.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure; Health; and Education and Early Childhood Development; following which Bill 16 would be called for second reading.

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

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 11.30 a.m., the House adjourned.

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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 3

December 17, 2015

Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
February 2, 2016.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2017, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

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

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Hon. Mr. Melanson laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *2016-2017 Economic Outlook*; and *2016-2017 Budget, Foundation for our Future, Investing in New Brunswick's Priorities: Jobs. Education. Health.*

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

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 9, Hon. Mr. Melanson 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. Melanson proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Albert, 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.

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And then, 2.30 p.m., the House adjourned.

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

**Annual Reports**

2014-2015 Department of Health	December 22, 2015
2014-2015 Department of Energy and Mines	January 5, 2016
2013 Supervisor of Political Financing	January 21, 2016

**Other**

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Carleton By-election of October 5, 2015	January 8, 2016
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**Petitions**

Response to Petition 2	January 4, 2016
Response to Petitions 1, 4, 6, 7	January 6, 2016
Response to Petition 5	January 14, 2016
Response to Petition 8	January 27, 2016

Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide funding for hearing loss to low-income individuals, as it does for seniors with hearing loss who live in nursing homes. (Petition 9)

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Mr. Harvey, Member for Carleton-Victoria, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Plaster Rock and surrounding areas urging the government to provide ambulance services twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. (Petition 10)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 18, *An Act Respecting Fiscal Measures*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*.

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Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS all New Brunswick governments since the nineties have established programs and initiatives to help with job creation and support economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

WHEREAS the current New Brunswick government made a commitment during the 2014 election to give priority to economic development and job creation in northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS, since the Gallant government was elected, it has initiated or put forward very few initiatives for economic development or job creation projects for northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS the average unemployment rate in northern New Brunswick is currently twice the provincial rate;



WHEREAS northern and rural regions of New Brunswick hold enormous economic development and job creation potential for our province;

WHEREAS, after leading the province of New Brunswick for more than 16 months, the Gallant government seems to have neither a plan nor a vision for economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government, in collaboration with the various stakeholders in the economic and political communities, to establish a real job creation and economic development action plan for northern and rural regions of our province for the spring of 2016.

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS children deserve the opportunity to grow in a loving, supportive, and stable household;

WHEREAS the current framework for protecting children favors parental privileges over the mental and physical safety of the child;

WHEREAS legislation approved by this Assembly five years ago would have the effect of helping to correct this imbalance with new kinship provisions, but has not been fully proclaimed into law;

WHEREAS there are also other measures that could be undertaken which would put the needs of children first, while supporting the decision-making authority of our dedicated social workers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to proclaim into law all sections of *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act* of March 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to review the framework for child protection in order to ensure the needs of children are placed in priority over parental privileges.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS New Brunswick universities are the envy of the world;

WHEREAS the government did not campaign upon any of the proposed changes that are mentioned in the Choices document such as deciding who is allowed to graduate from which programs, interfering in the funding formula, and changing governance models;

WHEREAS the government has failed to act on many of their platform commitments, such as providing universities with a four-year funding forecast;

WHEREAS universities need the support and confidence of government in order to thrive and grow in the increasingly competitive environment for student enrolment, instead of holding secretive, invitation-only meetings;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Assembly encourage the government to start supporting our independent universities, their excellent boards of governors, their competent administrators, and most of all, our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to conduct an open and transparent consultation process, similar to the Poverty Reduction Strategy of 2009, to look at the future of our universities.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the government has repeatedly said their priority was job creation, stimulating the economy and making New Brunswick a better place to raise a family, and has failed on all three points;

WHEREAS the government promised not to raise fees or taxes for small business in their 2014 election platform;

WHEREAS changes to New Brunswick Regulation 2015-62 under the *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* caused appraisers and New Brunswick small businesses to lose income;

WHEREAS the government has provided no evidence to prove that these changes are necessary or that they will improve services for New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS the red book value of cars does not take into consideration the harsh weather and road conditions of New Brunswick, nor if the vehicle was involved in a collision or accident in placing a dollar value on vehicles;

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to reverse the changes to New Brunswick Regulation 2015-62, and allow New Brunswick's qualified appraisers and car dealerships to get back to work.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, February 4, 2016, Bills 18, 19 and 20 would be called for second reading.

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On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 11 a.m. and that the Assembly sit through the noon recess, if necessary, on said day.

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And then, 11.26 a.m., the House adjourned.

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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 on Fees, Department of Finance,  
January 2016

February 2, 2016

Daily sitting 15

Thursday, February 4, 2016

*11 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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

The debate was resumed.

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

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And then, 11.40 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 16

Friday, February 5, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser quoted from a document while responding to a question and should therefore be required to table the document. Mr. Speaker ruled that it was within the Minister's discretion whether to table the document in question, as it may not be in the public interest to do so.

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Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Office of the Chief Coroner, Annual Report 2013*.

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to modify the Deer Management Program so that the hunting season for white tailed deer in Zone 25 is closed for three years and upon reopening the deer are harvested at a 1:1 male to female ratio. (Petition 11)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Crawford Lake in support of moving a section of Shepody Road away from the lake and residences. (Petition 12)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,  
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

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

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

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

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;

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;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into consideration the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.

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

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. Harris took the chair.

Mr. Macdonald rose on a point of order and submitted that a Member's electronic device was audible and disrupting debate. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the device be removed from the Chamber.

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

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

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Mr. Fairgrieve offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Doug Moore, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Victoria-Tobique (1976-1987).

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

Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised Members that the phrase “spending like drunken sailors” was unparliamentary.

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Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Kent North, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the St. Anne Hospital acquiring a dialysis machine for kidney patients. (Petition 13)

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

February 9, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on February 9, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.): Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, February 18, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is going through a period of economic uncertainty, low wage growth, and high unemployment;

WHEREAS a number of important projects relating to natural resource development have been stalled, delayed, or cancelled over the last 16 months;

WHEREAS it is essential to send a clear message that New Brunswick supports safe and sustainable natural resource projects;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly:

- (a) recognize the importance of the energy sector to the Canadian economy and support its development in an environmentally sustainable way;
  - (b) agree that pipelines are the safest way to transport oil;
  - (c) acknowledge the desire of the majority of New Brunswickers for the Energy East pipeline to proceed as soon as possible; and
  - (d) ask the Prime Minister of Canada to publicly express his support for the project and guarantee he and his cabinet will approve the project if it receives approval from the National Energy Board.
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Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, February 18, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a preventable disease;

WHEREAS the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation said the disease is vastly under-reported in Canada;

WHEREAS Lyme Disease can be debilitating and cause symptoms such as extreme fatigue, cardiac and nervous system disorders and arthritic symptoms, which affect one's quality of life and ability to work;

WHEREAS a conference on the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease is being held in May of 2016 that will include provincial health ministers and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS Lyme Disease in New Brunswick often goes undiagnosed for many months, or even years, before treatment;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have been travelling to the United States of America in order to receive diagnosis and treatment of Lyme Disease;

WHEREAS New Brunswick needs better public education about Lyme Diseases' symptoms and treatment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly urges the current government to work collaboratively with the federal government and other provinces and territories to better educate the public on the spread of Lyme Disease and its symptoms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly request the Department of Health also work collaboratively to find solutions to update public health information on prevention and detection of Lyme Disease, protect health professionals who choose to treat Lyme Disease beyond thirty days from suspension by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, recruit health professionals who specialize in the detection and treatment of Lyme Disease, and implement improved professional development for health professionals in the awareness, prevention, treatment and diagnosis of Lyme Disease.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Bill 21 would be called for second reading.

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

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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, Ms. Harris, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

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And then, 6.05 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2014-2015  
Human Rights Commission

February 4, 2016

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Hon. Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Parliament for Kings—Hants, Nova Scotia; Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Member of Parliament for Cardigan, Prince Edward Island; Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Member of Parliament for Mississauga—Malton, Ontario; Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of Prince Edward Island; Hon. Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia; and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Member of Parliament for Beauséjour, New Brunswick. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to respect the Chamber and their fellow Members by not closing the Chamber doors in an abrupt manner.

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Evelyn Grove Manor urging the government to place a cap on the rent paid by low income seniors living in the manor. (Petition 14)

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 4, 10 and 11.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 21, 19 and 20 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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.

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

Daily sitting 19

Thursday, February 11, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Mr. Albert gave notice that in April, 2016, Bills 22 and 23 would be called for second reading.

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

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

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, February 12, 2016, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 1 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Fitch, seconded by Ms. Dubé, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

THAT the motion be amended by striking out "March 29" and substituting "February 16".

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

And after some time, Mr. Albert moved the previous question pursuant to Standing Rule 69 as follows: “That this question be now put”.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that moving the previous question was an infringement of the rights of the minority.

Mr. Speaker advised that the original motion before the House, which would adjourn the House to a date certain, was a standard adjournment motion, which had been previously moved countless times in the House. The motion was very specific and debate on such an adjournment motion should be very narrow in scope and limited strictly to the arguments for and against the suggested sitting date.

Mr. Speaker noted that representatives of the Official Opposition, as well as the Leader of the Third Party, had already participated in the debate on the merits of the adjournment motion and had expressed their views.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the previous question may be in order in these circumstances, as it was not an abuse of the Standing Rules, or an infringement on the rights of the minority. However, having determined that no further debate was necessary on a motion of such limited scope, Mr. Speaker did not put the previous question to the House, but instead put the question on the amendment.

And the question being put on the amendment, it was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Coon	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Lynch	Mr. Wetmore	



## NAYS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

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

## YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

## NAYS - 17

Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Coon	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Lynch	Mr. Wetmore	

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

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed 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 Official Languages Act.*

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

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

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

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At 12.20 p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.20 p.m.

1.20 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, 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. Albert, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

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Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Ms. Wilson, as follows:

WHEREAS the government has been conducting an endless attack on rural New Brunswick by reducing and eliminating services to regions which are already disadvantaged by distance, opportunity for employment, and access to government;

WHEREAS these rural attacks include closures of schools, Service New Brunswick offices, library services, and court houses;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also announced plans to reduce the number of hospital beds in their network by nearly 20%;

WHEREAS a Health Authority has also suggested that rural hospitals could be repurposed to become senior care centers;

WHEREAS the former Progressive Conservative government was implementing a plan to find efficiencies in the health care system without any reduction in the number of hospital beds;

WHEREAS the government has provided no evidence to prove that these reduction in service points are necessary or that they will improve services for New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly not support the plan to reduce the number of hospital beds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government be urged to conduct public consultations with the communities that will be affected by the proposed service point closures in an effort to find efficiencies without reducing services, especially in rural regions.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS in order to address their on-going fiscal deficit problems the government has created a grocery list of options that will cripple public services as well as the economy of the province; and

WHEREAS the government has continually called upon the Official Opposition to please provide them with more ideas and efficiencies to help balance their financial books; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the current deficit problem has been created by unnecessary election promises; and

WHEREAS the current administration keeps digging the hole deeper with ill-advised policy decisions such as making tax room for the federal government and chasing away potential investors in the natural resources development field;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the complete list of options, including the delay of unnecessary spending promises and implementing fair taxation policies, be considered by the government to eliminate the deficit for the upcoming provincial budget.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 10 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Ms. Wilson moved, on behalf of Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS all New Brunswick governments since the nineties have established programs and initiatives to help with job creation and support economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

WHEREAS the current New Brunswick government made a commitment during the 2014 election to give priority to economic development and job creation in northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS, since the Gallant government was elected, it has initiated or put forward very few initiatives for economic development or job creation projects for northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS the average unemployment rate in northern New Brunswick is currently twice the provincial rate;

WHEREAS northern and rural regions of New Brunswick hold enormous economic development and job creation potential for our province;

WHEREAS, after leading the province of New Brunswick for more than 16 months, the Gallant government seems to have neither a plan nor a vision for economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government, in collaboration with the various stakeholders in the economic and political communities, to establish a real job creation and economic development action plan for northern and rural regions of our province for the spring of 2016.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

Daily sitting 20

Friday, February 12, 2016

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

As Mr. Speaker called Statements by Members, Mr. Wetmore rose to make a statement. Mr. Speaker advised that the only proceedings on this day would be the closure of the budget debate and the Supply procedure. Mr. Fitch then rose on a point of privilege. Mr. Speaker ruled that he would not recognize a point of privilege on the day the budget debate was closed.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

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

## YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

## NAYS - 20

Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Coon	Mr. Fairgrieve	

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

Mr. Albert, 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 Ms. Harris in the chair.

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

THAT Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 19

Mr. Holder	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	
Ms. Lynch	Mr. Wetmore	

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

THAT the Chair leave the chair and report the resolution and ask leave to sit again.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Albert	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage

NAYS - 20

Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Coon	Mr. Fairgrieve	

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Mr. Jody Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that the Chair of the Committee of Supply had not allowed him to debate the motions under consideration. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as he viewed the proceedings and the Member's comments were beyond the scope of the motions under consideration.

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Ms. Harris, 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 she was directed to ask leave to sit again.

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Ms. Harris 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.

Mr. Macdonald rose to debate the motion under consideration and to propose an amendment. Mr. Speaker ruled that pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, the motion was neither debatable nor amendable.

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

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Mr. Albert, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

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

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109 the *Main Estimates 2016-2017*, the *Capital Estimates 2016-2017*, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2014-2015, Volume I*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy.

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And then, 10.35 a.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Urquhart requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions, and unanimous consent was denied.

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Mr. Albert welcomed to the House Mr. Camille Thériault, former Premier and Liberal MLA for Kent South (1987-2001). Mr. MacDonald joined in this regard.

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Mr. Ames, Member for Charlotte-Campobello, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of provincial court houses remaining in St. Stephen and on Grand Manan Island. (Petition 15)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 16)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 17)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*.

Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 26, *Inquiries Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting the Inquiries Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Bills 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 15 and 18 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting 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, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act Respecting Fiscal Measures*, 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 Respecting Fiscal Measures*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 4.39 p.m., the House adjourned.

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

**Annual Reports**

2014-2015 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	February 15, 2016
2014-2015 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	February 16, 2016
2013-2014 New Brunswick Highway Corporation	February 25, 2016
Legislative Activities 2014	February 29, 2016
Report on Performance 2014-2015	
Auditor General of New Brunswick	March 8, 2016
2015 New Brunswick Insurance Board	March 11, 2016
2014-2015 New Brunswick Police Commission	March 17, 2016
2014-2015 Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne	March 21, 2016

**Petitions**

Response to Petitions 10, 13	February 23, 2016
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Daily sitting 22

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

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Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Mr. Holder that Statements by Members was not to be used to make personal attacks against fellow Members.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Albert rose on a point of order and submitted that the term “inaccurate” was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

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Mr. Chiasson, Member for Victoria-La Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to repair and reopen Mill Hill Road in New Denmark. (Petition 18)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 19)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 31, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 11 and 6.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, March 31, 2016, Bills 33 and 34 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax 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 Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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.

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And then, 6.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, March 31, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 20)

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Mr. Stewart, Member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Glencoe area in opposition to certain property on route 17 being used as a land reclamation site. (Petition 21)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*.

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The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bourque,

Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Mr. Fitch rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Boudreau misled the House during Oral Questions. Mr. Speaker ruled that such an allegation was unparliamentary and could only be raised by way of a substantive motion.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, April 1, 2016, Bills 35, 36 and 37 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 34, 33, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 24 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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 Credit Unions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Debate resumed on Motion 11, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Ms. Wilson, as follows:

WHEREAS all New Brunswick governments since the nineties have established programs and initiatives to help with job creation and support economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

WHEREAS the current New Brunswick government made a commitment during the 2014 election to give priority to economic development and job creation in northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS, since the Gallant government was elected, it has initiated or put forward very few initiatives for economic development or job creation projects for northern and rural regions of the province;

WHEREAS the average unemployment rate in northern New Brunswick is currently twice the provincial rate;

WHEREAS northern and rural regions of New Brunswick hold enormous economic development and job creation potential for our province;

WHEREAS, after leading the province of New Brunswick for more than 16 months, the Gallant government seems to have neither a plan nor a vision for economic development in northern and rural regions of our province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government, in collaboration with the various stakeholders in the economic and political communities, to establish a real job creation and economic development action plan for northern and rural regions of our province for the spring of 2016.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Arseneault made reference to the absence of a Member. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 11 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is Canada's only officially bilingual province;

WHEREAS access to second language training is limited or non-existent in many communities across the province, which impedes mutual understanding and access to opportunities;

WHEREAS access to French immersion education programming is limited or non-existent in many schools across the province;

WHEREAS the government's ability to continue to provide a high quality of services to citizens in both official languages may be affected by a lack of investment in second language training and education;

WHEREAS there are best practices in other jurisdictions, as well as new technology, which could be explored to address the gap in investment in second language training and education;



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to examine the issue of second language education and training, and report back to this Assembly with a plan to enhance opportunities for New Brunswickers to improve their skills in communicating in both official languages.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Ames, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended as follows:

That the second whereas clause be deleted and substituted with the following:

“WHEREAS access to second language training should be supported and promoted as it provides many benefits including the fostering of mutual understanding between linguistic communities and access to enhanced opportunities;”

That the third whereas clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words “is limited or non-existent in many schools across the province” and substituting the following:

“will be enhanced with the introduction of first year early immersion and is supported through pre-intensive, intensive and post-intensive and various language and cultural programs for students”.

That the fourth whereas clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words “government’s ability to continue” and substituting the words “government is committed” and deleting the words “may be affected by a lack of” and substituting the words “through ongoing” and by adding “s” to the word “investment”.

That the fifth whereas clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words “could be explored to address the gap in” and substituting the words “will continue to be explored to enhance the”.

That the resolution clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words “examine the issue of” and substituting the word “promote” and deleting the words “report back to this Assembly with a plan” and substituting the word “continue”.

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

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

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

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And then, 6.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 24

Friday, April 1, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bourque, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Department of Social Development to provide adequate financing of level 2 special care homes. (Petition 22)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 23)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support increased access to abortion services in the province. (Petition 24)

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Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to create access through moose fencing for all-terrain vehicles crossing the Caraquet bypass. (Petition 25)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 26)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Landry,  
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, Bill 39 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 33, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 24, 35, 36 and 37 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

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, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Prior to adjourning the House, Mr. Speaker requested that Members refrain from heckling fellow Members or questioning the decisions of the Chair.

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

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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 25

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 27)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 28)

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 26, 27, 37, 29, 28, 36, 30, 35, 31, 32, 39 and 24 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *Inquiries Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Rousselle, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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 26, *Inquiries Act*, 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, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *An Act Respecting the Inquiries Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Rousselle, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet, 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 27, *An Act Respecting the Inquiries Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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At 2.55 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.02 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Albert moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

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And then, 5 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Dr. Ray Bassett, the Ambassador of Ireland to Canada. Mr. Fitch joined in this regard.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 29)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 30)

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

April 6, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on April 5, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*;  
Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,  
Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*.

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Mr. Coon requested the unanimous consent of the House to consider two Third Party items in 120 minutes on Thursday, April 7, 2016, and unanimous consent was granted.

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Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party items would be Bill 5 and 10.

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Mr. Savoie, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 7, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Third Party Items; Motion 17 and 12.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, April 7, 2016, Bill 40 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 39, 37, 29, 28, 36, 30, 35, 31, 32 and 24 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be now read a second time.

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, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.



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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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 Off-Road Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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And then, 5.36 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2013-2014

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate,  
Raising the Bar on Children's Rights

April 5, 2016

Daily sitting 27

Thursday, April 7, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the students in the gallery to cover the political message on their clothing, as guests in the gallery are not permitted to make political statements.

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During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that the students in the gallery be removed for continuing to make political statements and disrupting debate.

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Mr. Holder, Member for Portland-Simonds, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 31)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 32)

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, April 14, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have to seek medical treatment outside of the province each year because specific services may not be available in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the cost of travelling out-of-province to access the treatment is not covered by Medicare;

WHEREAS travel expenses for medical treatments pose hardship to many families;

WHEREAS there are charitable organizations, such as Hope Air, which provide travel support to those in need of medical treatment;

WHEREAS Members of the government previously sought to institute a new policy that would see travel points gained on government air travel, such as flights to Switzerland, become the property of the Crown;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government of New Brunswick to collect all air travel

points gained on government air travel and donate those points to organizations who can help New Brunswickers in financial need access out-of-province medical treatment.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 30, 35, 31, 32, 24 and 40 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

Mr. Coon rose and apologized to the House for the actions of the students who were removed from the gallery earlier in the sitting day. Mr. Speaker cautioned the Member that such actions would not be tolerated in the future.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

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 Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 5, *Green Jobs Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 5, *Green Jobs Act*, 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.

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

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc 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 Education Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 17, Mr. Jody Carr moved, on behalf of Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a preventable disease;

WHEREAS the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation said the disease is vastly under-reported in Canada;

WHEREAS Lyme Disease can be debilitating and cause symptoms such as extreme fatigue, cardiac and nervous system disorders and arthritic symptoms, which affect one's quality of life and ability to work;

WHEREAS a conference on the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease is being held in May of 2016 that will include provincial health ministers and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS Lyme Disease in New Brunswick often goes undiagnosed for many months, or even years, before treatment;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have been travelling to the United States of America in order to receive diagnosis and treatment of Lyme Disease;

WHEREAS New Brunswick needs better public education about Lyme Diseases' symptoms and treatment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly urges the current government to work collaboratively with the federal government and other provinces and territories to better educate the public on the spread of Lyme Disease and its symptoms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly request the Department of Health also work collaboratively to find solutions to update public health information on prevention and detection of Lyme Disease, protect health professionals who choose to treat Lyme Disease beyond thirty days from suspension by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, recruit health professionals who specialize in the detection and treatment of Lyme Disease, and implement improved professional development for health professionals in the awareness, prevention, treatment and diagnosis of Lyme Disease.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 17 be amended as follows:

That the second Whereas clause be deleted.

That the fifth Whereas clause be deleted and the following substituted:

“WHEREAS the Public Health Division of the Department of Health is currently working on a long term strategy that will help better understand Lyme Disease to identify the risk areas, who is at risk, and to assess the health care system support for testing and early diagnosis and treatment;”

That the sixth Whereas clause be deleted.

That the seventh Whereas clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words “needs better” and substituting the words “is committed to enhanced”.

That an eighth Whereas clause be added which reads as follows:

“WHEREAS the New Brunswick laboratories continue to follow the Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines that are consistent with the international standards to ensure New Brunswickers receive accurate diagnosis and treatment;”

That the resolution clauses be deleted and replaced with the following:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly support the efforts of government to continue to work collaboratively on a long term strategy with its partners including the federal government, other provinces and territories, the Regional Health Authorities, other departments, health care professional associations and advocacy groups to better understand Lyme Disease in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this includes continuing to provide awareness for the public on the risk of acquiring Lyme Disease in the province, how to protect themselves, Lyme Disease symptoms and when to seek medical attention, and continue to provide health care professionals international and national guidelines on risk in New Brunswick, and early diagnosis and treatment.”

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Jody Carr, seconded by Ms. Lynch, moved a sub-amendment:

#### SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 17 be amended as follows:

That the first resolution clause be amended by inserting after the word “strategy” the words “by forming a provincial working group” and by inserting after the words “New Brunswick” the words “and to report to this Legislative Assembly on its progress in a timely manner”.

That the second resolution clause be amended by inserting after the word “early” the words “and late”.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and it was defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 17 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a preventable disease;

WHEREAS Lyme Disease can be debilitating and cause symptoms such as extreme fatigue, cardiac and nervous system disorders and arthritic symptoms, which affect one’s quality of life and ability to work;

WHEREAS a conference on the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease is being held in May of 2016 that will include provincial health ministers and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS the Public Health Division of the Department of Health is currently working on a long term strategy that will help better understand Lyme Disease to identify the risk areas, who is at risk, and to assess the health care system support for testing and early diagnosis and treatment;



WHEREAS New Brunswick is committed to enhanced public education about Lyme Diseases' symptoms and treatment;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick laboratories continue to follow the Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines that are consistent with the international standards to ensure New Brunswickers receive accurate diagnosis and treatment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly support the efforts of government to continue to work collaboratively on a long term strategy with its partners including the federal government, other provinces and territories, the Regional Health Authorities, other departments, health care professional associations and advocacy groups to better understand Lyme Disease in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this includes continuing to provide awareness for the public on the risk of acquiring Lyme Disease in the province, how to protect themselves, Lyme Disease symptoms and when to seek medical attention, and continue to provide health care professionals international and national guidelines on risk in New Brunswick, and early diagnosis and treatment.

And the question being put, Motion 17 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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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 12

April 6, 2016

Daily sitting 28

Friday, April 8, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that when the House adjourned at the end of the previous sitting day, the authority of the Speaker was questioned by Mr. MacDonald as the Speaker left the Chamber. Mr. Speaker advised the House that this behaviour would not be tolerated and requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the remarks and apologize to the Speaker and the House, which he did.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet welcomed to the House His Excellency Rafael Barak, the Ambassador of Israel to Canada. Mr. Macdonald joined in this regard.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised the House that referring to a Member as the “failed finance minister” was not an appropriate title and unparliamentary in nature.

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Mr. Speaker interrupted routine proceedings and advised that Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

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

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed 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 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*

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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

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

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During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Ms. Landry requested the unanimous consent of the House that, notwithstanding the Standing Rules, Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, be amended by striking out Part 4, and that the Bill be reprinted without Part 4, and that Bill 24 remain at its present stage of debate at second reading, and unanimous consent was granted.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 33)

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Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 34)

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 19)

WHEREAS Climate change is the single most significant challenge of our generation;

WHEREAS government's vision is to position New Brunswick as a leader in job creation and economic development;

WHEREAS the government recognizes the economic importance of New Brunswick's energy and resource sectors, and their sustainable development as New Brunswick transitions to a low carbon economy;

WHEREAS the government recognizes that investing in clean technology solutions, especially in areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and cleaner energy production and use, holds great promise for sustainable economic development and long-term job creation;

WHEREAS the government recognizes that New Brunswick is already experiencing impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, extreme rainfall events, coastal and inland flooding, more coastal erosion, heat waves, some migration of invasive species, and diseases;

WHEREAS the government wishes to foster dialogue on how to seize opportunities that come along with fighting climate change and address its impacts in a way that respects New Brunswick's distinct economic challenges and opportunities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Climate Change that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations, informed by a climate change discussion guide to be laid before the House and deemed referred to the committee, and reporting to the House 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 Mr. Harvey, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Ames, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Jody Carr, Mr. Keirstead, and Mr. Coon.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 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.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 35, 31, 32 and 40 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, 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 affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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.

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

Daily sitting 29

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
April 7, 2016.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

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

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Mr. Speaker welcomed Bell Aliant viewers watching the proceedings of the Legislature and advised the House that New Brunswickers now have access to the broadcast of the proceedings on the Bell Aliant community television channel.

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The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Ousmane Paye, the Ambassador of Senegal to Canada. Ms. Dubé joined in this regard.

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Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Back River Road in Kings County urging the government to repair and chip seal the road. (Petition 35)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support increased access to abortion services. (Petition 36)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 37)

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 17, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, March 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 23, April 20 and 21, 2016, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 12, 2016.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all remaining estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.  
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

#### MAIN ESTIMATES, 2016-2017

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2017:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Management Services . . . . .	3,254,000
Industry Programs and Policy . . . . .	19,360,000
Regional Development . . . . .	14,595,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	37,162,000

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services .....	65,624,000
School Districts .....	987,663,000
Early Childhood Development .....	84,599,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	1,137,839,000

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES

Administration .....	616,000
Policy Management and Business Development .....	2,646,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management ...	5,057,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	8,272,000

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services .....	3,950,000
Local Government .....	121,134,000
Environment .....	12,927,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board .....	318,000
Community Funding .....	152,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	138,434,000

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Executive Council Secretariat .....	2,437,000
Corporate Communications .....	3,974,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	340,000
Women's Equality Branch .....	2,818,000
Intergovernmental Affairs .....	2,381,000
Voted .....	11,950,000

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Financial Resource Management .....	13,887,000
Office of the Comptroller .....	3,106,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	16,946,000

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat .....	2,538,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes . . .	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	363,000
Jobs Board Secretariat .....	1,030,000



Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances . . . . .	153,263,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	164,000
Voted . . . . .	153,099,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service . . . . .	6,668,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan . . . . .	314,563,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	2,000
Voted . . . . .	314,561,000
Provision for Losses . . . . .	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations . . . . .	47,200,000
Service New Brunswick . . . . .	141,505,000
Supplementary Funding Provision . . . . .	110,063,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services . . . . .	267,084,000
Medicare . . . . .	606,956,000
Drug Programs . . . . .	198,935,000
Regional Health Authorities . . . . .	1,507,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	2,580,725,000
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	
Human Resource Management . . . . .	3,594,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Administration and Planning . . . . .	3,369,000
Court Services . . . . .	33,758,000
Legal Aid . . . . .	7,830,000
Voted . . . . .	44,957,000
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations . . . . .	8,012,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	4,272,000
Voted . . . . .	3,740,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly . . . . .	3,564,000
Office of the Auditor General . . . . .	2,109,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties . . . . .	1,603,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	90,000
Voted . . . . .	1,513,000

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Elections New Brunswick . . . . .	7,313,000	
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	668,000	
Voted . . . . .	6,645,000	
Office of the Ombudsman . . . . .	917,000	
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate . . . . .	916,000	
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages . . . . .	514,000	
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance . . . . .	476,000	
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner . . . . .	606,000	
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES		
Administration . . . . .	6,663,000	
Forest Management and Protection . . . . .	60,872,000	
Fish and Wildlife Management . . . . .	2,229,000	
Land Management . . . . .	4,590,000	
Regional Operations . . . . .	17,343,000	
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000	
Voted . . . . .	91,650,000	
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Attorney General . . . . .	17,641,000	
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER		
Administration . . . . .	1,598,000	
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	67,000	
Voted . . . . .	1,531,000	
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK		
Administration and Business Development Services . . . . .	16,308,000	
Financial Assistance . . . . .	30,184,000	
Voted . . . . .	46,492,000	
OTHER AGENCIES		
Consolidated Entities . . . . .	258,455,000	
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	258,455,000	
Voted . . . . .	0	
Council of Atlantic Premiers . . . . .	642,000	
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation . . . . .	2,799,000	
Labour and Employment Board . . . . .	629,000	
New Brunswick Police Commission . . . . .	361,000	
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons . . . . .	287,000	
Voices of New Brunswick Women Consensus- Building Forum . . . . .	421,000	

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING  
AND LABOUR

Corporate Services . . . . .	5,591,000
NB Public Libraries . . . . .	17,201,000
Post-Secondary Education . . . . .	161,636,000
Adult Learning . . . . .	11,125,000
Labour and Policy . . . . .	7,891,000
Employment Development . . . . .	27,712,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement . . . . .	10,682,000
Labour Market Development . . . . .	89,148,000
Population Growth . . . . .	5,775,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	336,714,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING  
AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission . . . . .	273,224,000
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Community, Corrections and Corporate Services . . . . .	49,258,000
Public Security and Emergency Services . . . . .	99,851,000
Safety Services . . . . .	30,075,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	179,137,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Development Projects and Operations . . . . .	79,922,000
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SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Service of the Public Debt . . . . .	700,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	694,474,000
Voted . . . . .	5,526,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Services . . . . .	11,695,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services . . . . .	123,483,000
Long Term Care . . . . .	656,891,000
Income Security . . . . .	241,127,000
Housing Services . . . . .	88,220,000
Wellness . . . . .	7,307,000
Other Benefits . . . . .	35,700,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	1,164,376,000

## DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Administration . . . . .	2,829,000
Sport and Recreation . . . . .	6,583,000
Culture . . . . .	16,154,000
Tourism and Parks . . . . .	25,948,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	47,000
Voted . . . . .	51,467,000

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration . . . . .	14,360,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development . . . . .	1,709,000
Maintenance . . . . .	59,395,000
Winter Maintenance . . . . .	69,069,000
Bridge and Highway Construction . . . . .	1,628,000
Buildings Group . . . . .	127,020,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation . . . . .	19,719,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	19,101,000
Voted . . . . .	273,799,000

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment . . . . .	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure . . . . .	1,000,000
Voted . . . . .	1,100,000

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools - Capital Equipment . . . . .	2,060,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts . . . . .	1,000,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment . . . . .	19,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING  
AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Deferred Maintenance Program . . . . .	2,000,000
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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund . . . . .	9,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure . .	2,707,000
Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund . . . . .	35,000,000
Voted . . . . .	47,207,000

## SERVICE NEW BRUNSWICK

Laundry Services - Capital Equipment . . . . .	3,411,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Capital Improvements . . . . .	2,295,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Bridges . . . . .	75,910,000
Highways . . . . .	227,540,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program . . . . .	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program . . . . .	48,860,000
Vehicle Management Agency . . . . .	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure . . . . .	186,717,000
Less amounts authorized by law . . . . .	67,236,000
Voted . . . . .	510,791,000

## LOANS AND ADVANCES

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission . . . . .	1,600,000
Loan Programs . . . . .	9,500,000
Voted . . . . .	11,100,000

## OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK

Financial Assistance to Industry . . . . .	60,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING  
AND LABOUR

Student Loan Advances . . . . .	62,900,000
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## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Financial assistance to community based infrastructure . . . . .	8,400,000
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program . . . . .	4,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program . . . . .	1,000,000
Voted . . . . .	13,400,000

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Housing . . . . .	3,224,000
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## WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

## WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries . . . . .	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development . . . . .	350,000
General Government . . . . .	100,000
Health . . . . .	1,225,000
Justice . . . . .	10,000
Office of the Attorney General . . . . .	5,000
Social Development . . . . .	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture . . . . .	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure . . . . .	3,000,000

## WorkSafeNB

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

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries . . . . .	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development . . . . .	122,000
Environment and Local Government . . . . .	5,000
Health . . . . .	2,000
Justice . . . . .	20,000
Natural Resources . . . . .	26,000
Office of the Attorney General . . . . .	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour . . . . .	20,000
Public Safety . . . . .	22,000
Social Development . . . . .	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture . . . . .	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure . . . . .	23,000
Other (small advances) . . . . .	40,000

## INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries . . . . .	2,000,000
General Government . . . . .	2,000,000
Health . . . . .	8,830,000
Natural Resources . . . . .	510,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour . . . . .	200,000
Public Safety . . . . .	575,000
Social Development . . . . .	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture . . . . .	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure . . . . .	23,000,000

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2014-2015, VOLUME I

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Regional Development Corporation . . . . .	32,929,181.22
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Elementary and Secondary Education . . . . .	26,301,037.66
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances . . . . .	211,769,213.06
New Brunswick Police Commission . . . . .	81,904.97
Provision for Losses . . . . .	662,844.09
<b>DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b>	
New Brunswick Internal Services Agency (NBISA) . . . . .	3,084,381.30
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
Elections New Brunswick . . . . .	1,021,909.16
<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Post-Secondary Education . . . . .	11,958,736.47
Adult Learning . . . . .	144,241.95
Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Agreement . . . . .	4,186,993.16
Voted . . . . .	16,289,971.58
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Safety Services . . . . .	1,071,572.27
Public Security and Corrections . . . . .	21,814,613.32
Voted . . . . .	22,886,185.59
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Long Term Care . . . . .	1,399,188.00
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Administration . . . . .	108,937.40
Maintenance . . . . .	3,303,424.45
Winter Maintenance . . . . .	20,210,317.47
Voted . . . . .	23,622,679.32

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Permanent Highways ..... 17,182,081.43

## LOANS AND ADVANCES

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Loans and Advances Program ..... 313.73

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

May 17, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on April 19, 26, 27, May 4, 10 and 11, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*;  
Bill 18, *An Act Respecting Fiscal Measures*;  
Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*;  
Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*;  
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*;  
Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*;  
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*;  
Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*;  
Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*;  
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*;  
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*;  
Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*;



Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*;  
Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*;  
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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Mr. Roussel, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

May 17, 2016

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 May 3, 2016, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bills:

Bill 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*;  
Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Restigouche-Chaleur, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.:) Wilfred Roussel, M.L.A.  
Chair

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Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 46, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2014-2015 (1)*.

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Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 46 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

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The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 46, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2014-2015 (1)*.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 46, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2014-2015 (1)*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 47, *Appropriations Act 2016-2017*.

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Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 47 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

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The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 47, *Appropriations Act 2016-2017*.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 47, *Appropriations Act 2016-2017*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, May 26, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS improving access to post-secondary education is good for individual students, for the economy and creating jobs, and for the overall betterment of our society;

WHEREAS the surprise announcement of a new funding program for post-secondary institutions has left New Brunswickers bewildered and confused, with many unanswered questions;

WHEREAS the potential negative impact of the proposed changes are enormous, especially clawing back important financial support programs that were benefiting thousands of students, graduates and their families;

WHEREAS the timing of the proposed changes, coming a few months before the start of the next school year, will leave many students and families scrambling to reassess their post-secondary dreams;

WHEREAS the Gallant Government has made the ability to attend private and extra-provincial institutions virtually impossible for low-income students - not only cutting off their freedom to choose but also the ability to enrol in study programs not offered in New Brunswick public institutions;

WHEREAS none of the proposed changes are the result of widespread consultation with the public, professors, students, or their families, nor has any evidence been produced to prove that the benefits will outweigh the heavy costs of eliminating existing programming and limiting access to a small number of schools;

WHEREAS the chaotic changes proposed by the government fail to address other outstanding issues such as teaching quality, matching training to the workforce, infrastructure deficits, financial accessibility for the middle class, or student retention;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the Gallant Government to post-pone the proposed student financial program changes for one year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government give strong consideration to including private entities, such as Crandall University and Oulton's College, on the list of eligible institutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government give strong consideration to creating a sliding scale for student eligibility instead of a hard cut-off point where the applicant receives all benefits or none.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, May 26, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS there are limited opportunities for interaction among those adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and in particular for the severely autistic;

WHEREAS adults with disabilities may have access to "at home" care but only depending on the family income levels and the health and longevity of the parents;

WHEREAS most often care services come from agencies who hire workers at a minimal wage, often without a significant level of training;

WHEREAS formal intensive interventions such as Applied Behavioural Analysis are only available to children 5 years of age and under, and are available in a less intensive manner to school aged children (to a maximum age of 21);

WHEREAS access to public services, even if it were for five hours a day during the week, would be welcomed by those families who have no limited access to options in their own home;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to consider opening up the current Centres for Autism to be used as a service delivery point, depending on their capacity, to provide programming for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder issues.

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With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 22)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 16 to April 21, 2016, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolution of the House adopted February 12, 2016, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Bills 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 32, 40 and 24 be called for second reading.

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Mr. Fitch, Member for Riverview, rose on a question of privilege and submitted that the Premier was in contempt of the House when he did not appear before the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on April 26, 2016, to defend Bill 15, which he had sponsored, and instead was in the Member's riding of Riverview. In accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), Mr. Fitch gave notice of his intention to move the following motion, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House take action on the matter of the breach of privilege which occurred on April 26 in the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, whereby the Premier used the scheduling of business to ensure that the Leader of the Official Opposition would be in these chambers debating Bill 15, while the Premier was in the riding of Riverview doing political style campaigning.

Mr. Speaker advised that in accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), he would consider the matter in two hours' time.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

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Mr. Speaker advised the House that the two hours' notice required by Standing Rule 9(2) had elapsed and recognized Mr. Fitch and Hon. Mr. Fraser to speak on the question of privilege raised earlier in the sitting day. Having heard the arguments, Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and requested that Hon. Mr. Doucet withdraw the term "misled" which he did.

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

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Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the question of privilege:

#### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I am prepared to rule on the question of privilege that was raised earlier today by the Leader of the Opposition.

The question of privilege concerned the Premier's absence from appearing before the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on April 26 to defend Bill 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*, as the Premier was the sponsor of the bill. The Leader of the Opposition further submitted that the Premier should have advised him that he would be in the Leader's riding as opposed to appearing before the committee. I should note that the Leader of the Opposition had earlier raised this matter in committee and was instructed by the vice-chairman to raise the matter in the House at the earliest opportunity, which the Leader of the Opposition has done.

I have considered the arguments and reviewed the parliamentary authorities and the Standing Rules of the House. Based on my understanding of the practices of the House and other Canadian Legislatures, a member of the Executive Council, including the Premier, is not obligated to defend a government bill in committee for which he or she is the sponsor. Although it may not be the norm, any member of the Executive Council may defend a government bill in committee on behalf of a fellow Cabinet Minister. This practice has occurred in our House and, indeed, has happened on numerous occasions over the past several years.

The reasons why a Minister may not be present to defend a bill in a committee may include, for instance, other legislative or government responsibilities or family commitments. The acceptability of the reason is not for the Speaker to decide. Ministers and other Members have the ability to ask fellow Members to introduce a bill or motion or to defend a bill in committee on their behalf. This is clearly the practice that has been established in this House.

As well, the Premier is not obligated, nor is any other Minister or Member, to advise any Member of this House as to when he or she will be visiting a Member's riding for political, government, or other business. I believe that Ministers may advise the public of announcements or other government activity, but this is a courtesy and certainly not an obligation under the rules.

Accordingly, I find that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has not been established, and the proposed motion will not go forward to the House.

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And then, 6.18 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 17, 26	April 12, 2016
Response to Petitions 21, 28, 30, 32	April 15, 2016
Response to Petition 34	April 20, 2016
Annual Report 2015	
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	April 22, 2016
Response to Petition 24	May 2, 2016
Response to Petition 15	May 4, 2016

Daily sitting 30

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore requested the unanimous consent of the House to recess for ten minutes, and unanimous consent was denied.

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Mr. Roussel, Member for Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to stop blueberry crop development on Miscou Island until the environmental impact is assessed. (Petition 38)

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, May 26, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all briefing memos or studies documenting concerns regarding the enforceability of the water classification regulation (2002-13) under the *Clean Water Act* from when it received Royal Assent in 2002.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 19, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 13 and 12.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Thursday, May 19, 2016, Bills 17 and 38 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 32, 40, 24, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 41 be called for second reading.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*.

Bill 18, *An Act Respecting Fiscal Measures*.

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for third reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Keirstead, 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 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be not now read a third time because, as per the decision made in *Mackin v. New Brunswick* in 2002, this bill represents a clear violation of the separation between the executive and judicial branches of government and is therefore unconstitutional.”

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, Ms. Harris, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Cornelis Johannes Kole, the Ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada. Mr. Fitch joined in this regard.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Albert moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

## YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Albert	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. LePage

## NAYS - 19

Mr. Holder	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Ms. Dubé	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	
Mr. Coon	Mr. Crossman	

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The Order being read for third reading of Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*, was read a third time and passed.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

- Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.
- Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*.
- Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.
- Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.
- Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.
- Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*.
- Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.
- Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*.
- Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

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.

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And then, 6.12 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2012-2013

Forest Protection Limited

May 16, 2016

Annual Report 2013-2014

Forest Protection Limited

May 16, 2016

Daily sitting 31

Thursday, May 19, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

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Mr. LePage, Member for Restigouche West, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support a ban on the spraying of glyphosate on Crown forest land. (Petition 39)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 40)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support a ban on the spraying of glyphosate on Crown forest land. (Petition 41)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Back River Road in Kings County urging the government to repair and chip seal the road. (Petition 42)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the New Brunswick tuition tax rebate and forgive student debt for graduates who reside in the province. (Petition 43)

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 32, 40, 24, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 41 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some further time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 13, Mr. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS New Brunswick universities are the envy of the world;

WHEREAS the government did not campaign upon any of the proposed changes that are mentioned in the Choices document such as deciding who is allowed to graduate from which programs, interfering in the funding formula, and changing governance models;

WHEREAS the government has failed to act on many of their platform commitments, such as providing universities with a four-year funding forecast;

WHEREAS universities need the support and confidence of government in order to thrive and grow in the increasingly competitive environment for student enrolment, instead of holding secretive, invitation-only meetings;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Assembly encourage the government to start supporting our independent universities, their excellent boards of governors, their competent administrators, and most of all, our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to conduct an open and transparent consultation process, similar to the Poverty Reduction Strategy of 2009, to look at the future of our universities.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 13 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 12, Ms. Shephard moved, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS children deserve the opportunity to grow in a loving, supportive, and stable household;

WHEREAS the current framework for protecting children favors parental privileges over the mental and physical safety of the child;

WHEREAS legislation approved by this Assembly five years ago would have the effect of helping to correct this imbalance with new kinship provisions, but has not been fully proclaimed into law;

WHEREAS there are also other measures that could be undertaken which would put the needs of children first, while supporting the decision-making authority of our dedicated social workers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to proclaim into law all sections of *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act* of March 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to review the framework for child protection in order to ensure the needs of children are placed in priority over parental privileges.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

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And then, 6.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 14

May 18, 2016

Daily sitting 32

Friday, May 20, 2016

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Landry, Member for Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the New Brunswick Common Front for Social Justice in support of a \$15 per hour minimum wage and fair employment standards. (Petition 44)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 45)

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Mr. Stewart, Member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to retain extramural services and the public service non-profit tendered model, and to bring Ambulance NB under the Department of Health. (Petition 46)

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

THAT when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 28, 2016, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that the debate on an adjournment procedural motion of this nature would be limited in scope to the date under consideration and limited to two speakers from the government and opposition sides, as well as the Leader of the Third Party.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Jody Carr withdraw certain remarks, which he did.

And after some time, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion be amended by striking out “June 28” and substituting “May 24”.

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

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

YEAS - 22

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	

NAYS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

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



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YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

## NAYS - 23

Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Jody Carr	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Urquhart
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 32, 40, 24, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 41 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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.

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

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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 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 27,  
29, 31, 33

May 18, 2016

Response to Petition 9

May 19, 2016

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Tuesday, June 28, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to subsection 19(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016*.

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The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. L. Norbert Thériault, former Liberal MLA for Northumberland County (1960-1974), Bay du Vin (1974-1979), Senator for Bay du Vin (1979-1996) and father of former Premier Camille Thériault. Ms. Dubé joined in this regard.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 47)

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Mr. Jeff Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 48)

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Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 49)

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Mr. Stewart, Member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 50)

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Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 51)

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Mr. Holder, Member for Portland-Simonds, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 52)

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Mr. MacDonald, Member for Fredericton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 53)

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

At 2.20 p.m., following a request for a recorded division, Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.16 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered the following ruling:

#### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

The purpose of first reading is to allow a bill to be printed and distributed to all Members. It is an opportunity for Members to introduce proposed legislation for the consideration of the House. At this point in the legislative process, Members have not had an opportunity to read or consider the proposed legislation.

First reading is a formality whereby any Member can introduce a bill to be printed and distributed to Members, so as to give Members an opportunity to study it. The House has always allowed bills to go forward at first reading. There is no debate other than, as provided in the Standing Rules, to allow brief introductory remarks. The vote is symbolic in nature, as most Members of the House have not seen the bill. The first reading stage is clearly a formality.

To have a recorded vote at this stage serves no real purpose, particularly to ask for a recorded vote at first reading of a bill introduced by your own Members, where the very purpose is to put the bill forward for consideration, which is clearly achieved without the use of a recorded vote.

On first reading, Members are not voting for or against the principle or content of a bill because they have not seen it. Members are simply voting to allow a bill to go forward to the House for consideration. That is a formality which has always been allowed. In this instance, the House, by voice vote, already confirmed that the bill will go forward.

However, as the rules clearly provide for a recorded vote when a question is put from the Chair, I will allow the vote to go forward at this time.

However, I am reserving the right to come back to this matter at a later time, as I see this as serving no purpose, as the bill would go forward for consideration in any event.

The question being put that Bill 48 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*.

The question being put that Bill 49 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

The question being put that Bill 50 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet requested the unanimous consent of the House to proceed to Royal Assent, and unanimous consent was denied.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that unanimous consent was not required and the House accordingly would proceed to Royal Assent forthwith.

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

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed 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 15, *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act*.  
Bill 18, *An Act Respecting Fiscal Measures*.  
Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.  
Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*.  
Bill 22, *Seafood Industry Improvement Fund Act*.  
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.  
Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*.  
Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.  
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.  
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.  
Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*.  
Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.  
Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*.  
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.  
Bill 46, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2014-2015 (1)*.

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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2016-2017*. (Bill 47)

Her Honour replied:

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

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

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

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*.

The question being put that Bill 51 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Steeves,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.

The question being put that Bill 52 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Consumer Advocate for Insurance Act*.

The question being put that Bill 53 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*.

The question being put that Bill 54 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

The question being put that Bill 55 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

The question being put that Bill 56 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*.

The question being put that Bill 57 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Wetmore,

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

The question being put that Bill 58 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Ombudsman Act*.

The question being put that Bill 59 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

The question being put that Bill 60 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The question being put that Bill 61 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

The question being put that Bill 62 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Economic Cooperation Act*.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Fitch be brief in his remarks at first reading. Mr. Speaker advised that the unlimited time provision for the Leader of the Opposition does not apply at first reading.

The question being put that Bill 63 be now read a first time, a recorded division was requested and deferred to the next sitting day.

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Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

THAT, in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted December 2, 2015, 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 Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

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Mr. Fairgrieve gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Carleton.

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Mr. Fairgrieve gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Caraquet.

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

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Mr. Fairgrieve gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Carleton-Victoria.

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Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Edmondston-Madawaska Centre.

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Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Shediac-Beaubassin-Cap-Pelé.

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Ms. Lynch gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fredericton-Grand Lake.

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Ms. Lynch gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Moncton Centre.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Flemming:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Carleton-Victoria.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Flemming:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Riverview.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Memramcook-Tantramar.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Gagetown-Petitcodiac.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Hampton.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Restigouche-Chaleur.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fredericton North.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fundy-The Isles-Saint John West.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;



WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Miramichi.

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Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Carleton-York.

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Mr. Urquhart gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Kent North.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Moncton Northwest.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Charlotte-Campobello.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Restigouche West.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Moncton South.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fredericton-York.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Madawaska Les Lacs-Edmundston.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;



WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Quispamsis.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Portland-Simonds.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Moncton East.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Dieppe.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Rothesay.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Flemming:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Saint John East.

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

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Tracadie-Sheila.

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Saint John Lancaster.

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Greg O'Donnell, former Liberal MLA for Memramcook (1987-1995) and Dieppe-Memramcook (1995-1999).

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

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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**

2015 <i>Firefighters' Compensation Act</i> Disability Fund	June 9, 2016
2015 WorkSafeNB	June 9, 2016
Business Plan 2016-2017, Auditor General of New Brunswick	June 14, 2016
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume 1, Performance Audit, 2016	June 15, 2016
2015-2016 Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	June 21, 2016
2015 New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation	June 23, 2016



**Other**

Building a Stronger New Brunswick Response to Climate Change: Discussion Guide, May 2016, Government of New Brunswick	May 25, 2016
Under the provision of the <i>Fees Act</i> , proposal to establish new fees for laboratory services provided by the New Brunswick Dairy Laboratory	May 30, 2016

**Motions**

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 23	June 23, 2016
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**Petitions**

Response to Petition 22	May 20, 2016
Response to Petitions 35, 37, 40, 42, 45	May 31, 2016
Response to Petitions 36, 39, 41	June 6, 2016
Response to Petitions 38, 44	June 7, 2016
Response to Petition 43	June 24, 2016

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Wednesday, June 29, 2016

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and submitted that several Statements by Ministers should have been delivered as statements of congratulation. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken and requested that Hon. Mr. Arseneault withdraw the phrase “sit down”, which he did.

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Mr. Guitard, Member for Restigouche-Chaleur, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to recognize a section of Alcida Street as a designated public road. (Petition 54)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 55)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the New Brunswick tuition tax rebate and forgive student debt for graduates who reside in the province. (Petition 56)

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Mr. Chiasson, Member for Victoria-La Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to repair West River Road in Victoria County. (Petition 57)

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Mr. MacDonald, Member for Fredericton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 58)

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Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 59)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 60)

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Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 61)

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

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Saint John Harbour.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fredericton West-Hanwell.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Kings Centre.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Kent South.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of New Maryland-Sunbury.

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Mr. Jody Carr gave Notice of Motion 65 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Oromocto-Lincoln.

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Mr. Jody Carr gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;



WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Campbellton-Dalhousie.

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Mr. Jody Carr gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Fredericton South.

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Ms. Wilson gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Moncton Southwest.

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Ms. Wilson gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Shediac Bay-Dieppe.

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Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 70 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Shippagan-Lamèque-Miscou.

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Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 71 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Albert.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 72 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Miramichi Bay-Neguac.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

WHEREAS the current Finance Minister said that raising the HST was “the lazy way out”;

WHEREAS raising the HST will bring New Brunswick to the highest HST rate in Canada;

WHEREAS the Premier campaigned on helping small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on small and medium sized businesses;

WHEREAS raising the HST will send a message that New Brunswick is closed for business;

WHEREAS raising the HST will have a negative impact on the economy;

WHEREAS the economy in New Brunswick is already struggling and many New Brunswickers are unemployed;

WHEREAS the Liberal government has already lost almost 5,000 jobs;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers are already over-taxed and many families are struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS nowhere in the Liberal platform is there a mention of raising the HST;

WHEREAS this is just bad business;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to postpone the scheduled HST hike until the government holds public consultation with the people in the constituency of Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Service New Brunswick, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 any sole source exemptions for services or supplies granted since May 1, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 75 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 any and all documents, communications, contracts or other relevant information which pertains to school closures due to inclement weather. Time frame of records: December 14, 2015 to present date.

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At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 76 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 the dollar amounts of County Project Funding for each individual Electoral District also known as a riding from September 23, 2014 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 77 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 a list of vehicles used for government members by Members of the Legislative Assembly, executive assistants to Ministers, special assistants to Ministers, Deputy Ministers from the Premier's Office and management at Crown Corporations. Detail as to what type of vehicle being used as well as the names of vehicle users. Time frame of records: August 31, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 78 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:



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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 the number of roads added to the Winter Maintenance Program since the implementation of the three house rule, where these roads were added, when they were added and the number of houses on the roads that were added. Time frame of records: August 31, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 79 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 all departments of the Government of New Brunswick 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 any expenses associated with any new vehicle or vehicle improvements for any of the following: (a) any member of the Executive Council; (b) any employee of the Office of the Premier; and (c) any person employed under section 18 of the *Civil Service Act*. Time frame: March 19, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 80 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 documents and correspondence relating to the cancellation of the snow plow contract with Les Produits Métalliques AT inc.; as well as any and all contracts and/or invoices paid to Les Produits Métalliques AT inc.; as well as any lawsuits received or pending between Les Produits Métalliques AT inc. and the New Brunswick Government. Time frame of records: October 13, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 81 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Wetmore:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 82 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

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 Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier, Department of Finance, Department of Health, Department of Education, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Department of Social Development, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, Department of Public Safety, Department of Justice, Department of Energy and Resource Development, Department of Human Resources, Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Department of Environment and Local Government, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Service New Brunswick, Opportunities NB 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 all contracts between any department, agency, board or commission and Bissett-Matheson. Time frame of records: November 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 83 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any funding given or lent to Corey Feed. Time frame of records: April 13, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 84 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Department 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 the statistical details regarding the total number of Eliza Tests for *Borrelia* Bacteria commonly found in Lyme Disease undertaken through NB Medical Laboratories, the location of residence, and the outcome of these tests, positive or negative. Time frame: May 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 85 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the advertising campaign relating to the “Understanding changes to the Wage Top Up program”, launched in May 2015. Time frame of records from June 3, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 86 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the school utilization report(s) completed by the Office of the Comptroller from March 26, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that Notices of Motions 33 and 51 introduced the previous sitting day were identical. Accordingly, Notice of Motion 51 was ruled out of order and removed from the Order and Notice Paper.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 87 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Premier's Office, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the policy 409 school review process compliance template. Also, the completed policy 409 compliance reviews for the sustainability for all schools. Time frame of records: April 9, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 88 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the 2015-2016 EECD budget actual sorted by: 1) Francophone sector - Central francophone dedicated education services, transportation, facilities, IT, human resources and each school district totals by district, 2) Anglophone sector - Central education services, transportation, facilities, human resources and each school district totals by district, 3) Central Anglo/Franco Shared Corporate Services, and 4) Early Childhood Development.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 89 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Crossman gave Notice of Motion 90 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 the contact information, including email address, for all current PSSC chairs.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 91 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Energy and Resource Development 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 any and all documents, communications, contracts or other relevant information regarding how many employees have been sent home or dismissed or suspended or forced to retire. Time frame of records: December 14, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 92 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

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 Horizon Health, Vitalité 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 the amount billed by the Atlantic Cancer Research Institute. Time frame of records from June 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 93 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 the Department 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 any and all communications, contracts and documents concerning work on the new build for the downtown health centre by André Tardiff. Time frame of records: January 1, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 94 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Legislative Assembly 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 any expenses of any of the following: (a) the Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture; and (b) the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Caraquet; associated with the role of Government House Leader or Deputy Government House Leader. Time frame: March 19, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 95 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

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 Premier's Office, Regional Development Corporation, Opportunities NB 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 the GNB announcement regarding the New Brunswick Naval Centre in Bas-Caraquet, NB on April 27, 2015. Time frame of records from April 28, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 96 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Social Development, Office of the Premier 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 the Seniors Navigator initiative announced as part of Home First Strategy from June 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 97 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Flemming:

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 Department 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Health from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 98 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Premier's Office, Service New Brunswick, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 any correspondence or other communication, whether by electronic means or otherwise, between or amongst: 1) the Premier; 2) the Chief of Staff of the Premier; 3) the Deputy Chiefs of Staff of the Premier; 4) the Premier's office staff; 5) the Minister of Government Services; 6) the Deputy Minister of Government Services; 7) the Department of Government Services staff; 8) the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; 9) the Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; 10) the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure staff; 11) the executive, special and other assistants of the Premier; 12) the executive, special and other assistants of the Minister of Government Services; 13) the executive, special and other assistants of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure; including correspondence or other communication between or amongst those individuals or any subset thereof that was also sent to or received from any individual not referenced heretofore relating to the Town of Saint Quentin, New Brunswick between July 15, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 99 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

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 Premier's Office, Department of Social Development 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 a list of all “ADAPT” agencies in New Brunswick from April 14, 2015 to present date. For each agency please include a list of revenue provided each year, a list of services provided and number of clients.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 100 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any communications or contracts with either Revolution Strategy or Hemmings House. Time frame of records: January 11, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 101 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

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 Service New Brunswick 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister responsible for Service New Brunswick from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 102 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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

Department of Human Resources, Office of the Premier, Executive Council Office 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 any and all correspondence, calendars, expenses and staff leave requests concerning the cabinet meeting held in Woodstock, New Brunswick on September 29, 2015. Time frame of records: October 13, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 103 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

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 Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier, Department of Finance, Department of Health, Department of Education, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Department of Social Development, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, Department of Public Safety, Department of Justice, Department of Energy and Resource Development, Department of Human Resources, Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Department of Environment and Local Government, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Service New Brunswick, Opportunities NB, NB Power, NB Liquor 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 contracts with the Gandalf Group from June 26, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 104 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

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 Premier's Office, Auditor General, Economic Development/ Opportunities NB, Executive Council Office 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 communication between the Auditor General and the Executive Council Office, Premier's Office, Economic Development and Opportunities New Brunswick, regarding the Atcon report from March 31, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 105 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

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 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for Premier Brian Gallant from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 106 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

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 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 costs associated with the production and marketing of the video featuring Premier Brian Gallant, in which the subject is the "successful job creation measures that were put in place over the past year" and was promoted on Facebook by the Government of New Brunswick, included but not limited to, the costs payable to Facebook. Time frame of records: September 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 107 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities New Brunswick, NB Liquor, Service New Brunswick 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 communications, contracts, tenders and costs paid to Vintelligence, Nicholas Carter and/or Cory Marr as well as any communications regarding the new web page NB Liquor is developing, including who will develop it and any contracts, tenders or costs associated with its development. Time frame of records: April 4, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 108 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 all departments of the Government of New Brunswick 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 any expenses associated with any of the following: (a) any modifications or improvements to offices; (b) any new furniture or office equipment; and (c) any information technology, including but not limited to BlackBerries, cell phones and laptop computers; purchased for any of the offices of any member of the Executive Council; any employee of the Office of the Premier; and any person employed under section 18 of the *Civil Service Act*. Time frame: March 19, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 109 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 any and all tendered contracts at Parlee Beach Provincial Park and area including who applied for these tenders and who was awarded these tenders; as well as any and all untendered contracts at Parlee Beach Provincial Park and area including who applied for these tenders and who was awarded these tenders. Time frame of records: October 13, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 110 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council Office 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 any and all documents, communications, contracts or other relevant information regarding the travel expenses for the New Brunswick Jobs Board. Time frame of records: December 14, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 111 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any and all communications between the Office of the Premier, Executive Council Office and Opportunities New Brunswick, whether it be staff members or officials, and JD Irving regarding the announcement made on January 20, 2016, that JD Irving would be hiring approximately 7900 people in Atlantic Canada over the next three years. Time frame of records: January 20, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 112 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 each Minister of the Province 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 a list of gift(s) received that were greater than \$250 and who gave the gift(s). Time frame of records: September 22, 2014 to present date.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 113 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

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 Department of Justice 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Justice from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 114 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Justice 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 any and all correspondence and documents relating to the decision to transfer the *Judicature Act* to the Minister of Justice from the Office of the Attorney General, the decision to amend the *Judicature Act* to give the Minister of Justice power to veto decisions of the Chief Justice, any meetings or scheduling of meetings with Judges and correspondence regarding any of the above, including, but not limited to, correspondence from Minister Stephen Horsman and Minister Donald Arseneault. Time frame of records: February 25, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 115 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Attorney General, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Finance, Service New Brunswick, the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 Le Gresley report on Larry's Gulch from August 21, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 116 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Premier's Office, Executive Council Office, Department of Finance, the Premier, the Minister responsible for Strategic Program Review, the



Minister of Finance 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 the 2016-2017 pre-budget consultation process and any submission received from any individual, stakeholder, interest group or other interested party as part of the 2016-2017 pre-budget consultation process, including any submission received from any individual, stakeholder, interest group or other interested party as part of the Strategic Program Review that was stated also to be or that is otherwise considered also to be a submission to the 2016-2017 prebudget consultation process from March 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 117 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier 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 all costs, including but not limited to development, implementation and purchasing of media advertisement for the advertising campaign about strategic program review that New Brunswick faces a shortage of over \$500 million and that there is a plan to change that. Time frame of records: November 25, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 118 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

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 all departments of the Government of New Brunswick 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 any expenses associated with any air travel by charter by any of the following: (a) any member of the Executive Council; (b) any employee of the Office of the Premier; and (c) any person employed under section 18 of the *Civil Service Act*. Time frame: March 19, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 119 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

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 Department of Finance 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Finance. Time frame: April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 120 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council office, Office of the Premier, Service New Brunswick 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 the total cost and to whom money is being paid, including production and media purchase, of the radio ads that reference deep cuts and HST that aired earlier this year. Time frame of records: February 18, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 121 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Finance, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour 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 correspondence and information about how the decision was made to eliminate the tuition rebate program. Time frame of records: October 27, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 122 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, Opportunities New Brunswick, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 any and all communication regarding the Education and New Economy Fund that was announced at the State of the Province on January 28, 2016. Time frame of records: January 29, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 123 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

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 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 124 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, Executive Council Office, Premier's Office 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 the number of jobs created with one job pledge; and any communications associated with the one job pledge between any of the following: (a) Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour and Executive Council Office, (b) Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour and Premier's Office, (c) Executive Council Office and Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, (d) Executive Council Office and Premier's Office, (e) Premier's Office and Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, (f) Premier's Office and Executive Council Office, Time frame of records: August 24, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 125 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 any and all correspondence, including emails, between the Department of Education District Anglophone South and

the City of Saint John regarding Lorne School. Time frame of records: September 2, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Keirstead gave Notice of Motion 126 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

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 Department of Environment and Local Government 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Environment and Local Government from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 127 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Human Resources, the Minister of Human Resources 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 all hires and appointments since March 17, 2015 to present date, in all areas of government and a description of the hiring process for each position, specifying the department or agency and geographic location for each position. Please specify and explain any 'exceptions' and 'temporary term' classifications.

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Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 128 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Premier's Office, Regional Development Corporation, Opportunities NB 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 all correspondence with Mr. Serge Cormier and Hédard Albert, regarding the Centre Naval in Bas-Caraquet from April 28, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 129 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

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, Executive Council Office, NB Liquor, NB Power 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 any government contracts with Don Mills/CRA polling from any government department or crown corporation, particularly NB Power and NB liquor from March 16, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 130 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

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, Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any signed contracts or government funding going to the

company Civilized or their owners Derek Riedle and Terri MacDonald Riedle. Time frame of records: September 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 131 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

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 Opportunities NB 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister responsible for Opportunities NB from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 132 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

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, Opportunities NB 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 the GNB announcement on May 13, 2015 made by Premier Brian Gallant, in Moncton NB announcing a payroll rebate of up to \$490,000 for the Co-operators. Time frame of records from May 13, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 133 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 a list of events ONB has sponsored including the dates and locations and whether in or out of province from August 28, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 134 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 travel expenses for ONB employees by province and country, separated by investment attraction travel and export development travel from August 27, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 135 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 any and all decisions made regarding performance targets at Opportunities NB from August 19, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 136 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:



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 Opportunities NB 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 a list of current staff at ONB with breakdown by function, office, region and language from August 20, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 137 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 status of loan portfolio, default rate, number of loans re-negotiated, composition by sector, and historical performance. To clarify, default rate is interpreted by the interest rates for the loans. Sector is interpreted as the industry or type of business/entity to which the loan has been provided. Historical performance is interpreted as the status of the loan now, as to whether or not it is in repayment and if payments are being made on time. If the loan is not yet in payment, information is requested pertaining to when the repayment is scheduled to begin and when will or did interest start accruing. Time frame of records: from August 25, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 138 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 all signed agreements where Opportunities New Brunswick and/or the Government of New Brunswick is to provide funding, either by loan or grant or other means, to an individual or corporation or any other entity. A list of pertinent information would satisfy this request. Time frame of records: August 24, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 139 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 all advertising material used by ONB, cost of advertising by ONB, and list of media who published advertisement on behalf of ONB from August 20, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 140 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Horizon 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 the inventory of all hospital beds presently in use, including but not limited to the make, model and year, at the Dr. Everett Chalmers regional Hospital in Fredericton, NB. Time frame: July 21, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 141 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Attorney General, Service New Brunswick, Department of Finance, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 any and all fees paid to Moonstruck Investigative Services or Gary Le Gresley. Time frame of records: August 31, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 142 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any and all correspondence with or regarding the Piccadilly Potash Mine. Time frame of records: January 21, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 143 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Public Safety 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Public Safety from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 144 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 WorkSafe NB, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour 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 the total number of claims submitted each year and the total number of cases outstanding at the end of each year. Time frame of records from 2014-2015 fiscal year to present date.

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Mr. Oliver gave Notice of Motion 145 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

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 Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 146 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

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 Department of Energy and Resource Development 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Natural Resources from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 147 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Social Development 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 pay equity for personal service workers. Time frame: July 21, 2015 to present date.

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 148 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

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 Department of Human Resources 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Human Resources from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 149 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

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 Department of Social Development, Service New Brunswick 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 the results of the request for proposal #2595002-15 for convalescent items including the name of the company the contract was awarded to and the basis for how it was awarded. Time frame of records: October 9, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 150 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Department of Health, Horizon Health Network, Réseau de Santé Vitalité, FacilicorpNB, Department of Social Development, Department of Finance, Regional Development Corporation, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, MLA for Campbellton-Dalhousie Donald Arseneault 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 the decision taken by the Government of New Brunswick regarding the location of the provincial youth treatment centre, announced on May 9, 2015 in Campbellton. Time frame of records from May 8, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 151 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Social Development, the Department 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 the investment in rehabilitation and reablement pilot project for seniors announced on May 27, 2015. Time frame of records from June 3, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 152 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, the Department of Social Development 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 any and all correspondence, including emails, between the Office of the Premier and Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier and Social Development, Executive Council Office and Office of the Premier, Executive Council Office and Social Development, Social Development and Office of the Premier or Social Development and Executive Council Office regarding the announcement to reverse the decision to include senior's assets in the formula for determining the cost of assisted care living or nursing homes. Time frame of records: September 11, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 153 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Executive Council Office, Department of Social Development 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 the advertising campaign pertaining to the facts on nursing home care that launched in May 2015. Time frame of records from May 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 154 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 communication between the two Kent County DEC's and the Minister of Education and the Department of Education from March 31, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 155 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 any documents or communication regarding the maintenance of snow plows for winter season 2015/2016 including if maintenance is being done in-house or outsourced. If maintenance for plows will be outsourced, copies of tender and or contracts, location of company chosen to do work and criteria for how company was chosen to do the work. The cost of maintaining the plows for the winter season 2015/2016 and the life span of the plows. Time frame of records: October 27, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 156 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council Office, Office of the Premier, Opportunities New Brunswick 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 any and all documents, communications, contracts or other relevant information which pertains to Maritime Minerals and/or Northern Construction. Time frame of records: November 25, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 157 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 NB Power 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 the amount spent on telecommunications, annually from 2015-16 to 2016-17.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 158 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

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 and Department of Transportation and Infrastructure 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 any contact between the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and E.Y.E. Marine of Dartmouth regarding cable ferries from March 20, 2015 to present.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 159 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

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 Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 the appointment/meeting calendar for the Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture from April 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 160 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

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 the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 the process and procedures for the setting up of the stakeholder transition committee for ArtsNB. Time frame of records: May 6, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 161 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 copies of the Larry's Gulch sign-in lists that are used on-site for the guest signatures on a form titled Departmental Guest List. Time frame of records: January 1, 2016 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 162 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Ambulance New Brunswick 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 the inventory of all hospital beds presently in use, including but not limited to the make, model and year, and how many ambulances are currently contracted compared to the number of ambulances that have been permanently removed from service and not replaced from July 21, 2015 until present date. Please provide the reason, dates, location, time removed from service, time returned and action taken for remediation of issues for each case.

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

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 163 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Ambulance New Brunswick 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 the inventory of all hospital beds presently in use, including but not limited

to the make, model and year, and how many ambulances are currently contracted for the Province of New Brunswick on a daily basis. Time frame: July 21, 2015 to present date.

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Ms. Wilson gave Notice of Motion 164 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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, Regional Development Corporation 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 the GNB announcement in Moncton on June 18, 2015 regarding the Moncton downtown centre project receiving \$21 million in forgivable loan from June 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 165 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Premier's Office 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 the month by month breakdown from March 31, 2015 to present date of all private hires of equipment, including name, address, piece of equipment, hours used, hourly rate and total payment for Electoral District 25.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 166 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Opportunities NB 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 acceptance criteria for Larry's Gulch; list of requests from the departments regarding Larry's Gulch; list of requests refused by Opportunities NB for Larry's Gulch; list of requests accepted by Opportunities NB for Larry's Gulch from July 22, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 167 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Ambulance New Brunswick 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 the number of paramedics who have been hired by Ambulance New Brunswick who came from the Province of Quebec. Time frame of records: December 14, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 168 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

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 Executive Council office, Office of the Premier, Department of Finance, Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture 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 the Larry's Gulch NB resident draw from June 23, 2015 to present date.

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Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 169 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS there are persons living in New Brunswick who have a need for prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS there are residents of New Brunswick who must pay out of pocket for regular replacement and cleaning of their prosthetic eyes, thereby creating a significant financial burden;

WHEREAS not keeping up with regular replacement and cleaning can lead to serious medical issues, including hospitalization or even death;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick forces people who need prosthetic eyes to go on Social Assistance for financial assistance if they do not have medical insurance coverage;

WHEREAS not having prosthetic eyes can be detrimental on a person's mental health, and the government recently approved medical services on that basis;

WHEREAS the financial responsibility to the Province is minimal for providing assistance to these persons;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to give assistance to those who are in need of prosthetic eyes, but must pay for the associated costs out of pocket, by way of a co-pay system, similar to that adopted under the Medicare program in Nova Scotia.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 170 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve:

WHEREAS judicial independence is a cornerstone of the Canadian judicial system. Under the Constitution, the judiciary is separate from and independent of the other two branches of government, the executive and legislature;

WHEREAS it is vitally important in a democracy that individual judges and the judiciary as a whole are impartial and independent of all external pressures and of each other so that those who appear before them and the wider public can have confidence that their cases will be decided fairly and in accordance with the law;

WHEREAS when carrying out their judicial function, judges must be free of any improper influence;

WHEREAS it is vital that each judge is able to decide cases solely on the evidence presented in court by the parties and in accordance with the law. Only relevant facts and law should form the basis of a judge's decision;

WHEREAS judicial independence is not the private right of judges but the foundation of judicial impartiality and a constitutional right of all Canadians;

WHEREAS the Canadian Bar Association - New Brunswick Branch wrote a letter to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety, the deputy ministers of those departments and the media stating that:

*“Bill 21 - A Constitutionally Questionable Incursion into the Independence of the Judiciary.*

*On February 5, 2016, Bill 21 - An Act to Amend the Judicature Act (“Bill 21”), was introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Gallant Government (the “Government”) with little to no notice to the judiciary, the legal profession or the public and promptly given First Reading. Bill 21 received Second Reading (on February 10, 2016), was referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments (on April 27, 2016) and was debated on Third Reading only to be adjourned (on May 18, 2016). We anticipate that Bill 21 will be resuscitated by the Government when this Session of the Legislative Assembly resumes in late June for further consideration and Third Reading.*

*The purpose of this commentary from the Canadian Bar Association's New Brunswick Branch (“CBA-NB”) is to strongly condemn this legislative initiative and to encourage the Government to scuttle Bill 21 owing to its constitutionally questionable and troubling incursion into the independence of the judiciary. This is not a step that the CBA-NB takes lightly but it is a necessary one given the mandate of the CBA-NB to serve as the voice of the legal profession and to be a positive and meaningful contributor to the improvement of the administration of justice.*

*For those who may not know, Bill 21 seeks to dismantle the existing system whereby the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick has the independent authority to decide the locations where members of that Court may be transferred following their*

initial appointment by the federal government (provided that the member of the Court himself or herself consents to the transfer), only to replace it with a potentially politicized veto system under which the “consent” of the provincial Minister of Justice is first required before a transfer can be made. Bill 21 is nothing more than an initiative of the Legislative Branch to grant to the Executive Branch the power to march over the authority and independence of the Judicial Branch. Because Liberal M.L.A.’s hold a majority of the seats in the Legislative Assembly, the Government controls both the actions and agenda of the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch.

Judicial independence is a foundational tenet of our system of justice in Canada and Bill 21, if enacted, will serve as a dangerous precedent for further attacks on the separation of powers: the proverbial crack in the sidewalk. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled more than a decade ago that subsection 11(d) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (the right to an independent and impartial tribunal) precludes the Executive Branch, of which the provincial Minister of Justice is a part, from interfering in the administrative processes of the courts, including the designation of the residence of sitting members of the judiciary. The Supreme Court of Canada has also observed that “the separation of powers, which s. 11(d) protects, does not prevent the different branches of government from communicating with each other”. In the same decision, the Supreme Court of Canada further ruled that legislation that would allow the Executive Branch to determine where a sitting member of the judiciary may be placed following her or his initial appointment would create “a reasonable apprehension that it could be used to punish judges whose decisions do not favour the government, or alternatively, to favour judges whose decisions benefit the government”. If Bill 21 formalized a duty for the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench of New Brunswick to “consult with” the provincial Minister of Justice rather than an obligation to first seek the “consent of the provincial Minister of Justice before transferring a member of that Court from one Judicial District to another, the Government would be on more defensible footing from a constitutional perspective.

Suggesting as the Liberal M.L.A. for Campbellton-Restigouche and the Government’s Minister of Energy and Mines did in the Legislative Assembly on May 18th, 2016 that Bill 21 “... cannot be unconstitutional if Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia” have similar legislation in place is fundamentally flawed reasoning and, moreover, is factually incorrect. The applicable legislation in the jurisdictions mentioned above only formalizes a duty for the Chief



*Justice to “consult with” the provincial Minister of Justice. It does not impose the sort of ministerial veto power that is the impugned centerpiece of Bill 21.*

*When the mute button is pressed on all of the political background noise that Bill 21 has generated since its controversial introduction, we are left with a dubious legislative initiative that is a constitutionally questionable and troubling incursion into the independence of the judiciary. Accordingly, the CBA-NB strongly encourages the Government to respect the constitutional separation of powers, scuttle Bill 21 and turn the corner on this most unfortunate affair.”;*

WHEREAS government members have repeatedly said that Bill 21 is a housekeeping bill only;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED 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 Minister of Justice and Public Safety and the Attorney General 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 Bill 21 from January 1, 2016 to now.

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Mr. Speaker advised the House that he was referring the issue of lengthy debatable motions to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers.

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Mr. Savoie, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, June 30, 2016, Opposition Members’ Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 12, 21 and 20.

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

RESOLVED, that Hédard Albert, Member for the electoral district of Caraquet, and Monique LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Moncton East, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 171)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting Mr. LePage for Mr. Albert and Ms. LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. Ames;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Guitard for Hon. Mr. Ames, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Hon. Ms. Harris and Mr. Harvey for Mr. Roussel;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting Mr. Bourque for Hon. Mr. Ames, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Mr. Guitard, Mr. LePage for Hon. Ms. Harris and Mr. Chiasson for Mr. Harvey;

THAT the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting Ms. LeBlanc for Hon. Ms. Harris and Hon. Mr. Doucet for Hon. Mr. Fraser;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting Mr. Bourque for Mr. Bernard LeBlanc;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Hon. Mr. Doucet for Hon. Mr. Fraser and Hon. Mr. Boudreau for Hon. Ms. Harris;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Hon. Ms. Harris and Mr. Roussel for Mr. Albert;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Chiasson for Mr. LePage and Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Hon. Mr. Ames; and

THAT the membership of the Select Committee on Climate Change be amended by substituting Mr. LePage for Hon. Mr. Ames.

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

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following Deferred Recorded Divisions, it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 40, 32, 43, 42, 41, 24, 38, 17, 44 and 45 be called for second reading.

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Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

This is the first time we have utilized the “Deferred Recorded Divisions” item under Routine Proceedings since its addition to the Standing Rules last session. As such, I believe it is important to outline the procedure that will be followed.

In developing this procedure, I reviewed our Standing Rules, the first report of the Standing Committee on Procedure dated December 10, 2014, and the procedure followed by the House of Commons, which has utilized deferred recorded divisions for some time.

Our Standing Rules state as follows:

*62(2) If two Members request it, by standing in their places, the Speaker or the Chair shall direct that the Members be called in for the purpose of holding a recorded division.*

*62(4) The Speaker shall, ten minutes after directing that the Members be called in, or earlier if all the Members are present, read the question and call successively upon those voting in the affirmative and in the negative to rise and their names shall be entered in the Journal, together with such abstentions and pairs as may be declared following the division.*

*62(5) Notwithstanding subrule (2), if a recorded division is requested, the Speaker or the Chair shall defer the recorded division to the next sitting day under the item of routine business “Deferred Recorded Divisions” if requested to do so by the Government House Leader or Government Whip.*

Based on my review, the Standing Rules offer little guidance on the specific procedure to be followed for a deferred recorded division.

The Procedure Committee report, when recommending the implementation of Deferred Recorded Divisions, stated “if several recorded divisions are requested in a sitting day, the time provided to Members can accumulate, which may result in an inefficient use of time. As such, it is recommended that the Government House Leader or Whip have the option to defer a recorded division to the next sitting day.”

From this passage, in my opinion it seems clear that one purpose for implementing Deferred Recorded Divisions was to ensure that the House was using its time more efficiently.

As for the procedure followed in the House of Commons, when the time arrives to take one or more deferred divisions, the Speaker interrupts the proceedings at the time set down in their Standing Orders, informs the House that the deferred vote or votes will now be held, and orders that the Members be called in. The division bells are then rung for not more than 15 minutes.

When there are several votes to be taken, the House may first agree to the sequence in which they will be taken; otherwise, the questions are put in the order in which they came before the House. When the division bells have stopped ringing, the Speaker rises, calls the House to order and reads the question to the House. Where Members are prepared to vote on more than one question, the House proceeds immediately to the next question after the taking of the first vote.

In recent years, a practice was revived in the House of Commons whereby the results of one vote are applied to others. Normally, the Government Whip will request the unanimous consent of the House to have the results of one vote applied directly to subsequent divisions and recorded separately. The Whips of the other parties usually rise to indicate their agreement. The Speaker then declares the motions as being either carried or negatived. This procedure has resulted in an appreciable saving of the time of the House.

Accordingly, the following will be the procedure we will follow in our Assembly. Once we reach the item “Deferred Recorded Divisions” under Routine Proceedings, I shall direct that the Members be called in while the division bells ring for 10 minutes. Following which, when there are several votes to be taken, the questions will be put in the order in which they came before the House, unless there is agreement to do otherwise, and once the first vote is taken, we will proceed immediately to the next question.

Finally, after the first vote is taken, I would encourage both House Leaders, when the necessary circumstances are present, to consider requesting the unanimous consent of the House to have the results of one vote applied directly to subsequent divisions to ensure the House is using its time efficiently.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please call the Members.

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The House proceeded to deferred recorded divisions on the motions that the following Bills be read a first time:

By Mr. Jody Carr,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act.*

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act.*

By Mr. Steeves,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Consumer Advocate for Insurance Act.*

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act.*

By Mr. Wetmore,

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Ombudsman Act.*

By Mr. Higgs,

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

By Mr. Fairgrieve,

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act.*

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Economic Cooperation Act.*

The motions for first reading of Bills 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 were resolved in the affirmative on separate recorded divisions, the results of which were identical and are as follows:

YEAS - 43

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Chiasson	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Harvey	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Mr. Bourque	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Ms. Wilson
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Mr. Roussel	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Albert	Mr. LePage	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Holder	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Fitch	Mr. Keirstead
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Ames	Ms. Shephard	
Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Coon	

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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.

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

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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 46

June 27, 2016

Daily sitting 35

Thursday, June 30, 2016

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 62)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 63)

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Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 64)

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Mr. Jeff Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 65)

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Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 66)

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Mr. Harvey gave Notice of Motion 172 that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 4 remaining hours for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 32, 41, and 43, and 1 remaining hour for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 17, 24, 31, 38, 40, and 42, and at the expiration of the said 4 hours and the said 1 hour, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, 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 committee 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 receive more than one reading or advance more than one stage in one day.

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 4 hours or 1 hour of debate, there shall be, if necessary, 20 remaining minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills.

THAT, if necessary, the time for the daily adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, July 8, 2016, prescribed by Special Order of the House adopted December 2, 2015, be extended until the expiration of the allocated times at all stages necessary for the passage of the said Bills and Royal Assent.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 31, 40, 32, 43, 42, 41, 24, 38, 17, 44 and 45 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Fitch moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be amended as follows:

In section 3, by striking out the words "on July 1, 2016" and replacing them with the following: "after a referendum has been held in which the result of the vote was fifty percent plus one in favour of this increase."

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the proposed amendment out of order, as it is not permissible to amend a provision of a Bill at second reading.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.



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 on the following recorded division:

## YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Ms. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Chiasson	

## NAYS - 15

Mr. Holder	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Wetmore
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Jeff Carr

Accordingly, Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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, *Loan Act 2016*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

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Debate resumed on Motion 12, moved by Ms. Shephard, seconded by Mr. Steeves, as follows:

WHEREAS children deserve the opportunity to grow in a loving, supportive, and stable household;

WHEREAS the current framework for protecting children favors parental privileges over the mental and physical safety of the child;

WHEREAS legislation approved by this Assembly five years ago would have the effect of helping to correct this imbalance with new kinship provisions, but has not been fully proclaimed into law;

WHEREAS there are also other measures that could be undertaken which would put the needs of children first, while supporting the decision-making authority of our dedicated social workers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to proclaim into law all sections of *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act* of March 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly urge the government to review the framework for child protection in order to ensure the needs of children are placed in priority over parental privileges.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 12 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS there are limited opportunities for interaction among those adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and in particular for the severely autistic;

WHEREAS adults with disabilities may have access to “at home” care but only depending on the family income levels and the health and longevity of the parents;

WHEREAS most often care services come from agencies who hire workers at a minimal wage, often without a significant level of training;

WHEREAS formal intensive interventions such as Applied Behavioural Analysis are only available to children 5 years of age and under, and are available in a less intensive manner to school aged children (to a maximum age of 21);

WHEREAS access to public services, even if it were for five hours a day during the week, would be welcomed by those families who have no limited access to options in their own home;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to consider opening up the current Centres for Autism to be used as a service delivery point, depending on their capacity, to provide programming for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder issues.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Horsman, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 21 be amended as follows:

That the second “whereas” clause be substituted with the following:

“WHEREAS adults with autism have access to all services available to adults with disabilities, which includes income assistance, housing, residential care options and support services;”

That the third “whereas” clause be deleted;

That the fourth “whereas” clause be amended as follows:

By deleting all the words after “Behavioural Analysis” and replacing with “have been made available to adults on the high end of the autism spectrum in a few specifically created residential settings”;

That the fifth “whereas” clause be amended as follows:

By deleting the words after “public services” and replacing with “is available to adults with disabilities, including autism, through the Disability Support Program”.

Madam Deputy 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.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 21 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there are limited opportunities for interaction among those adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and in particular for the severely autistic;

WHEREAS adults with autism have access to all services available to adults with disabilities, which includes income assistance, housing, residential care options and support services;

WHEREAS formal intensive interventions such as Applied Behavioural Analysis have been made available to adults on the high end of the autism spectrum in a few specifically created residential settings;

WHEREAS access to public services is available to adults with disabilities, including autism, through the Disability Support Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the government to consider opening up the current Centres for Autism to be used as a service delivery point, depending on their capacity, to provide programming for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder issues.

And the question being put, Motion 21 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS improving access to post-secondary education is good for individual students, for the economy and creating jobs, and for the overall betterment of our society;

WHEREAS the surprise announcement of a new funding program for post-secondary institutions has left New Brunswickers bewildered and confused, with many unanswered questions;

WHEREAS the potential negative impact of the proposed changes are enormous, especially clawing back important financial support programs that were benefiting thousands of students, graduates and their families;

WHEREAS the timing of the proposed changes, coming a few months before the start of the next school year, will leave many students and families scrambling to reassess their post-secondary dreams;

WHEREAS the Gallant Government has made the ability to attend private and extra-provincial institutions virtually impossible for low-income students - not only cutting off their freedom to choose but also the ability to enrol in study programs not offered in New Brunswick public institutions;

WHEREAS none of the proposed changes are the result of widespread consultation with the public, professors, students, or their families, nor has any evidence been produced to prove that the benefits will outweigh the heavy costs of eliminating existing programming and limiting access to a small number of schools;

WHEREAS the chaotic changes proposed by the government fail to address other outstanding issues such as teaching quality, matching training to the workforce, infrastructure deficits, financial accessibility for the middle class, or student retention;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the Gallant Government to post-pone the proposed student financial program changes for one year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government give strong consideration to including private entities, such as Crandall University and Oulton's College, on the list of eligible institutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government give strong consideration to creating a sliding scale for student eligibility instead of a hard cut-off point where the applicant receives all benefits or none.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Boudreau laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Strengthening New Brunswick's Democracy, Select Committee on Electoral Reform, Discussion Paper, July 2016*.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 67)

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 32, 41, 43, 17, 24 and 38 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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 New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council 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, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance 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, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 17 for third reading forthwith.

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The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, be now read a second time.

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 Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Private Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some 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, Private Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*, was read a second time.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 38 for third reading forthwith.

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The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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And then, 5.08 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2014, filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to subsection 20(7) of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i>	June 30, 2016
Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2015, filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to subsection 20(7) of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i>	June 30, 2016

Daily sitting 37

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker reminded Members that Statements by Members was not to be used to make personal attacks.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 68)

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Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to repair secondary roads and follow Auditor General recommendations relating to road maintenance. (Petition 69)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 64, *An Act to Amend the Referendum Act*.

By Ms. Shephard,

Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act*.

By Mr. Holder,

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Employment Development Act*.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, July 7, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 169, Bill 48 and 52.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 42 and 45 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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 New Brunswick Arts Board Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet requested the unanimous consent of the House that Bill 42 be considered in the Standing Committee on Economic Policy forthwith, and unanimous consent was denied.

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And then, 1.20 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 38

Thursday, July 7, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 70)

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

July 7, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on June 22, July 5 and 6, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;  
Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*;  
Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*;  
Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*;  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 172; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 172, Mr. Harvey moved, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 4 remaining hours for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 32, 41, and 43, and 1 remaining hour for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 17, 24, 31, 38, 40, and 42, and at the expiration of the said 4 hours and the said 1 hour, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, 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 committee 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 receive more than one reading or advance more than one stage in one day.

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 4 hours or 1 hour of debate, there shall be, if necessary, 20 remaining minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills.

THAT, if necessary, the time for the daily adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, July 8, 2016, prescribed by Special Order of the House adopted December 2, 2015, be extended until the expiration of the allocated times at all stages necessary for the passage of the said Bills and Royal Assent.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. LeBlanc, 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 172 was resolved in the affirmative.

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At 11.55 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*2.30 p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 169, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS there are persons living in New Brunswick who have a need for prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS there are residents of New Brunswick who must pay out of pocket for regular replacement and cleaning of their prosthetic eyes, thereby creating a significant financial burden;

WHEREAS not keeping up with regular replacement and cleaning can lead to serious medical issues, including hospitalization or even death;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick forces people who need prosthetic eyes to go on Social Assistance for financial assistance if they do not have medical insurance coverage;

WHEREAS not having prosthetic eyes can be detrimental on a person's mental health, and the government recently approved medical services on that basis;

WHEREAS the financial responsibility to the Province is minimal for providing assistance to these persons;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to give assistance to those who are in need of prosthetic eyes, but must pay for the associated costs out of pocket, by way of a co-pay system, similar to that adopted under the Medicare program in Nova Scotia.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 169 be amended as follows:

That the second “whereas” clause be amended by deleting the words “, thereby creating a significant financial burden”;

That the fourth, fifth and sixth “whereas” clauses be deleted;

That the resolution clause be amended by deleting all the words after “prosthetic eyes”.

Madam Deputy 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.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 169 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there are persons living in New Brunswick who have a need for prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS there are residents of New Brunswick who must pay out of pocket for regular replacement and cleaning of their prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS not keeping up with regular replacement and cleaning can lead to serious medical issues, including hospitalization or even death;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to give assistance to those who are in need of prosthetic eyes.

And the question being put, Motion 169 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

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

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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 2015  
New Brunswick Credit Union

July 6, 2016



Daily sitting 39

Friday, July 8, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Guitard requested the unanimous consent of the House to make a lengthy Member's Statement, and unanimous consent was denied.

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Ms. Dubé requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend Oral Questions by 15 minutes, and unanimous consent was denied.

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Hon. Ms. Landry laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Opportunities Summits, Summary Report, Jobs Board, July 2016*.

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 71)

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

July 8, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on July 7, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*;  
Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet requested leave of the House to move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 173)

WHEREAS the government party pledged to explore online voting and preferential balloting in its 2014 election platform;

WHEREAS other topics relating to electoral reform have been raised in this Assembly and the news media;

WHEREAS the government has prepared a discussion paper on these electoral reform options;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Electoral Reform that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations, informed by the discussion paper entitled “Strengthening New Brunswick’s Democracy” that was laid before the House on July 5, 2016, and reporting to the House 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 hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly assign or retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;

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 Mr. Bourque, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Chiasson, Hon. Mr. Boudreau, Mr. Coon and three members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by Friday, July 29, 2016;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 99, Mr. Bourque shall serve as Chair of the committee and Ms. LeBlanc shall serve as Vice-Chair of the committee, but should a vacancy occur in either position, the committee shall have the ability to elect a subsequent Chair or Vice-Chair;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the three names of members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by Friday, July 29, 2016, the committee is dissolved.

At 10.05 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.25 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Leave to dispense with Notice of Motion 173 was denied. Accordingly, notice was given for Thursday, July 14, 2016.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 174)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from December 15, 2015 to July 8, 2016, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 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.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House recess; following which further bills would be called for third reading and Royal Assent would take place.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 42 and 45 be called for third reading forthwith.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*.

Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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At 10.31 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.53 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

July 8, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met on July 8, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Presentation of Petitions.

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Mr. Bourque, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reopen route 525 as a trucking route and use portable weight units to control the weight of the trucks. (Petition 72)

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The Order being read for third reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Fitch, 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 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

And the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, was read a third time and passed.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed 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 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.  
Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*.  
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*.  
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.  
Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*.  
Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*.

Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*.

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 Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

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

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And then, 3.46 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55,  
57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

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Wednesday, November 2, 2016

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new Chaplain for the session, Father Shawn Daley, pastor of Paroisse Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas.

With leave of the House and pursuant to the terms of the resolution appointing the Select Committee on Climate Change (Motion 19), Mr. Harvey presented the Final Report of the Committee, which was filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and released on October 24, 2016, and it is as follows:

October 24, 2016

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the Final Report of the Select Committee on Climate Change entitled *New Brunswickers' Response to Climate Change*. Your Committee was given the task of engaging with New Brunswickers on the issue of climate change and reporting back to the Legislature with recommendations.

The report represents the results of your Committee's engagements and deliberations on what a stronger New Brunswick response to climate change should look like and what we may reasonably expect the government to achieve through our recommendations.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the presenters, government departments and members of the public, including First Nations, who appeared before the Committee and submitted written briefs. Everyone generously gave of their time to inform the Committee on this important issue and propose innovative and unique solutions for New Brunswick.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee for their valuable contribution in carrying out our mandate and to the various government officials and legislative staff who participated in the process and provided support to our work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.:) Andrew Harvey, M.L.A.  
Chair



The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

### Executive Summary

The Select Committee on Climate Change, an all-party Committee of the Legislative Assembly, was appointed by the House on April 8, 2016. The Committee was, by motion of the House, charged with conducting public consultations, informed by a climate change discussion guide, *Building a Stronger New Brunswick Response to Climate Change*, and reporting to the House with recommendations. The Committee was fortunate to hear from a wide diversity of New Brunswickers who shared their opinions about how New Brunswick should respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by climate change.

New Brunswick is already experiencing the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, extreme rainfall events, coastal and inland flooding, accelerated coastal erosion, heat waves, diseases, and some migration of invasive species. The scope and magnitude of the change and its impacts are expected to increase in the future.

Every single person and economic sector in New Brunswick will be affected by climate change. The collaborative and coordinated participation of the public and private sectors, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia, households, and First Nations, is essential if New Brunswick is going to address this challenge. No single entity can tackle the climate change challenge by itself.

Based on the Committee's public engagement efforts and subsequent deliberations, the Committee wishes to highlight the following recommendations under six themes:

1. **Responding to Climate Change: General Principles.** The province's collective response to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change must be guided by sound principles:

- *be bold*
- *incorporate climate change considerations into all decision-making*
- *recognize New Brunswick's unique circumstances and opportunities*
- *focus on the most efficient and effective actions*
- *ensure sustained action*
- *work together and share the responsibility*

2. **Government Leadership.** Government must take a strong leadership role in addressing the challenges and opportunities of climate change. Example actions include:
  - *establishing a committee of Cabinet dedicated to climate change*
  - *introducing a Climate Change Act*
  - *requiring climate change consideration in all Memorandums to the Executive Council*
  - *including climate change consideration in the mandate letters to all Ministers and Crown corporations*
  - *developing energy management plans for all government departments*
  - *enhancing the role of the Climate Change Secretariat*
  - *establishing a multi-stakeholder climate advisory council*
  - *developing a communications strategy to educate New Brunswickers about the causes of climate change*
  - *including capacity building (human, knowledge and financial) as a component of all actions*
  - *investing in the training of workers in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy*
  - *measuring and reporting on New Brunswick's climate actions*
3. **Economic Opportunities.** The government's response to climate change offers economic opportunities. Example actions include:
  - *creating the conditions for growth and job creation in the areas of clean technology, products and services*
  - *enabling greater private investments in community economic development corporations*
  - *reducing energy costs and re-investing the savings into the economy*
4. **Adaptation: Responding to the Impacts and Risks of Climate Change.** Climate change adaptation is about making informed, forward-looking decisions considering future climate conditions. Government must take immediate action to adapt to climate change. Example actions include:
  - *acquiring up-to-date climate information*
  - *strengthening research capabilities into the impacts of climate change*
  - *ensuring that the impacts of climate change and extreme weather are considered in all infrastructure decisions*
  - *requiring completed climate change adaptation plans to access infrastructure funding*
  - *promoting and utilizing natural infrastructure*
  - *implementing statements of provincial interest related to climate change under the Community Planning Act*

- *incorporating climate change knowledge into all forest management plans*
  - *encouraging agricultural practices that promote soil health and reduce soil erosion*
  - *partnering with the insurance industry to make flood insurance available to high risk homeowners*
  - *updating and implementing New Brunswick's Flood Risk Reduction Strategy (2014)*
5. **Mitigation: Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy.** An aggressive, integrated approach to GHG emissions reduction is required if New Brunswick is to do its part to meet climate change obligations and maintain economic competitiveness. Government must take action to reduce GHG emissions. Example actions include:
- *establishing clear GHG emissions reduction targets of 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80 per cent below 2001 levels by 2050*
  - *phasing out fossil fuels used in electricity generation by 2030*
  - *developing energy efficiency targets for all government owned and funded facilities*
  - *establishing a permanent, independent provincial agency with a mandate for energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy*
  - *increasing the target for in-province electricity sales from renewable sources to 60 per cent by 2030*
  - *setting a target of 5,000 electric vehicles in New Brunswick by 2020 and 20,000 by 2030*
  - *electrifying the government vehicle fleet*
  - *focusing on industrial energy efficiency*
  - *exploring opportunities for carbon offset markets*
  - *establishing a made in New Brunswick carbon pricing mechanism after specific conditions are met*
6. **Funding for Climate Change Initiatives.** Government must ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives are adequately supported. Example actions include:
- *establishing a dedicated climate change fund*
  - *ensuring all revenue, including any revenue derived from carbon pricing, is placed in the fund and invested back to consumers and economic sectors*
  - *reporting annually and being transparent on expenditures and performance of the fund*
  - *allowing for multi-year funding for climate-related initiatives*

The imagination, determination and range of knowledge of those who presented, along with the work that communities, individuals and governments have already undertaken are reasons for optimism in the face of the broad scope of required actions. New Brunswickers are eager to build on the progress to date. Based on the diversity of ideas that were presented, there is a role and a place for everyone as New Brunswick moves forward to address climate change and put the province on a pathway to a low-carbon economy that creates jobs and sustains families and communities.

## Introduction

### The Context for New Brunswick's Response

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the world's foremost authority, has stated that an increase in global temperatures of more than 2.0 degrees Celsius will result in significant, irreversible impacts. The current level of GHG emissions is expected to push global temperatures over this 2.0 degrees Celsius threshold before the end of this century. The panel has also determined that it is "extremely likely" that human activity is responsible for the warming that has already taken place since the mid-20th century. New Brunswick is already experiencing climate change; the scope and magnitude of the change are expected to increase in the future.

The global transition set in motion by the 2015 *Paris Agreement* under the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, its subsequent ratification by Canada, and the *Vancouver Declaration on Clean Growth and Climate Change*, includes many opportunities for New Brunswick to be more efficient and competitive; to open new business opportunities; and to build more resilience and diversity into our economy. Responses to climate change in the areas of GHG emissions reduction and climate change adaptation have resulted in real economic benefits in other jurisdictions. These responses can also offer the potential for long term job creation in the province and can provide a stimulus for investment in innovation and business development.

Industry, transportation, and electricity generation are the three dominant contributors to provincial GHG emissions.

Although New Brunswick's GHG emissions have declined in recent years, they are not predicted to decline in the future under the status quo. This, along with the GHG reduction targets adopted by the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers and the provincial government, means that substantial additional GHG reduction measures will be required to meet New Brunswick's targets of:

- 10 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020;
- 35 to 45 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030; and
- 75 to 85 per cent below 2001 levels by 2050.

Investments aimed at energy efficiency and cleaner energy alternatives are especially important in light of New Brunswick's energy-intensive industries and the growing importance of less carbon-intense products in our export markets. Timely investments in adaptation will also help to maintain and enhance New Brunswick's economic competitiveness, the well-being of residents, and the resilience of communities. Many of our provincial and territorial counterparts have already taken significant steps in GHG reduction and climate change adaptation.

An ambitious, integrated approach to GHG emissions reduction is required if New Brunswick is to do its part to meet its climate change obligations and maintain economic competitiveness. As part of this approach, collaboration with partners will continue to be a cornerstone and is particularly important for a small province such as New Brunswick.

Additional information outlining the global, national, and provincial context for New Brunswick's responses to climate change can be found in the discussion guide entitled *Building a Stronger New Brunswick Response to Climate Change*.

#### **Climate Change Impacts in New Brunswick**

World-wide, the rate of warming has accelerated over the past 45 years. In Canada, the mean temperature has increased by 1.6 degrees Celsius (twice the global rate) and by 2.2 degrees Celsius in the Arctic (3 times the global rate).

Climate change is already evident in New Brunswick in the form of increased temperatures, more intense precipitation, and higher sea levels. In general, New Brunswickers can expect the future to be warmer, wetter, and stormier. Fluctuations in the timing of precipitation may also result in periods of drought. Sea levels are expected to rise by more than one metre by 2100. There is an elevated risk of a variety of adverse effects including health concerns, pests and invasive species, impacts on water quality and quantity, coastal and inland flooding and erosion, extreme winds, and icing of trees and power lines.

Community infrastructure, such as storm sewers, sewage treatment facilities, and water supplies, is particularly vulnerable. Climate change impacts can also contribute to road, bridge, port, rail, and airport disruptions, and increased costs for infrastructure repair and maintenance.

These disruptions in productivity, critical trade infrastructure, electricity generation, and supply chains would have far-reaching consequences for many economic sectors, services to consumers, and businesses. Tourism and recreation activities that are weather-dependent are particularly sensitive to climate change.

Climate change represents a threat to physical and mental health and a challenge to the health system. Natural disasters have a negative impact on public health and can reduce individual and community resilience. Often there is a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable members of society.

New Brunswick's resource-based economy is also vulnerable. Climate change is creating risks as well as operational and sustainability challenges for forestry, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture production, while providing some additional opportunities, such as an expanded growing season and new crop species.

New Brunswick's ecosystems are being impacted. The speed of climate change is of particular concern as it will likely unfold more rapidly than many species can adapt.

Climate change will impact the natural environment upon which First Nations communities depend. There will be changes to wildlife and plant species, traditional medicines, and waterways. This will result in significant impacts on the culture and way of life for many First Nations communities.

### **Mandate of the Committee**

On April 8, 2016, the Legislature appointed a Select Committee on Climate Change. The all-party Committee is responsible for engaging with New Brunswickers on the issue of climate change and reporting to the Legislature with recommendations. The text of the motion to establish the Select Committee on Climate Change is contained in Appendix A.

### **Public Engagement**

#### **Engagement Process**

All New Brunswickers were encouraged to assist the Committee in its work by sharing their ideas and opinions on the topic of climate change. On May 25, 2016, the Minister of Environment and Local Government tabled a discussion guide entitled *Building a Stronger New Brunswick Response to Climate Change* in support of public engagement.

To help ensure that as many people as possible were able to make their views known, the Committee issued a public invitation to participate in public hearings and submit a written brief to the Committee. Between August 26 and September 13, 2016, public hearings took place in all regions of the province: Perth-Andover, Edmundston, Atholville, Shippagan, Moncton, Sackville, Saint John and Fredericton, and with First Nations communities in Elsipogtog and Tobique First Nations and the Mi'gmawé'l Tplu'taqnn Inc. (MTI). During the months of July and August, the Committee also received briefings from notable experts and government departments.

All told, over 150 presenters took the time to appear before the Committee and many more attended the public hearings. In addition, the Committee received over 40 written submissions from interested New Brunswickers (Appendix B).

#### **New Brunswickers' Ideas about Responding to Climate Change**

Committee members are grateful for the sincere and knowledgeable presentations and submissions received. New Brunswickers are passionate about their province and committed to its continued success. Many respondents provided the Committee with references that contained a wealth of information. All information received was carefully reviewed and considered in the preparation of this report.

The vast majority of presenters acknowledged the predominant scientific opinion that climate change is real and human-caused, although a few presenters questioned the validity of climate change and the assertion that it is caused by humans. The Committee heard that there is general consensus about the urgency of responding to climate change and that there are many ideas about how best to proceed.

The necessary responses to climate change touch all sectors of New Brunswick's society and economy, including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture, electricity generation, energy use, transportation, land-use planning, education, and health care. No single region, sector, government department, organization, or community can tackle the climate change challenge by themselves; collaborative and coordinated action is essential. The ideas, skills, and energies required to adequately respond to climate change are scattered throughout the province and arranged in a variety of formal and informal networks. This is an organizational challenge but it also represents an advantage: no one need shoulder the burden alone.

A detailed summary of the themes, key messages, and suggestions received by the Committee during public engagement is contained in Appendix C.

### Recommendations of the Committee

The recommendations of the Committee are outlined in the following section of the report and are grouped under six themes which emerged from the Committee's public engagement efforts and subsequent deliberations.

1. Responding to Climate Change: General Principles
2. Government Leadership
3. Economic Opportunities
4. Adaptation: Responding to the Impacts and Risks of Climate Change
5. Mitigation: Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy
6. Funding for Climate Change Initiatives

#### Responding to Climate Change: General Principles

Considering the messages received during public engagement, the Committee recommends that government:

1. Use the following principles to guide New Brunswick's climate actions and the province's collective response to reducing GHG emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change:
  - a. **Be bold.** Responding to climate change will require a number of simultaneous actions, some of which will be unprecedented in scale and scope.
  - b. **Incorporate climate change considerations into all decision-making.** Climate change considerations should be integrated into decision-making across all levels of government, communities, households, and businesses using the best available scientific and socio-economic data, validated and augmented by local and traditional knowledge.
  - c. **Recognize New Brunswick's unique circumstances and opportunities.** The unique economic, social, and geographical conditions in New Brunswick must be taken into consideration when designing and implementing actions to maximize health, social, ecological, and economic benefits.
  - d. **Focus on the most efficient and effective actions.** Seek maximum value for the efforts expended and undertake initiatives that will be the most efficient, effective and have the greatest impact on GHG emissions and climate change adaptation. There is a need to direct resources to both adaptation (preparing for effects of climate change) and mitigation (reducing GHG emissions).



- e. **Ensure sustained action.** A climate change action plan is not the final goal. Responding to climate change requires sustained action and the ongoing availability of human and financial resources. Responding to climate change is a long-term commitment.
- f. **Work together and share the responsibility.** Continued collaboration, engagement, cost-sharing, and information-sharing are needed both in developing and implementing actions; it is a shared responsibility. Governments, the private sector, households, NGOs, academia, and First Nations all have a key role to play.

### **Government Leadership**

The response to climate change is a shared responsibility involving all New Brunswickers. Government must take a strong leadership role in addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by a changing climate.

The Committee heard that the objectives of reducing GHG emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change will be more achievable when all New Brunswickers are aware of the serious nature of the issues and know how they can participate in response. Capacity building refers to growing the strengths, skills, knowledge, competencies, and abilities of New Brunswickers to respond to climate change. Capacity, including human, knowledge and financial, was identified as a key component to being able to respond to the opportunities and challenges posed by climate change.

Measuring, reporting, and verification are important elements of an effective response to climate change and are vital to assessing progress. Transparent reporting will also enable government and all New Brunswickers to track the effectiveness of GHG reduction initiatives, measure progress in adapting to climate change, and make any adjustments necessary to achieve provincial targets and goals.

The Committee offers recommendations under each of the following categories to support the theme of government leadership.

### **Role of Government in Leading Change**

To ensure proper accountability for the implementation of New Brunswick's climate actions, the Committee recommends that government:

- 2. Establish a committee of Cabinet dedicated solely to the issue of climate change, chaired by the Premier, to oversee the implementation of New Brunswick's climate actions.
- 3. Introduce an overarching Climate Change Act that:
  - a. Establishes specific GHG emission targets;

- b. Requires climate implications (adaptation and mitigation) to be considered in all government-funded and government-approved projects and decision-making; and
  - c. Ensures mechanisms are in place to implement New Brunswick's climate actions.
- 4. Require climate change, both GHG emissions and climate change adaptation, to be considered during the development of all Memorandums to the Executive Council.
- 5. Include in the mandate letters to all Ministers and Crown corporations the requirement to:
  - a. Consider climate change in all decision-making;
  - b. Establish specific GHG reduction targets for the department or corporation; and
  - c. Assume responsibility for GHG reduction and climate change adaptation for specific economic sectors related to the department or corporation.
- 6. Lead by example on climate change through actions and decisions by developing the most effective and efficient tools (policy, legislation, incentives, disincentives, financing) to address climate change.
- 7. Establish low-carbon footprint requirements for all government and Crown corporation procurement to assist in meeting emissions targets (i.e. purchase products produced with the lowest possible GHG emissions).
- 8. Develop energy management plans for all government departments.
- 9. Ensure the Climate Change Secretariat has the power, authority, and resources to:
  - a. Coordinate, measure and report on GHG reductions, adaptation achievements and implementation progress, in cooperation with other government departments and Crown corporations, directly to the Cabinet Committee;
  - b. Establish a multi-stakeholder climate advisory council as part of a new robust engagement model, including input on priorities for a climate fund;
  - c. Manage the continued engagement with provincial partners including municipalities, First Nations, academia, private sector, and NGOs, and federal, provincial, territorial, and international jurisdictions on climate change matters;
  - d. Coordinate the gathering and dissemination of information relating to climate change;
  - e. Facilitate innovation and research, and demonstrate what is possible through best practices related to climate change; and
  - f. Lead the development of public awareness and education programs on climate change.

**Building Awareness**

To support and build awareness around climate change, the Committee recommends that government:

10. Develop a bold and comprehensive communications strategy to educate New Brunswickers about the causes of climate change, including the linkage between human activity and climate change, and identify opportunities for all New Brunswickers to participate in solutions. Include partners to enable similar efforts and messages to be delivered outside of government.
11. Develop a central repository for different types of climate information. The information should be easy to access, understand, and interpret. An outreach strategy is needed to ensure that partners are aware of the information and its value.
12. Incorporate climate change into the education curriculum for all grades, including experiential learning and connecting students with climate change initiatives in their local communities.

**Building Capacity**

To continue to build the capacity needed to respond to climate change in New Brunswick, the Committee recommends that government:

13. Include capacity building (human, knowledge, and financial) as a fundamental component of all actions.
14. Support and strategically invest in research at New Brunswick universities and colleges.
15. Invest in training of workers, particularly in the trades, to create a new workforce oriented to energy efficiency, energy management, and renewable energy.
16. Strengthen linkages between researchers, NGOs, local communities, and First Nations, to create partnerships and increase local capacity.

**Measuring and Reporting**

To support a robust framework for measuring and reporting on New Brunswick's climate actions, the Committee recommends that government:

17. Establish and publicize the baseline conditions against which initiatives will be measured. Actions must be measurable and include clear timelines and responsibilities. Focus on quantifiable indicators.
18. Develop performance indicators to demonstrate improvements in adaptation over time.
19. Report annually to the Legislative Assembly on progress towards responding to climate change.

**Economic Opportunities**

The Committee heard that responses to climate change offer the potential for job creation in the province and can provide a stimulus for investment in innovation and business development.

To support and promote the economic and job creation opportunities associated with climate change, the Committee recommends that government:

20. Create the conditions for growth and job creation in the areas of clean technology, products and services related to climate change in all sectors such as housing, agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, energy efficiency, renewable energy, information technology, and transportation.
21. Enable greater private investments in community economic development corporations that are supporting climate change initiatives.
22. Recognize the large financial opportunities that exist through reducing energy costs and the potential for reinvesting the savings into New Brunswick's economy.

**Adaptation: Responding to the Impacts and Risks of Climate Change**

The Committee heard that climate change is already evident in New Brunswick in the form of increased temperatures, more intense precipitation, and higher sea levels. Even with significant reductions in GHGs, the impacts of climate change will continue to be felt by New Brunswickers for decades into the future.

Climate resilience is the ability to survive and flourish in the face of a changing climate. Climate change adaptation is a key means to achieving climate resilience, and is about making informed forward-looking decisions considering future climate conditions.

Acquiring up-to-date climate information to inform decision-making and implementing effective adaptation measures will save lives, minimize damages, and lower costs over the long term for individuals, businesses, organizations, and governments. Taking immediate action to adapt to climate change will help ensure communities; infrastructures; the health care system; natural resource, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture sectors; and natural systems function into the future.

The Committee offers recommendations under each of the following categories to support the theme of adaptation.

**Acquiring Climate Information and Supporting Research**

To ensure New Brunswick has access to the best available climate information and research the Committee recommends that government:

23. Acquire the most up-to-date predictive climate change information for all parts of the province and ensure the modeling capacity exists to support decision-making, including planning.
24. Strengthen research capabilities into the impacts of climate change by identifying research priorities and encouraging greater collaboration and sharing of information across partners (e.g., academic institutions, other jurisdictions, federal government, NGOs).

**Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure**

To ensure that infrastructure in New Brunswick is adapted to future climate conditions, the Committee recommends that government:

25. Promote and utilize natural infrastructure (e.g., forests, wetlands, salt marshes, floodplains) as an important tool to buffer against climate change impacts.
26. Ensure that the impacts of climate change and extreme weather are considered in all infrastructure decisions and the lifecycle assessment of all infrastructure projects (design, construction, operation, and maintenance).

**Supporting Community Adaptation Planning**

To promote climate resilient communities in New Brunswick, the Committee recommends that government:

27. Ensure NGOs and local community partners are supported so they can continue to guide communities through the adaptation planning process.
28. Make the preparation and implementation of climate change adaptation plans mandatory for local and municipal governments that apply for provincial infrastructure funding. Develop guidelines for identifying vulnerabilities and creating adaptation plans.
29. Conduct climate change adaptation planning at a regional scale and empower regional service commissions to coordinate this exercise.
30. Amend the *Community Planning Act* and *Municipalities Act* to respond to the needs of local governments and their priorities for adaptation.
31. Implement statements of provincial interest under the *Community Planning Act* to establish province-wide standards and requirements for responding to climate change at the community level. Allow communities to exceed these standards if they choose.

**Adapting Forest Management**

To ensure forest management practices are adapted to future climate conditions, the Committee recommends that government:

32. Incorporate climate change knowledge into Crown land operating plans and all forest management plans to promote diversity in age, species composition, and genetic diversity to increase resilience.
33. Modify silvicultural investments to promote techniques that lead to greater forest resilience.
34. Plan forest activities on a watershed basis to manage peak flow events associated with extreme precipitation.

**Adapting Agriculture**

To help build a resilient agricultural sector and ensure practices are adapted to future climate conditions, the Committee recommends that government:

35. Support research into the impacts of climate change on agriculture and examine new crop and market opportunities as a result of changing growing conditions.
36. Encourage future federal-provincial-territorial funding agreements (e.g. Growing Forward) to include a stronger focus on climate change.
37. Encourage agricultural practices that promote soil health and reduce vulnerability to soil erosion.
38. Establish a program to assist with riparian buffer restoration in agricultural areas, recognizing that riparian buffers between agricultural activities and watercourses are important to address erosion and runoff from extreme weather events.

**Adapting Fisheries**

To promote a fishery that is adapted to climate change and ready to respond to new opportunities, the Committee recommends that government:

39. Urge the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to:
  - a. Ensure that sufficient refuge harbours and wharves exist for protection from storm events;
  - b. Adjust the timing of fishing seasons in response to changing marine conditions; and
  - c. Move more quickly to take advantage of new fisheries that may appear in New Brunswick waters.

**Adapting Ecosystems**

To increase the stability and resilience of natural and human systems, the Committee recommends that government:

40. Recognize the importance of ecosystems (e.g., wetlands, forests, soil, dunes, coastal salt marshes) in buffering the impacts of climate change, and integrate ecosystem services (e.g., temperature control, maintaining air quality, erosion control, water quality improvement, flood reduction) into land-use planning.
41. Identify and focus on the most climate-vulnerable species, habitats, and landscapes as targets for adaptation action and manage for landscape connectivity to allow for species migration.

**Reducing Climate-Related Hazards and Risks**

To ensure the continued safety of New Brunswickers and shift from reactive to proactive emergency management planning, the Committee recommends that government:

42. Ensure provincial disaster financial assistance programs and insurance products are responsive to climate change.
43. Work in partnership with the insurance industry to make flood insurance available to high-risk homeowners and promote awareness of available products.
44. Consider future climate conditions when making decisions about replacing or repairing infrastructure following disasters (“build back better” or relocate).
45. Update and implement *New Brunswick’s Flood Risk Reduction Strategy* (2014) to more prominently consider climate change, including:
  - a. Ensuring that new infrastructure is not located in hazard areas; and
  - b. Empowering and educating homeowners about ways to reduce the risk to existing infrastructure located in hazard areas and enhance awareness of the numerous publications and tools already available.

**Adapting to the Health Impacts of Climate Change**

To ensure the continued health and well-being of New Brunswickers in a changing climate, the Committee recommends that government:

46. Support ongoing research into climate-related health risks, including drinking water quality and quantity, increased risk of heat-related incidents, psychological and physiological impacts of extreme weather events, and the potential spread of vector-borne diseases.

**Mitigation: Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy**

Canada is responsible for approximately 1.6 per cent of global GHG emissions and is the ninth largest emitter among all nations. New Brunswick is responsible for approximately 3 per cent of Canada's emissions and 0.03 per cent of global emissions. It is the nation's third largest emitter on a per capita basis after Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Committee heard that while the amount of New Brunswick's emissions is small on the global scale, most presenters were in general agreement that the province should do its part to meet Canada's national emissions reduction targets and its regional commitments. The majority supported the transition to a low-carbon economy with the goal of reducing fossil fuel consumption.

An ambitious, integrated approach to GHG emissions reduction is required if New Brunswick is to do its part to meet its climate change obligations and maintain economic competitiveness. Energy efficiency, renewable energy, emissions reduction in transportation and industrial processes, carbon sequestration, land-use planning, and carbon pricing were all identified as tools to assist in reducing New Brunswick's GHG emissions.

There are two basic approaches to carbon pricing:

- A carbon levy (carbon tax) establishes a dollar amount that is charged per unit of GHG emissions. It is usually calculated according to the carbon content of the fossil fuel that is consumed to obtain energy. The carbon price is known in advance so industries and consumers can budget for the cost of their emissions and plan their energy use accordingly. It is not possible, however, to know in advance the size of the resultant reduction in GHG emissions.
- Under an emissions trading scheme (cap-and-trade system or carbon market), the government sets a cap (limit) on the amount of GHGs that can be emitted by a particular sector (e.g., oil and gas, pulp and paper, electricity generation). Emission allowances (also known as quotas, permits, or credits) are sold or given to individual companies by the government. Emission allowances can be traded (bought and sold). There is certainty as to the level of GHG reductions that will be achieved but the cost companies will have to pay to emit GHGs is not known in advance.

The Committee heard that a carbon levy/tax is generally less complex and easier to administer than a cap-and-trade system and that carbon pricing can be designed to achieve different objectives. By tailoring specific features within a carbon pricing scheme or combining features of both, various objectives can be optimized but there are always trade-offs.



The Committee offers recommendations under each of the following categories to support the theme of mitigation.

**GHG Reduction Targets**

The Committee acknowledges the GHG reduction target for 2020 of 10 per cent below 1990 levels. To achieve additional GHG emissions reduction, the Committee recommends that government:

47. Establish specific GHG emission targets for 2030 and 2050 that fall within the target range of previously adopted regional targets:
  - a. 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030; and
  - b. 80 per cent below 2001 levels by 2050.
48. Phase out fossil fuels used in electricity generation by 2030 and replace with renewable energy and energy efficiency; social and economic impacts must be considered.

**Energy Efficiency**

To implement robust actions on energy efficiency in support of GHG emissions reduction targets, the Committee recommends that government:

49. Set ambitious, measurable, short, medium, and long-term targets for energy efficiency for all sectors.
50. Develop energy efficiency targets for all government-owned and funded facilities.
51. Adopt the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings and National Building Code within a year of their release nationally and invest in training of inspectors to ensure adequate enforcement. Implement the necessary legislation to allow this to occur.
52. Require energy labeling for all new building construction, both residential and commercial.
53. Urge the federal government to:
  - a. Improve energy efficiency through revisions to the building standards for First Nations housing; and
  - b. Ensure that energy efficiency is included as a component of social housing agreements.
54. Explore the potential for the Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in New Brunswick as a means of financing for private property owners to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements.

55. Establish a permanent, independent provincial agency with a mandate for energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy across all sectors (industrial, commercial, residential, and transportation) and all fuel types. The mandate of the agency should include:
- a. Clear performance-based targets for program delivery, subject to performance audits;
  - b. Sustained funding, including financial incentives and financing mechanisms, to support enhanced and progressive long-term programs;
  - c. Expanded capacity and programs to support low-income New Brunswickers;
  - d. Active promotion and recruitment of participants to enhance program uptake; and
  - e. Training for building contractors through partnerships with the New Brunswick Home Builders' Association and other stakeholders.

### **Renewable Energy**

To increase renewable energy production in New Brunswick in support of GHG emissions reduction targets, the Committee recommends that government:

56. Increase the target for in-province electricity sales from renewable sources to 60 per cent by 2030.
57. Show leadership by using renewable energy to heat and power government buildings.
58. Investigate and remove existing barriers to the greater implementation of renewable power generation, distributed energy generation, and net metering.
59. Support the uptake of increased renewables for both electricity generation and residential/business heating in New Brunswick, through financial incentives, policy, and legislation.
60. Expand the small-scale community renewable energy program.
61. Work with the federal government to address the barriers to using registered retirement savings plan investments to support community economic development corporations with their renewable energy projects.
62. Mandate NB Power to:
  - a. Reduce fossil fuel use in electricity generation by increasing electricity generation from renewable sources;
  - b. Accelerate the implementation of the Smart Grid initiative to increase the penetration of renewables into the market; and
  - c. Expand net metering and make the development of distributed energy generation a high priority.

**Transportation Emissions**

To achieve GHG emissions reduction in the transportation sector, the Committee recommends that government:

63. Set a target of 5,000 electric vehicles on the road in New Brunswick by 2020 and 20,000 by 2030. To achieve this target:
  - a. Implement the required incentives, regulations, and policies; and
  - b. Develop the required charging infrastructure to support electric vehicle targets, including rapid charging stations.
64. Lead by example by electrifying the government vehicle fleet.
65. Develop a specific program for the electrification of taxis and local delivery vehicles.
66. Work with the freight and trucking industry to increase fuel efficiency in commercial trucking and pilot the use of alternative fuels such as propane, natural gas, and bio-diesel.
67. Institute public transportation planning at the regional level to allow for route integration and improvements in access.
68. Work with communities to improve public transport ridership and alternative forms of transportation, such as carpooling, cycling, and walking.

**Industrial Emissions**

To achieve industrial GHG emissions reduction, the Committee recommends that government:

69. Create and enforce stringent GHG emissions reduction regulations under the *Clean Air Act*.
70. Mandate the development of energy management plans as a condition of the Approval to Operate, pursuant to the Air Quality Regulation of the New Brunswick *Clean Air Act*.
71. Provide incentives and programs to support initial implementation of industrial energy efficiency. Programs should include a performance-based approach, a focus on energy management information systems, and training and capacity building.

**Agricultural Emissions**

To achieve agricultural GHG emissions reduction, the Committee recommends that government:

72. Link financial incentives for agriculture to the development of farm-management plans that include methane and fertilizer management.

**Carbon Sequestration**

To support an increase in carbon sequestration in New Brunswick as a means to mitigate GHG emissions, the Committee recommends that government:

73. Explore the opportunity for participation in carbon offset markets (voluntary and regulated), for large and small industry, as a means to capture GHG emissions and generate revenue and economic opportunities for New Brunswickers.
74. Direct revenue generated from carbon sequestration on Crown land to a climate change fund.
75. Encourage and support forest and agriculture practices that are known to increase carbon sequestration and conduct research into the most effective silviculture and agricultural practices for increasing carbon sequestration.
76. Incorporate the use of materials that have sequestered carbon or were produced with low carbon emissions into building specifications and requirements.

**Planning for Climate Change**

To help promote smart growth principles and planning that incorporate GHG emissions reduction, the Committee recommends that government:

77. Adopt community and regional land-use planning requirements that address ways to shape land-use to incorporate energy efficiency, energy conservation, carbon sequestration, and reduce emissions.
78. Provide incentives to promote smart growth (natural infrastructure, green buildings, and low impact developments) and sustainable community design.
79. Incorporate GHG emissions reduction considerations into lifecycle assessments of all infrastructure projects.
80. Amend the *Community Planning Act* and *Municipalities Act* to respond to the needs of local governments and their priorities for mitigation.

**Carbon Pricing**

There was general, but not unanimous, support for some form of carbon pricing to drive emissions reduction and generate revenue to fund other responses to climate change. More engagement and analysis is required before a carbon pricing mechanism is established.

The Committee recommends that government:

81. Develop a made-in-New Brunswick carbon pricing mechanism, as opposed to having one imposed on New Brunswickers by the federal government, that is conditional on:

- a. Directing all revenue from carbon pricing to a dedicated climate change fund, not general revenue;
- b. Undertaking a detailed analysis of the social, financial, economic, and environmental impacts of the various carbon pricing mechanisms and revenue investment options. The analysis should be made public and consider the:
  - i. Potential impacts on consumers and businesses (including capacity to pay) and industry (including trade-exposed, energy-intensive New Brunswick industries);
  - ii. Cost of administering any carbon pricing mechanism; and
  - iii. Impact on GHG emissions reduction.
- c. Protecting low-income New Brunswickers;
- d. Including all economic sectors;
- e. Considering the approach taken by neighboring jurisdictions;
- f. Developing the mechanism with the engagement of all concerned interests; and
- g. Ensuring the carbon-pricing mechanism is outlined in legislation and receives public consultation through a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

#### **Funding for Climate Change Initiatives**

The Committee heard that dedicated funding for climate change initiatives is essential to ensure sustained, ambitious, and collaborative action.

To ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives are adequately supported, the Committee recommends that government:

82. Establish and administer a climate change fund that will:

- a. Ensure revenue derived from carbon pricing is invested back to consumers and economic sectors with the majority of the revenue dedicated to GHG emissions reduction (energy conservation and efficiency, and renewables) and the remaining balance to climate change adaptation;
- b. Be completely transparent regarding who is paying and how the revenue is spent;
- c. Ensure expenditures are done in accordance with government's climate action priorities;
- d. Involve a multi-stakeholder climate advisory council to provide input on funding priorities; and
- e. Consider all existing provincial and federal funds and opportunities to align or incorporate within the climate change fund and better utilize and leverage the revenue from these funds to meet government's climate action priorities.

83. Report annually on expenditures and performance of the climate change fund to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts.
84. Make provisions for multi-year funding for climate-related initiatives.
85. Reinvest government energy management savings back into departmental actions to address climate change.

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

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

*Premier Gallant, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the time has come to prorogue the second session of this fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly. Over the course of this past session, you have accomplished a great deal - work of importance to this province, to our communities, and to individual New Brunswickers. Thanks to you, our province is better able to rise to challenges and make the most of fresh opportunities in order to ensure a better future.*

*I want to offer my personal thanks to each one of you for your dedication to public life and public service, for your commitment to this House, and for what you represent to the people who put you here. I encourage you to continue your diligent efforts on behalf of the people of New Brunswick during the coming session, which will commence this afternoon. I want to encourage you to follow parliamentary conventions and traditions, and I challenge you to embody the respect and dignity this historic Chamber deserves. You are here, because people have faith in you. I also believe in you - and our legislative process. New Brunswick needs you - all of you - your leadership, your consensus, your cooperation, your vision.*

*These difficult times require your strength of character, your conviction, your passion, and your inspiration. Your role is not an easy one. But you are here for the good of this province. Never forget that we are one New Brunswick. We are officially bilingual. We are proudly multicultural. We are one New Brunswick.*

*Now, with the completion of the business of the Second Session of this Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly, it is my privilege, my responsibility to issue the command of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada and Queen of New Brunswick, that this Legislature stand prorogued. May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick. Thank you.*

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

*It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.*

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The House prorogued at 11.17 a.m.

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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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2015-2016 Ambulance New Brunswick	October 24, 2016
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Strategic Program Review, Review of the Officers of the Legislative Assembly; and Executive Summary	July 28, 2016
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