

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Second Session, 58<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

# ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 12 Friday, December 18, 2015

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# **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**

#### **GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

# Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 15, Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act - Hon. Mr. Gallant Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Horsman

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act - Hon. Mr. Boudreau

Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act - Hon. Mr. Melanson

#### **BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT**

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Service New Brunswick Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Assessment Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act - Hon, Mr. Horsman

Bill 7, An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans - Hon. Mr. Horsman

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act - Hon. Mr. Doucet

# **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

Capital Estimates, 2016-2017 Supplementary Estimates, 2014-2015, Volume I

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

**Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Melanson**, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, February 2, 2016:

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

#### CONCLUDED

Motion 5 by Hon. Mr. Fraser. Carried December 2, 2015.

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Melanson. Debated and carried December 17, 2015.

#### **GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### CONCLUDED

Motion 7 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc. Debated and carried December 15, 2015.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 5, Green Jobs Act - Mr. Coon

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

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

Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Procurement Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 14, Public Participation Act - Mr. Coon

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### Debatable Motions

**Motion 4 by Ms. Dubé**, seconded by Ms. Wilson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 2015:

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.

# [Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

**Motion 6 by Mr. Stewart**, seconded by Ms. Lynch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 2015:

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.

#### CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Steeves. Debated and defeated December 10, 2015. Motion 2 by Mr. Higgs. Debated and defeated December 17, 2015. Motion 3 by Mr. Urguhart. Debated and defeated December 17, 2015.

#### **PETITIONS**

Petition 1: Mr. Wetmore, December 8, 2015.

Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Horsman, December 9, 2015.

Petition 3: Ms. Shephard, December 10, 2015. (Response, December 17, 2015)

Petition 4: Ms. Shephard, December 15, 2015.

Petition 5: Mr. Coon, December 15, 2015.

Petition 6: Ms. Shephard, December 16, 2015.

Petition 7: Ms. Shephard, December 17, 2015.

Petition 8: Mr. Coon, December 17, 2015.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Standing Committee on Economic Policy

First Report, December 16, 2015

# **REPORTS/DOCUMENTS**

#### Tabled in the House

Capital Estimates, 2016-2017

(Transmitted by Message of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and Tabled by Hon. Mr. Melanson December 17, 2015)

Supplementary Estimates, 2014-2015, Volume I

(Transmitted by Message of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and Tabled by Hon. Mr. Melanson December 17, 2015)

Capital Estimates 2016-2017, Hon. Roger Melanson, Minister of Finance, Province of New Brunswick

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Melanson December 17, 2015)

Donald J. Forestell Clerk of the Legislative Assembly