



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Third Session, 58th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 8
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.

Debate to resume on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999 - Hon. Mr. Doucet

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act - Hon. Mr. Landry

Bill 9, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Ms. Rogers

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act - Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

Bill 12, An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency - Hon. Mr. Horsman

Bill 13, Advance Health Care Directives Act - Hon. Mr. Boudreau

Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Coroners Act - Hon. Mr. Landry

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 2, An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal - Hon. Dr. Doherty

Bill 3, An Act Respecting Government Reorganization - Hon. Mr. Doucet

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act - Hon. Mr. Arseneault

Bill 5, An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans
- Hon. Ms. Rogers

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 7, Green Jobs Act - Mr. Coon

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 10, 2016:

WHEREAS the government has increased income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased business property tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased gas tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased diesel tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased tobacco tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased corporate income tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased property transfer tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased bank tax;

WHEREAS the government has increased Harmonized Sales Tax;

WHEREAS the government eliminated tuition tax credits;

WHEREAS the government wants to implement carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government is considering a sugar tax;

WHEREAS the government has found over \$500 million in revenue sources and has still failed to balance the budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to place a moratorium on any further tax increases.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]

Motion 3 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. K. MacDonald to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 10, 2016:

WHEREAS the softwood lumber agreement between Canada and the United States of America has expired and the two countries are in the midst of negotiations for a new agreement;

WHEREAS 83 percent of New Brunswick's land base is forested and about half of that is Crown forest;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick employs over 22,000 people;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick contributes over \$1.45 billion to the economy annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have a vested interest in the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement;

WHEREAS impositions of tariffs and trade caps with the United States could pose a significant risk to New Brunswick's economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to meet with the federal government to continue to promote New Brunswick interests with regard to the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement.

Motion 4 by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fairgrieve to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 10, 2016:

WHEREAS the Auditor General is responsible for leading and directing independent audits and advising on how well the provincial government is managing its responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts financial audits of government services and programs to support the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements submitted to government and the public;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts performance audits of government services and programs, providing a systematic and objective assessment of how well government is managing its activities, responsibilities and resources;

WHEREAS the Auditor General conducts special examination of our Crown Corporations, providing assurance that their assets are safeguarded, their resources are managed economically and efficiently and their operations are carried out effectively;

WHEREAS government spent considerable time and effort on a Strategic Program Review, but refused more resources to the Auditor General, even though it is this office that performs financial, performance and special reviews of government services, and provides recommendations to government to improve these practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to start supporting the Auditor General's office, and allowing additional performance audits and special investigations to be conducted, so that we can reach the goal of a balanced budget and better taxpayer protection.

Motion 5 by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 10, 2016:

WHEREAS 30 percent of New Brunswick's forests are privately owned;

WHEREAS silviculture is a productive means to increase wood fibre while maintaining the same amount of trees;

WHEREAS many silvicultural practices help combat climate change through carbon sequestration;

WHEREAS the current government has increased revenues with over \$500 million worth of tax increases;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reprioritize its spending and reinvest the dollars cut from the silviculture program back into silviculture;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to reinstate the budget for private woodlot silviculture activities.

Motion 6 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Keirstead to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 17, 2016:

WHEREAS the government tables each year its Main Estimates and its public accounts of government expenses and revenues;

WHEREAS revenues foregone through tax expenditures including tax credits and tax exemptions are not currently included in the expenses of the government's Main Estimates;

WHEREAS international organizations including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development promote public sector accounting standards that require governments to report tax expenditures;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada, including British Columbia and the Government of Canada report tax expenditures annually;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of government to be accountable to the people it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to include in its main estimates the total revenue foregone as a result of tax expenditures each fiscal year, beginning with 2017-2018.

Motion 7 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 24, 2016:

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.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried as amended November 10, 2016.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Crossman, November 3, 2016.

Petition 2: Mr. Crossman, November 3, 2016.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 12 noon in the Speaker's Conference Room of the Legislative Assembly Building.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly