



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
Third Session, 56th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 21
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government. (Motion 29)
Debate adjourned by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Bills Ordered for Third Reading

Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Public Works Act - Hon. Mr. Doherty

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading [Tuesday, March 24, 2009]

Bill 35, An Act to Amend the Nursing Homes Act - Hon. Mrs. Schryer

Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bills to be Ordered for Second Reading

Adjourned Debates

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 26, Species at Risk Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles

Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act
- Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau

Bill 31, Demise of Crown Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act - Hon. Mr. Foran

Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Public Works Act - Hon. Mr. Doherty

BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS

Bill 28, Limitation of Actions Act - Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C.

PRIVATE BILLS STANDING REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 29, An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Dental Hygienists
- Mr. Collins

Bill 34, An Act to Provide for the Amalgamation of the Trustees of Certain
Presbyterian Churches in Saint John, New Brunswick - Mr. Holder

Bill 37, An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered
Barbers' Association - Mr. A. LeBlanc

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

2009 - 2010 Capital Estimates

Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 Volume I (Adopted December 10, 2008)

Supplementary Estimates 2007-2008 Volume III (Adopted December 10, 2008)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried November 26, 2008.

Motion 16 by Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau. Debated and carried December 9, 2008.

Motion 24 by Hon. Mr. Burke, Q.C. Debated and carried December 16, 2008.

Motion 31 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried December 17, 2008.

Motion 34 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried December 18, 2008.

Motion 38 by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C. Carried March 18, 2009.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Opposition Members' Public Bills for Second Reading

Bill 30, Rural Economic Development Fund Act - Ms. Dubé

Adjourned Debates

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 26 by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Northrup to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 18, 2008:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's forest industry is undergoing unprecedented changes and hardships; and

WHEREAS these hardships are being felt by thousands of New Brunswickers including the 40,000 woodlot-owning families; and

WHEREAS the seven regional woodlot marketing boards and the Federation of Woodlot Owners are also being negatively impacted by the economic crisis facing the industry; and

WHEREAS these eight organizations provide considerable support and services to the industry, including silviculture, certification, education and training, market development, forest management, administration of government programs, non-timber forest products, woodlot owner rights, and day-to-day inquiries; and

WHEREAS in 2007, the Self-Sufficiency Task Force recommended that the Government should "*support private woodlot marketing boards in strengthening their role with respect to silviculture, certification, education and market development,*" and that said recommendation should be acted upon within one year; and

WHEREAS in January 2008, the Government of Canada provided the Government of New Brunswick with \$30 million through the Community Development Trust; and

WHEREAS the province and the forestry industry would benefit from having strong private woodlot marketing boards and a strong federation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to consider the advisability of providing a one per cent per acre tax sharing on the private woodlot land base to the Federation of Woodlot Owners and another one cent per acre tax sharing on the private woodlot land base to the regional marketing boards as a source of sustainable funding; and, that said tax sharing, if implemented, remain in place for a period of three years.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 39 by Mr. Alward, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's economy has seen a significant decrease in recent months due to the down-turn in global economic markets; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick has made a guarantee to the taxpayers of the province to be fully self-sufficient by 2026 by eliminating the need for Federal Transfer payments; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's current net debt has increased significantly during the last two fiscal years and is on track to reach \$9 billion by 2011 according to the Provinces Auditor General; and

WHEREAS it is essential for the province of New Brunswick to effectively and responsibly manage its finances so that future generations will not be saddled with the debt of poor financial management by this generation; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has called upon the Government on two separate occasions to provide New Brunswick's taxpayers with detailed financial benchmarks outlining the progress towards self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS the provincial net debt and deficit must be decreased in coming years to ensure that cost of that debt does not impede the delivery of programs and services that New Brunswickers have deemed essential;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide detailed financial benchmarks outlining the province's progress towards self-sufficiency and provide a detailed, long term plan for debt and deficit reduction, including dates and fiscal benchmarks to be met as was recommended by the Auditor General.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motions for Returns

Motion 3 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Urquhart to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 4, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all financial information detailing the full cost to change and implement the Government's new logo for each department and agency including the cost associated with updating websites, business cards, letterhead and any other government material on which the New Brunswick logo was changed for use.

Motion 18 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, receipts, and account statements, in short, all documents in the possession of the Legislative Assembly related to the Government House Leader's comments to the effect that the length of the last session cost the government hundreds of thousands of extra dollars.

Motion 20 by Mr. Steeves, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government however recorded or stored related to any government contract or spending by any department, agency or corporation on advertising by any means, including any information related to advertising costs from Ministers promoting their position within any department agency or corporation since December 30, 2007.

Motion 32 by Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Mr. Williams to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 25, 2008:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information, in any format, in the possession of the Government related to advertising purchased to promote the Department of Health, services the Department provides or the Minister responsible since March 1st, 2008 to December 18th, 2008.

Motion 35 by Mrs. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government including emails, memorandum, correspondence of any kind, meeting minutes, market studies or analysis, cost analysis, and all contract information however recorded or stored related to the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation's decision to produce, sell and market *Selection Lager* and *Selection Light* beer through Moosehead Breweries.

Motion 36 by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government including emails, memorandum, correspondence of any kind and meeting minutes, however recorded or stored related to the government's decision to end the Home Heating Assistance Program and initiate the Warm Hearts Warm Homes program offered through the Salvation Army.

Motion 37 by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Steeves to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government related to any changes made by the Department of Public Safety regarding emergency measures preparedness related to flooding and emergency response since April 1st 2008.

Motion 40 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government related to any action, policy change, tasks, communication, memorandum, or meetings that took place within government with regards to implementing the Auditor General's recommendations from the 2007 Volume 1 report.

Motion 41 by Mr. Olscamp, seconded by Ms. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information concerning the \$100-million dedicated tourism infrastructure fund set up by this government, and in particular the fund guidelines, the names and workplaces of the employees responsible for administering it, the projected budgets and actual expenditures, a list of projects subsidized by this fund, contracts awarded under this fund, and a list of work carried out without any contract or tender, the dates and location of all work carried out, the start and completion dates of the work, the aim or objective of the work, and, in each case, the number of jobs created.

Motion 42 by Mrs. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information concerning any money invested since October 2, 2006, by the Miramichi Economic Development Fund in various projects and initiatives, including the names of any companies, organizations, associations, or groups benefiting from such investments, the conditions these beneficiaries of the development fund had to meet, as well as the objectives of these investments, and the number of jobs created for each project, indicating whether the jobs were permanent or temporary, regular or part-time, and whether they still exist today.

CONCLUDED:

Motion 9 by Mr. Alward. Debated and carried as amended December 4, 2008.

Motion 21 by Ms. Dubé. Debated and carried as amended December 18, 2008.

WITHDRAWN AS DOCUMENTS TABLED

Motions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 33 withdrawn March 18, 2009.

PETITIONS

Petition No. 1 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 26, 2008.

(Response filed December 10, 2008)

Petition No. 2 presented by Mr. Steeves November 26, 2008.

(Response filed December 2, 2008)

Petition No. 3 presented by Mr. Steeves November 26, 2008.

(Response filed December 10, 2008)

Petition No. 4 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc November 28, 2008.

(Response filed December 10, 2008)

Petition No. 5 presented by Mr. Williams November 28, 2008.

(Response filed December 16, 2008)

- Petition No. 6 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 2, 2008.
(Response filed December 15, 2008)
- Petition No. 7 presented by Mr. Urquhart December 2, 2008.
(Response filed December 15, 2008)
- Petition No. 8 presented by Mr. Fitch December 2, 2008.
(Response filed December 19, 2008)
- Petition No. 9 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 3, 2008.
(Response filed December 15, 2008)
- Petition No. 10 presented by Mr. Urquhart December 3, 2008.
(Response filed December 15, 2008)
- Petition No. 11 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 4, 2008.
(Response filed December 23, 2008)
- Petition No. 12 presented by Mr. Harrison December 4, 2008.
(Response filed December 18, 2008)
- Petition No. 13 presented by Mr. Northrup December 4, 2008.
(Response filed December 18, 2008)
- Petition No. 14 presented by Mr. D. Graham December 4, 2008.
(Response filed January 14, 2009)
- Petition No. 15 presented by Mr. C. LeBlanc December 9, 2008.
(Response filed December 18, 2008)
- Petition No. 16 presented by Ms. Dubé December 10, 2008.
(Response filed December 23, 2008)
- Petition No. 17 presented by Mr. Williams December 11, 2008.
(Response filed December 17, 2008)
- Petition No. 18 presented by Mr. Olscamp December 16, 2008.
(Response filed December 19, 2008)
- Petition No. 19 presented by Mr. Betts December 16, 2008.
(Filed January 6, 2009)
- Petition No. 20 presented by Ms. Poirier December 17, 2008.
(Filed January 21, 2009)
- Petition No. 21 presented by Mr. Williams December 17, 2008.
(Filed January 6, 2009)
- Petition No. 22 presented by Mr. Williams December 18, 2008.
(Filed January 26, 2009)
- Petition No. 23 presented by Mr. Betts December 18, 2008.
(Filed January 9, 2009)
- Petition No. 24 presented by Mr. Steeves March 18, 2009.
- Petition No. 25 presented by Mr. Alward March 20, 2009.
- Petition No. 26 presented by Mr. Harrison March 20, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Final Report of the Select Committee on Tax Review
(Presented by Mr. MacIntyre December 12, 2008)

Final Report of the Select Committee on Wellness
(Presented by Mr. Collins on November 26, 2008)

REPORTS / DOCUMENTS

Filed in the Clerk's Office

Annual Report 2007-2008, New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission
(Filed March 20, 2009)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 9.30 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 9.30 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Legislative Administration Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 12.30 o'clock p.m. in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Loredana Catalli Sonier
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly