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Thursday, April 27, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition accused the Premier of making a “fraudulent statement”. Mr. Speaker advised that the reference was to a “fraudulent exercise” and it was not clear who the reference was in relation to, and therefore ruled the point not well taken.

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)

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

April 27, 2017

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 eighth report.

Your Committee met on April 26, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

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

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.

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:

April 27, 2017

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 21, 22, 23, 24, and 28, March 1, 2, 3, 15, and 17, April 12, 25 and 26, 2017, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 17, 2017.

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, 2017-2018

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, 2018:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	33,532,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services .....	59,978,000
School Districts .....	1,036,289,000
Early Childhood Development .....	92,167,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	1,188,387,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Administration .....	10,016,000
Natural Resources .....	78,235,000
Energy and Mines.....	8,988,000
Land Management.....	5,183,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted .....	102,375,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services .....	3,005,000
Local Government .....	125,828,000
Environment.....	10,979,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board .....	321,000
Community Funding.....	165,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted .....	140,251,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat .....	2,402,000
Corporate Communications.....	4,005,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	342,000
Women's Equality Branch .....	2,831,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,358,000
Voted .....	11,938,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management .....	10,514,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted .....	10,467,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	2,565,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	688,000
Jobs Board Secretariat.....	1,037,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances.....	128,327,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	162,000
Voted .....	128,165,000
Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	2,154,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plan.....	321,361,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	2,000
Voted .....	321,359,000

Provision for Losses .....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	54,000,000
Service New Brunswick .....	174,053,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	174,006,000
Supplementary Funding Provision .....	95,660,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Corporate and Other Health Services .....	260,651,000
Medicare .....	629,735,000
Drug Programs .....	203,870,000
Regional Health Authorities.....	1,562,929,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	2,657,138,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Corporate Services .....	5,517,000
Public Security.....	150,553,000
Safety Services and Accountability .....	29,739,000
Justice Services .....	34,557,000
Legal Aid.....	8,215,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	228,534,000
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>	
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 .....	3,445,000
Office of the Auditor General.....	2,129,000
<b>Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered</b>	
Political Parties .....	1,616,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	90,000
Voted .....	1,526,000
Elections New Brunswick .....	2,884,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	668,000
Voted .....	2,216,000

Office of the Ombudsman .....	926,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate .....	1,074,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages .....	519,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	480,000
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner .....	611,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Attorney General .....	18,293,000
<b>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</b>	
Administration .....	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	67,000
Voted .....	1,531,000
<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	15,037,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,384,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	45,374,000
<b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	
Consolidated Entities .....	364,031,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	364,031,000
Voted .....	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers .....	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....	2,805,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	634,000
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	364,000
New Brunswick Women's Council.....	423,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons .....	289,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Corporate Services .....	3,601,000
NB Public Libraries.....	15,935,000
Post-Secondary Education.....	170,379,000
Adult Learning .....	12,688,000
Labour and Policy.....	8,342,000
Employment Development.....	23,108,000
Canada-New Brunswick Job Fund Agreement .....	10,382,000
Labour Market Development .....	89,154,000
Population Growth.....	8,250,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	341,792,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.....	277,800,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	64,355,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt .....	701,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	690,660,000
Voted .....	10,340,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services .....	9,839,000
Seniors and Long Term Care.....	510,207,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services .....	274,548,000
Income Security .....	239,862,000
Housing Services .....	91,714,000
Wellness.....	7,048,000
Other Benefits .....	35,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	94,000
Voted .....	1,168,324,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration .....	2,591,000
Parks and Attractions.....	15,108,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,729,000
Culture .....	15,923,000
Tourism.....	14,833,000
Canada 150 .....	5,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	60,137,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration .....	13,103,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs .....	1,222,000
Maintenance .....	68,087,000
Winter Maintenance .....	68,904,000
Bridge and Highway Construction .....	2,987,000
Buildings Group.....	127,952,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	19,854,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	19,480,000
Voted .....	282,629,000

## TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management.....	906,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer .....	7,559,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....	3,060,000
Office of the Comptroller .....	3,109,000
Strategic Services .....	1,783,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted .....	16,370,000

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment.....	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure .....	500,000
Voted .....	600,000

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,135,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement .....	1,500,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements .....	650,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....	750,000
Voted .....	2,900,000

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts.....	1,225,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	20,000,000
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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 Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.....	17,870,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund .....	12,500,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund .....	20,500,000
Economic Development, Innovation and Infrastructure ....	1,600,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....	40,000,000
Voted .....	92,470,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Capital Improvements.....	9,100,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Bridges.....	76,980,000
Highways.....	217,750,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program.....	78,655,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure.....	213,072,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	36,539,000
Voted.....	590,918,000
<b>LOANS AND ADVANCES</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission.....	1,600,000
Loan Programs.....	9,500,000
Voted.....	11,100,000
<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Financial Assistance to Industry.....	60,000,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Student Loan Advances.....	62,900,000
<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	11,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	1,000,000
Voted.....	12,000,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Housing.....	3,224,000
<b>WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES</b>	
2017-2018	
Voted (\$)	
<b>WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES</b>	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries.....	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development.....	350,000
General Government.....	100,000
Health.....	1,225,000
Justice and Public Safety.....	10,000
Office of the Attorney General.....	5,000
Social Development.....	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture.....	500,000



WorkSafeNB	
Finance .....	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	160,000
Health .....	515,000
Voted .....	1,035,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development .....	122,000
Energy and Resource Development .....	27,000
Environment and Local Government .....	4,000
Health .....	2,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	38,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	20,000
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
Energy and Resource Development .....	510,000
General Government .....	2,000,000
Health .....	8,830,000
Justice and Public Safety .....	650,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour .....	200,000
Social Development .....	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture .....	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure .....	23,000,000

SUPPLEMENT TO CAPITAL ESTIMATES, 2017-2018

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, 2018:

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Construction .....	1,200,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements .....	1,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance .....	3,000,000
Voted .....	5,200,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements .....	1,470,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Public Works and Infrastructure .....	11,000,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2015-2016, 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, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes .....	41,713.02
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	3,201,741.18
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES	
General Services.....	1,090,964.19
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Medicare .....	9,412,925.63
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Court Services .....	71,617.76
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Elections New Brunswick.....	404,382.34
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	21,602.65
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	161,826.48
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour Market Development .....	4,882,072.62
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services .....	177,151.09
Public Security and Emergency Services.....	33,173,533.69
Safety Services .....	239,510.10
Voted .....	33,590,194.88
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Long Term Care .....	3,130,521.13
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance .....	555,495.89

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,  
Bill 68, *Loan Act 2017*.  
Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.  
By Hon. Mr. Melanson,  
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bills 69 and 70 were ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.  
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 69, *Appropriations Act 2017-2018*.  
Bill 70, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2015-2016 (1)*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 28)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 21 to April 26, 2017, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolution of the House adopted February 17, 2017, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Third Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, May 4, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick agriculture/agri-food industry contributes \$1.4 billion to the Gross Domestic Product of our province on an annual basis;

WHEREAS every dollar generated by New Brunswick agricultural producers generates three additional dollars in our provincial economy;

WHEREAS Canadian agricultural producers are being forced to deal with four new non-production cost increases by 2018, namely CPP and Unemployment Insurance employer contributions, minimum wage, carbon tax, and corporate tax;

WHEREAS New Brunswick agricultural producers are incurring increased costs relating to WorkSafe NB rate increases;

WHEREAS the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written will require agricultural producers selling products outside of their home province to have an interprovincial license;

WHEREAS interprovincial licensing will require agricultural producers to pay increasingly more in fees associated with Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspections and cost recovery initiatives;

WHEREAS the aforementioned non-production costs combine to form a competitive disadvantage in relation to other farm product producing jurisdictions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to lobby against the cost recovery initiative by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and against the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* as it is currently written.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition spoke at length on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy about the tax deal brought in by the Conservative government of the day in 2005 to benefit the Canaport LNG site at the expense of the people of the City of Saint John; and

WHEREAS the current Liberal government repealed the tax break restoring fairness to the people of the City of Saint John; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Liberal legislation to repeal the tax break, significantly more taxes will be paid on the Canaport site which this year provided the City of Saint John with \$2.6 million in revenue compared to the \$500,000 they received under the Conservative deal;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition indicates on his LinkedIn profile that his only employment for 33 years of his adult life was with Irving Oil from 1977 to 2010; and

WHEREAS the official biography of the Leader of the Opposition on the Conservative website says, quote, “He was a member of the Irving team negotiating with Repsol on the Canaport LNG project. He also served on the Board of Directors for Canaport LNG;” and

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition now claims to be opposed to the very deal he says he helped negotiate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly call upon the Leader of the Opposition to explain to the House the nature of his involvement in obtaining this special tax break for Irving and Canaport and the rationale and timing of his change of opinion on this matter.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, April 28, 2017, Bill 68 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 66 and 67 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members’ Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert, 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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act Respecting the Political Process Financing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 2.25 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

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

Debate resumed on Motion 26, moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government are advocating the establishment of rural communities throughout New Brunswick, as a means of providing greater opportunities for local input at the local level; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is currently in discussions to join the local service district of Saint Mary's, portions of the local service district of Stanley, and the Village of Stanley to form the new rural community of Nashwaak; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community spent the winter of 2016 undertaking a series of public meetings to determine the interest in joining the populations of Estey's Bridge, Saint Mary's, Stanley (the Village) and portions of Stanley (the parish) together, and collected the necessary amount of signatures required by the province to proceed with the next step in the establishment of a rural community; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community meets the guidelines as established by the Department of Environment and Local Government, namely the inclusion of a village, a population greater than 4000 and a tax base in excess of \$200M; and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick, through the Department of Environment and Local Government has already granted approval for the feasibility study to proceed; and

WHEREAS the financing of the feasibility has already been secured; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is already dealing with increased truck traffic associated with existing rock quarry activity in the area; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government has failed to provide an acceptable level of environmental oversight, requiring local property owners to act as their own enforcement branch by collecting pictures, documenting and reporting violations; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government does not presently differentiate between gravel pits and rock quarries for the purposes of operating regulations which prevent the adequate addressing of issues identified by the residential land owners adjacent to existing quarry operations; and

WHEREAS a new quarry is being proposed that would double the noise, traffic and blasting along route 620 between the Kingsley Road and Fredericton city limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to refrain from approving any gravel pits or rock quarries in the area bordered by the Claudie Road, Route 620, Route 105 and Kingsley Road until the Nashwaak rural community is established and area residents have had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the representatives of their new municipal structure currently known as the Nashwaak rural community.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 26 was resolved in the negative.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests 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 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 27, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses on a daily basis;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers, who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 27 be amended as follows:

In the first resolution clause, by deleting all the words after "current government to" and replacing them with "further explore best practices in relation to school bus safety including the use of technological aids"; and

By deleting the second resolution clause.



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. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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