



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Second Session, 59th Legislative Assembly

**ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 31
Thursday, May 30, 2019**

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers
Introduction of Guests
Statements of Condolence and Congratulation
Statements by Members
Oral Questions (30 minutes)
Tabling of Documents
Statements by Ministers
Presentations of Petitions
Answers to Petitions and Written Questions
Presentations of Committee Reports
Introduction of Bills
Notices of Motions
Notice of Opposition Members' Business
Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House
Deferred Recorded Divisions
Orders of the Day

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act – Hon. Mr. Steeves
 Bill 27, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB – Hon. Mr. Holder

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act – Mr. Austin
 Bill 21, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act – Hon. Mr. Steeves
 Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Electricity Act – Mr. Coon
 Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act
 – Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.
 Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Prescription Drug Payment Act – Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.
 Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act – Hon. Mr. Holland
 Bill 28, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act – Hon. Ms. Shephard
 Bill 29, An Act Respecting Research – Hon. Ms. Shephard
 Bill 30, An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud
 – Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.
 Bill 31, Official Notices Publication Act – Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.
 Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgements Act
 – Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.
 Bill 33, An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution – Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 8, Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act – Hon. Mr. Steeves

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 34, New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act – Mr. Crossman

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act – Hon. Mr. Carr
 Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act – Hon. Mr. Urquhart
 Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act – Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C.
 Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act – Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C.
 Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act – Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.
 Bill 19, An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property
 Transfer Tax Act – Hon. Ms. S. Wilson
 Bill 20, Statute Law Amendment Act 2019 – Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 34 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Hon. Mr. Holder to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, March 26, 2019:

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Orders of the House adopted November 21, 2018, and March 20, 2019, the House may sit on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Thursday, March 28, 2019, and shall remain in effect during the remainder of the Second Session of the 59th Legislative Assembly.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Savoie. Carried November 21, 2018.

Motion 15 by Mr. Savoie. Carried November 27, 2018.

Motion 16 by Hon. Mr. Steeves. Debated and carried December 11, 2018.

Motion 18 by Mr. Savoie. Debated and carried December 14, 2018.

Motion 21 by Mr. Savoie. Carried December 11, 2018.

Motion 22 by Mr. Savoie. Carried December 11, 2018.

Motion 23 by Hon. Mr. Steeves. Debated March 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 and carried March 29, 2019.

Motion 30 by Mr. Savoie. Carried March 20, 2019.

Motion 33 by Mr. Savoie. Carried March 20, 2019.

Motion 50 by Mr. Savoie. Carried May 8, 2019.

Motion 55 by Hon. Mr. Oliver. Carried May 17, 2019.

Motion 56 by Hon. Mr. Holder. Carried May 17, 2019.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)]

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 36 by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Lowe to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 28, 2019:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stopped negotiating with CUPE on behalf of nursing home workers;

WHEREAS nursing home workers provide invaluable service in providing care for some of our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS nursing home workers deserve fair wages, and to have issues of recruitment and retention and staffing addressed;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition publicly announced that it was in support of binding arbitration as a means of resolving the labour dispute;

WHEREAS the Green Party and the People's Alliance subsequently announced their support as well for binding arbitration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes and provide the Association the assurances

necessary for them to agree to enter into binding arbitration to resolve this dispute and enter into a collective agreement.

Amendment moved by Mr. Arseneau, seconded by Mr. Coon that Motion 36 be amended as follows:

By adding following the resolution clause:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fully fund any collective agreement resulting from the binding arbitration process.”

Sub-amendment moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Ms. Conroy that the amendment to Motion 36 be amended as follows:

By adding after “binding arbitration process” the following: “under the terms and conditions acceptable to all negotiating parties and the Province”.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 8 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Ms. Thériault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on December 10, 2015, “I do not deny that we have too many hospitals. I realize we can be much better if we consolidate”;

WHEREAS the now-health minister said on December 12, 2012, “We have to look at the critical mass. We have to look at the needs. There is not a Costco in Perth-Andover either, because there would not be enough critical mass to sustain the place. Those are the things we have to look at. There is enough critical mass to provide a hospital. It will be a hospital. (...) Maybe that is the wrong word, but is there enough business to sustain the operation? If not, we cannot pay people \$400 000 to sit around when there is only enough work for one day a week. If you do not understand that, I cannot explain it any better. It is pretty basic arithmetic where I come from”;

WHEREAS the Premier said on November 21, 2018, “We will look at all aspects of what we are planning, what has been planned, what is working, and what is not working, because we must”;

WHEREAS rural hospitals provide important access to health care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the existing level of services in all of New Brunswick’s regional and rural hospitals.

Motion 47 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2019:

WHEREAS the government has announced the cancellation of the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle-Class programs instituted by the previous government;

WHEREAS this decision has been condemned by the New Brunswick Student Alliance, our post-secondary student councils and the university administrations citing concerns that it will reduce access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS students have categorized the decision as a lose-lose situation;

WHEREAS as a result of this regressive decision by the government, thousands of students who might attend post-secondary education will be unable to afford to do so;

WHEREAS many students who wish to pursue post-secondary education will have to seek part-time jobs and summer jobs in order to afford their tuition and other educational expenses;

WHEREAS this government has further reduced the opportunity for students to attend post-secondary studies by cutting the Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program which will result in far fewer summer jobs for students;

WHEREAS this will have a negative compounding impact on access to post-secondary education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to restore the funding to the SEED program to its 2018 level so that many of those students who rely on summer employment to pay for their post-secondary studies will be able to do so.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act – Mr. LePage

Bill 10, An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act – Mr. Coon

Adjourned Debates

Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act – Mr. Gallant, Q.C.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Arseneau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS the World Health Organization deemed glyphosate “probably carcinogenic to humans” in 2015;

WHEREAS there is increasing scientific evidence of the risk glyphosate poses to the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

WHEREAS I and the member for Restigouche West tabled one of the largest petitions in the history of the Legislative Assembly with over 34,000 signatures asking for the spraying to end;

WHEREAS \$2.5 million tax dollars were used to pay for spraying glyphosate on Crown lands in 2017;

WHEREAS Agent Orange was approved by the provincial government to spray over forest plantations and under power lines right up until it was banned by the federal government, and replaced with glyphosate;

WHEREAS Québec has banned the use of glyphosate for forestry operations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over our forests and under our powerlines.

Motion 3 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS there was no evaluation of Medavie’s previous contract to provide ambulance services;

WHEREAS there were 7,500 instances of ambulances being pulled off the road in 2017, a 55% increase over 2016;

WHEREAS there have been three deaths in northern New Brunswick, including two in Saint-Quentin, since August 2016 when ambulances have taken more than 20 minutes to arrive on scene;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to transfer the management of Ambulance New Brunswick to Horizon and Vitalité health authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the number of ambulances per community is based on a community needs assessment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the deployment of ambulances be community-based not provincial in terms of territorial coverage.

Motion 4 by Mr. Arseneau, seconded by Ms. Mitton to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS the 2018 New Brunswick General Election produced a minority government where the proportion of Members elected to the Legislative Assembly does not reflect the proportion of votes received by each party in the election;

WHEREAS Fair Vote Canada found that Legislatures using proportional representation are more stable, as there is no incentive for calling a quick election in order to gain a majority government;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Commission on Legislative Democracy, established in 2003 by PC Premier Bernard Lord, designed and recommended a Mixed-Member Proportional Representation system for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the 2017 Commission on Electoral Reform recommended that the government consider some form of proportional representation;

WHEREAS a recent poll determined that more than half of New Brunswickers say that the number of votes is more important than the number of seats in determining who will govern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS over ninety countries currently use proportional representation, including 85% of countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;

WHEREAS when more than 2 parties are present, the current First Past the Post electoral system can lead to unrepresentative outcomes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ask a Committee of the Legislature to: review the recommendation of the 2003 Commission on Legislative Democracy to establish a system of Mixed-Member Proportional Representation; invite the public to appear before the Committee to provide their views on Mixed-Member Proportional Representation; and recommend a public process to determine whether to implement Mixed-Member Proportional Representation that will be completed before the next election.

Motion 5 by Ms. Landry, seconded by Mr. Harvey to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments signed the Canada-New Brunswick Early Learning and Child Care Agreement on August 30, 2017, allowing New Brunswick access to \$30 million in federal funding to make child care more affordable;

WHEREAS affordable child care solves many challenges such as retaining and repatriating young professionals, growing the population through affordability of starting and growing families, growing the labour force by making it possible for both parents to work, and breaking the cycle of poverty by allowing people to leave income assistance for work without facing massive child care bills;

WHEREAS through that Canada-New Brunswick Agreement, New Brunswick has created programs that assist child care operators through one-time quality improvement grants, annual quality grants, increased wages for early childhood educators, and infant operator grants;

WHEREAS through that Canada-New Brunswick Agreement, New Brunswickers now benefit from free child care and subsidized child care in large regions of the province;

WHEREAS the planned completion of the rollout of this program has been budgeted and planned for the northeast of the province in January 2019 and the capital region in February 2019, fulfilling the commitment to parents to have the program available provincewide by March 2019;

WHEREAS families in the regions of the province expecting these important services should not have their access to these important programs delayed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to continue the implementation of these child care programs on the planned schedule.

Motion 6 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS the now-Premier said on May 29, 2012, when commenting on the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate program, that “we do not know whether the program actually brings people back into the province or encourages them to return.”;

WHEREAS the evidence showed that New Brunswick Tuition Rebate was not effective in its policy goal of keeping more young people in New Brunswick through the reports of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission which showed that retention rates of graduates did not improve over the course of the programs existence;

WHEREAS the Free Tuition program and the Tuition Relief for the Middle Class program helped 7,744 students alone in the most recent academic year;

WHEREAS both the Free Tuition program and the Tuition Relief for the Middle Class program have become leaders in the standard of excellence for post-secondary funding as outlined in the Higher Education Strategy Associates Targeted Free Tuition: A Global Analysis;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to maintain the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle Class programs.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 9 by Mr. LePage, seconded by Ms. Harris to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS hours of care for nursing home residents is as high as 3.8 hours in Alberta and 3.25 hours in Nova Scotia, but is only 3.1 hours in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a pilot project completed in 2010 and 2011 showed evidence that there would be benefits from increased hours of care;

WHEREAS there is currently a shortage of nursing home professionals which would make an immediate increase to the hours of care impractical to implement;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to immediately develop and launch, in partnership with stakeholders, a recruitment and retention strategy for nursing home workers, including nurses, licensed practical nurses and resident attendants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House urge the government to increase the level of care to 3.5 hours per nursing home resident as soon as practicable.

Motion 10 by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 29, 2018:

WHEREAS New Brunswick students carry an average student debt of \$35,200 and are charged prime +2.5% on the provincial portion of their loans;

WHEREAS all other Atlantic provinces have eliminated interest on provincial student loans;

WHEREAS the previous government budgeted for the elimination of interest on provincial student loans;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to implement the planned elimination of interest on provincial student loans.

Motion 19 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Arseneau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

WHEREAS the Legislature is accountable to the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important for a legislative committee to have the power to question witnesses and obtain expert advice;

WHEREAS the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation recommended that Public Accounts Committees should have the power to subpoena witnesses if they refuse to appear, and call for the production of documents;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Public Accounts Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

WHEREAS the standing committees of the Parliament of Canada have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

WHEREAS the House can authorize a committee to call for persons, papers and records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Public Accounts Committee, Crown Corporations Committee, Economic Policy Committee and Social Policy Committee be authorized by the Legislative Assembly to call for persons, papers and documents.

Motion 20 by Mr. Austin, seconded by Ms. Conroy to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Nurses Union and the Nurses Association of New Brunswick have stated there is an urgent need for more nurses in the province;

WHEREAS the obstetrics unit at the Chaleur Regional Hospital for a while had to close due to a lack of nursing staff;

WHEREAS the Nurses Union and Nurses Association have stated there is a dangerous situation of nurses sometimes working up to 48-hour shifts;

WHEREAS according to the University of New Brunswick its nursing program is filled to capacity with 12 times the number of applicants as there are seats available;

WHEREAS the university says should there be more funding provided for infrastructure and instructors more nursing students could be taught to help fill the province's critical nursing shortage;

WHEREAS New Brunswick nurses are leaving the province to work in Nova Scotia where nursing salaries are up to five percent higher;

WHEREAS nurses in the province cannot find full-time or part-time employment even though there is a nursing shortage;

WHEREAS there is expected to be a wave of nurses leaving the healthcare profession with retirement over the next decade;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to immediately address the critical nursing shortage that exists in

New Brunswick, by taking the necessary steps to recruit and retain nursing professionals in the province, which is having a severely negative impact on the health and well-being of its citizens.

Motion 25 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Arseneau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 21, 2019:

WHEREAS the practice of conversion therapy attempts to change one's sexual orientation;

WHEREAS the Canadian Psychology Association affirms "[s]cientific research does not support the efficacy of conversion or reparative therapy";

WHEREAS the Canadian Paediatric Association states "[c]onversion or reparative therapy, where attempts are made to turn gay males or lesbians into heterosexuals, is clearly unethical and should not be provided by physicians, nor should physicians refer patients for such therapy";

WHEREAS it is widely accepted that conversion therapy has had damaging impacts on members of the LGBTQ+ community and youth;

WHEREAS jurisdictions across the country and continent have taken action to prohibit the provision of conversion therapy and referral to conversion therapy services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to prohibit the provision of conversion therapy in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to prohibit referrals to conversion therapy services in New Brunswick or in an out-of-province jurisdiction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to prohibit the use of public funds to provide access to or otherwise support conversion therapy services in New Brunswick or in an out-of-province jurisdiction.

Motion 26 by Mr. Arseneau, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 21, 2019:

THAT the Legislative Assembly express its solidarity with and support for the Franco-Ontarian community and the MPP for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell, Amanda Simard, in their fight for the survival of French-language institutions, including the eventual establishment of the Université de l'Ontario français;

THAT it condemn this latest violation of the rights of a Francophone minority community in Canada;

THAT it recognize that the survival of the French language remains precarious within our country and requires constant vigilance;

AND THAT the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised in front of the Legislature.

Motion 32 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 28, 2019:

WHEREAS the government cancelled a number of ongoing projects in the 2019-2020 capital budget;

WHEREAS the wind-up costs and loss of federal contributions for some of these projects may have considerable financial implications for the province;

WHEREAS additional cost implications associated with the cancellation of projects that are underway include potential breach of contract costs, remediation and lost opportunities to realize additional savings to government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to subsection 12(1) of the *Auditor General Act*, this Assembly request that the Auditor General audit and report on the financial implications of all projects cancelled in the 2019-2020 capital budget.

Motion 37 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. McKee to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the provinces with the highest obesity rates in Canada;

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick seeks to promote healthy activities through Active Communities funding;

WHEREAS many local sports and leisure groups seek to use tax payer funded Department of Education and Early Childhood Development assets such as gymnasiums, sports equipment and sports fields, to promote sports and healthy active lifestyles;

WHEREAS regulations require that two custodians be on site during all such activities;

WHEREAS school districts pass on these costs directly to the group hosting the healthy living activity;

WHEREAS these costs often make it prohibitive for small groups to take part in these healthy living physical activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to explore the feasibility of having the cost associated with the presence of two custodians covered directly by this government through Active Communities funding and/or the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Health and Social Development.

Motion 38 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development recently announced he was cancelling the Confucius Institute, a Chinese cultural and language education program available in more than 28 New Brunswick schools and serving over 5400 students;

WHEREAS numerous educators and students have also criticized the decision to cancel the institute made unilaterally by the Minister without even a review of the program;

WHEREAS in discussing the rationale for his decision, the Minister cited concerns allegedly expressed to him that the curriculum presented a “one-dimensional” view of China and influenced students to only perceive the country in a positive light;

WHEREAS the Minister expressed his personal views of the Institute stating that “Their job is to create a friendly, cheerful face for a government that is responsible for more deaths than nearly any other in the history of our species”;

WHEREAS a former Canadian ambassador believes the New Brunswick government has poured “oil on the fire” of the “bilateral crisis” between Canada and China;

WHEREAS reacting to the Minister’s decision and comments about China, in a statement Canada’s Chinese embassy warned that the decision could negatively affect exchanges and cooperation between China and New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Minister cancelled a government to government contract which could send an alarming signal to other governments doing business with New Brunswick;

WHEREAS New Brunswick enjoys a mutually beneficial relationship with China through NB – China educational partnerships like Atlantic Education International and concerns have been expressed that such educational programs could be at risk of cancellation based on the Minister’s views of China;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOVLED that the Legislature urge the government to not move forward with the cancellation of the Confucius Institute without undertaking a thorough review of the program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to remove all responsibilities of the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development from decision-making related to any educational partnerships with China.

Motion 40 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. LePage to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in Canada;

WHEREAS bilingualism adds hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy each year;

WHEREAS French Immersion gives New Brunswick students the opportunity to learn a second language;

WHEREAS many students in predominantly anglophone or francophone areas may not have sufficient opportunity to practice their second language outside of the classroom;

WHEREAS technology exists today to create online portals that could see students from one of our linguistic communities mentoring students from another linguistic community and vice versa;

WHEREAS practice is important when learning a second language;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to explore the possibility of developing a pilot project that would reach across linguistic lines to pair up students from both official linguistic communities through an online portal as second language mentors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to report back to the House as to its progress in implementing the portal no later than May 31, 2019.

Motion 41 by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Bourque to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS the provincial government has joined a lawsuit against the federal carbon tax;

WHEREAS the government has introduced Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act* which will result in higher fuel prices for consumers;

WHEREAS to offset the costs associated with the federal carbon tax, the federal government brought forward the Carbon Action Incentive which could provide up to \$256 for a New Brunswick family of four;

WHEREAS the provincial government will receive upwards of \$9 million in HST as a result of increased fuel prices;

WHEREAS unlike the federal government, the province has not announced plans to provide New Brunswickers with a rebate or similar incentive despite the tax windfall it will receive;

WHEREAS when the previous government raised the HST, it provided the most generous HST rebate in the country leaving lower income families better off and middle-income families unaffected by the HST increase;

WHEREAS an HST rebate program is currently in place which would reduce the administrative costs of providing this additional tax relief;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to redirect all monies raised from HST on the fuel price increase it has provided for under Bill 11 into refunds for New Brunswickers who will be facing higher fuel costs.

Motion 43 by Ms. Landry, seconded by Ms. Thériault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure has a policy whereby roads in many rural areas are not plowed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.;

WHEREAS during or immediately following winter storms, this creates a difficulty for workers who work for companies that may operate in 24-hour operations and may need to be travelling;

WHEREAS the inability to move goods and employees from one location to another can have a significant negative economic impact and leave rural areas at an economic disadvantage;

WHEREAS this policy may also give rise to concerns of public safety as it may result in impeding transportation by emergency vehicles, first responders, police and the public dealing with situations of emergency in rural areas;

WHEREAS climate change has given rise to concerns that weather patterns may become more unpredictable and winter storms more frequent and severe;

WHEREAS the government will soon be negotiating collective agreements with CUPE related to plowing and winter maintenance schedules;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to revisit the policy of taking plows off the roads between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Motion 45 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS our planet is on the precipice of an unprecedented crisis due to human-caused climate change;

WHEREAS according to a recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, if global emissions of carbon dioxide are not reduced by at least 45 per cent by 2030, reaching net zero by 2050, the climate catastrophe in which we now find ourselves will have passed the point of no-return;

WHEREAS hundreds of New Brunswick youth walked out of school on Friday, March 15, 2019, to take part in a Global Day of Action against climate change;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to modify school curricula to include education on climate science and climate change that reflects the reality of the situation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to cease its resistance of carbon-pricing programs.

Motion 46 by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. DeSaulniers to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is struggling to find enough paramedics to meet the need for these medical professionals;

WHEREAS paramedics should be part of a union that better reflects the profession;

WHEREAS paramedics voted 98 percent in favour of changing their classification from non-medical to patient-care providers like other health-care professionals in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS changing the paramedics' classification will make higher pay rates possible therefore attracting more people to the profession;

WHEREAS paramedics should be paid more for the vital role they play within the provincial health-care system;

WHEREAS reclassification is a necessary and reasonable change to increase morale among New Brunswick paramedics and would provide them the opportunity to bargain within a unit which better reflects their role in service delivery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reclassify the bargaining unit of New Brunswick paramedics from non-medical to patient-care providers.

Motion 48 by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2019:

WHEREAS the findings of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change demonstrate that to avoid a more than 1.5°C rise in global warming, global emissions would need to fall by around 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero by around 2050;

WHEREAS the devastating impact that volatile and extreme weather is already having on public health and safety, government finances, and the economy through flooding and intense storms, the spread of tick-borne diseases, and the decline in fisheries such as mackerel, crab and shrimp;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has failed to contribute to meeting biodiversity targets, with an alarming trend in species decline, and that the current forest management system is counterproductive to tackling those problems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly declare an environment and climate emergency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately implement New Brunswick's climate action plan and increase its ambition by establishing short-term targets for the roll-out of renewable energy and low carbon transport, and to move swiftly to capture economic opportunities and green jobs in the low carbon economy while managing risks for workers and communities currently reliant on carbon intensive sectors such as oil refining and coal-fired power production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to lay before the House within the next six months an implementation strategy for the climate action plan.

Motion 49 by Mr. DeSaulniers, seconded by Mr. Austin to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2019:

WHEREAS New Brunswick cannabis retailer reports \$11.7 million loss in the first year;

WHEREAS since the legalization of cannabis, New Brunswick had the steepest price increase, with users paying 30.5 per cent more in the last six months;

WHEREAS under the privatization model, private growers could solve the current supply and demand issues by increasing cannabis stock to retailers;

WHEREAS legalizing current growers would limit the illegal market sales and increase revenue to New Brunswick from the captured portion of the illegal market;

WHEREAS placing cannabis sales in the hands of the private sector would create business opportunities for entrepreneurs and more jobs for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS New Brunswick would enjoy significant revenue increases from a flat tax on the sale of cannabis to retail businesses without the expense of running retail operations;

WHEREAS privatizing cannabis will increase provincial revenue through licensing fees;

WHEREAS the free market cannabis sales model would allow for greater business opportunities for primary cannabis businesses such as agriculture opportunities, processing, manufacturing and sale of cannabis products, as well as ancillary businesses such as point of sale systems, payment processors, digital marketing, attorneys, accountants and more;

WHEREAS New Brunswick can use Alberta's successful privatization model to ensure this province creates a made-in-New-Brunswick blueprint for success;

WHEREAS overall research indicates cannabis privatization would result in great economic gains for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS privatizing NB Cannabis will create more jobs for New Brunswick through small businesses and business investments bringing more money to the province's economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of privatizing NB Cannabis placing the sale of cannabis in the hands of the private sector.

Motion 51 by Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2019:

WHEREAS a significant nursing shortage exists throughout the province;

WHEREAS projections show that, in the next 5 years, New Brunswick will lose upwards of 2,400 nurses due to retirements;

WHEREAS in each health region, nurses are on sick leave and stress leave due to overwork and stressful working environments as a result of the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are aggressively recruiting New Brunswick nurses;

WHEREAS hospitals have had to cancel services such as obstetrics due to the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS the government has failed to recognize that the nursing shortage has become a crisis;

WHEREAS there are several programs in the province that provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of family practitioners and medical specialists;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have incentives to recruit and retain nurses;

WHEREAS the government should take action to address the nursing shortage by supporting nurse training, recruiting nurses from other jurisdictions, developing incentive programs for recruitment and retention, and supporting New Brunswick nurses through measures such as flexible work schedules and a safe and quality work environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Nurses' Union, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, RHAs, l'Université de Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, community colleges, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy to train, recruit, retain, and support nurses.

Motion 52 by Ms. Conroy, seconded by Mr. Austin to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2019:

WHEREAS New Brunswick needs to change the organ donor program to an automatic organ donation system, with the option given to opt out of the program;

WHEREAS Canada has very low organ donation rates as there are only 20.9 donors per one million people compared to Spain that has 43.4 donors per one million and the United States which has 31 donors per one million people;

WHEREAS in 2015, of the approximately 267,000 deaths occurring in Canada, only approximately 150,000 or 56% happened in a hospital; and of the 150,000 deaths that happened in a hospital, only about 5,000 or 3% fulfilled the criteria to be a potential organ donor; and of these 5,000 potential organ donors, only about 650 or 13% went on to be actual organ donors, which resulted in about 1,995 transplants;

WHEREAS the lives of eight people can be saved by one organ donor;

WHEREAS one tissue donor could benefit up to 75 individuals;

WHEREAS introducing the automatic organ donation program will reduce the waiting list making sure all potential organ donors become an actual organ donor;

WHEREAS it is important and urgent to adopt an automatic organ donation program;

WHEREAS 20 people die each day waiting for a transplant in the US and, in Canada, one death every 1.25 days results from waiting for a transplant;

WHEREAS New Brunswick health care will save tens of millions of dollars a year with the automatic organ and tissue donation program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of changing the current organ donation program to an automatic organ donation system saving many lives and money in New Brunswick.

Motion 53 by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. DeSaulniers to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 20, 2019:

WHEREAS the government is best tailored to support New Brunswick businesses by eliminating barriers that hinder them from succeeding, expanding and building in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS support for businesses in New Brunswick needs to be the top priority as we do not have the same per capita demographics as other provinces in place to support growth;

WHEREAS in order to keep competitive pricing, we need multiple New Brunswick companies and factories to create pricing competition, which in turn creates a competitive market and not a monopoly;

WHEREAS New Brunswick businesses and factories will generate profit and that generated profit will then go back into the New Brunswick economy;

WHEREAS the continued support and systems put in place will encourage growth for current New Brunswick companies and encourage new companies to open factories and businesses here, which in turn creates jobs;

WHEREAS the growth and building of these companies will encourage a population increase, as people will immigrate to our province and not emigrate;

WHEREAS the government should ensure that New Brunswick companies are not at any disadvantage due to current interprovincial trade agreements;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of assessing all aspects of the tendering and bidding and regulations applicable to New Brunswick companies that will inhibit their success and expansion as well as new companies that want to build their operations in New Brunswick.

Motion 54 by Mr. DeSaulniers, seconded by Mr. Austin to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 20, 2019:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government needs to recognize and support voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police with a provincial tax credit to offset the increased travel expense due to the carbon tax;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police assist and support communities with no monetary gain;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police pay for their transportation costs to and from these emergency calls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to create a tax break for voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police similar to what the Nova Scotia provincial government has implemented for their voluntary firefighters.

Motions for Returns

Motion 11 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of annualized and capital costs required as a result of the Executive Council appointed on November 9, 2018, including but not limited to the net increase of salary, benefit, office, and administrative support costs of ministers, deputy ministers, executive assistants, regional assistants, departmental assistants, executive secretaries, and any other personnel appointed under section 18 of the *Civil Service Act*, the acquisition of government vehicles for new ministers and deputy ministers, and the cost of outfitting or upgrading offices for ministers, deputy ministers, and their staff.

Motion 12 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of current deputy ministers and their assignments.

[Documents requested filed December 6, 2018]

Motion 13 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of any custom or commissioned art work ordered, including any estimates quoted to departments or agencies, since November 9, 2018, to furnish the offices of departments and Part I agencies.

[Documents requested filed December 6, 2018]

Motion 14 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. LePage to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all designated early learning centres; the planned regional roll-out of the new early learning program; and any and all correspondence, emails, memoranda, or other documents produced since November 9, 2018 concerning the roll-out.

[Documents requested filed December 7, 2018]

Motion 17 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any estimates prepared since January 1, 2016, of potential cost impacts to Irving Oil Limited of a provincial or federal carbon pricing regime, including but not limited to: the federal backstop; the British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec carbon pricing models; and any hypothetical New Brunswick carbon pricing models be they based on a carbon tax, a cap-and-trade system, or a hybrid system.

[Documents requested filed April 10, 2019]

Motion 24 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the three main projects for each of the seven school districts for consideration in the 2019-2020 capital estimates, with the scoring for each project established by the quadruple bottom line methodology used by the department, with an indication of whether each project was approved and the reasons for its approval or rejection.

[Documents requested filed January 10, 2019]

Motion 27 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a cost estimate of any penalties anticipated as a result of decisions to date or in the future to cancel, revoke or delay any procurement projects by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and/or Service New Brunswick since November 9, 2018.

Motion 28 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts for professional services, consulting, or similar services awarded since November 9, 2018, by applying an exemption under the *Procurement Act*.

[Documents requested filed February 5, 2019]

Motion 29 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2018:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts, tenders and other procurement instruments that have been cancelled, revoked or delayed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and/or Service New Brunswick since November 9, 2018, as well as any such procurement instruments that are planned on to be cancelled, revoked or delayed as a result of the capital budget tabled on December 11, 2018.

[Documents requested filed February 5, 2019]

Motion 35 by Mr. C. Chiasson, seconded by Ms. Thériault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 28, 2019:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents sent to departments by the Treasury Board indicating the adjustments made to their 2018-19 base budgets as a result of the 2019-20 budget process.

[Documents requested filed May 16, 2019]

Motion 42 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Bourque to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts for professional services,

consulting, or similar services awarded since December 18, 2018, by applying an exemption under the *Procurement Act*, and copies of all personal service contracts entered into by the Office of the Premier and/or the Executive Council Office since November 9, 2018.

[Documents requested filed May 8, 2019]

Motion 44 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. LePage to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

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 since November 9, 2018, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Health, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Ombudsman and any other government departments with respect to the Restigouche Hospital Center and the Youth Center of excellence mental health facility.

Motion 57 by Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. Harvey to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2019:

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 since April 15, 2016, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General and any other government departments or Crown corporations and federal government departments and agencies with respect to the success of the Contraband Enforcement Unit including, but not limited to, the number of seizures of illegal contraband, the total value of all contraband seized, the value of foregone tax revenue from the sale of an amount of legal goods equivalent to the amount of the seized contraband goods.

Motion 58 by Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. Harvey to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2019:

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 since November 9, 2018, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, and any other government departments or Crown corporations and federal government departments and agencies with respect to the decision to eliminate the Contraband Enforcement Unit.

CONCLUDED

Motion 7 by Mr. D'Amours. Debated and carried as amended November 29, 2018.

Motion 31 by Mr. Lowe. Debated and carried March 28, 2019.

Motion 39 by Mr. C. Chiasson. Debated and carried as amended May 9, 2019.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Northrup, November 23, 2018.

(Response, December 7, 2018)

Petition 2: Mr. DeSaulniers, November 27, 2018.

(Response, December 11, 2018)

Petition 3: Mr. Coon, December 13, 2018.

(Response, January 14, 2019)

Petition 4: Mr. Coon, March 20, 2019.	(Response, April 10, 2019)
Petition 5: Mr. Landry, March 28, 2019.	(Response, April 8, 2019)
Petition 6: Ms. Mitton, March 28, 2019.	(Response, May 21, 2019)
Petition 7: Mr. Northrup, May 7, 2019.	(Response, May 21, 2019)
Petition 8: Mr. Coon, May 10, 2019.	
Petition 9: Mr. D'Amours, May 15, 2019.	
Petition 10: Mr. D'Amours, May 16, 2019.	
Petition 11: Mr. Coon, May 17, 2019.	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations	First Report, March 26, 2019
Standing Committee on Economic Policy	First Report, December 11, 2018 Second Report, March 20, 2019
Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy	First Report, May 14, 2019
Standing Committee on Public Accounts	First Report, March 26, 2019

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber of the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, June 6, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, June 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly