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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Thursday, November 26, 2009

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Olscamp paid tribute to the memory of the late Lewis Charles Ayles, a former MLA (Progressive-Conservative, Campbellton, 1967-1970) and judge.

Mr. Holder, Member for Saint John Portland, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Fredericton, Hanwell, Minto, Geary, Estey's Bridge, Ripples and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 19)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Miramichi, Fredericton, Mazerolle Settlement and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 20)

Mr. C. LeBlanc, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Val d'Amour, Campbellton, Dalhousie Junction, St-Arthur, Balmoral, Tide Head, Atholville, Nash Creek, Dundee, Dieppe and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 21)

Mr. Urquhart, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Fredericton, Hanwell, Moncton, Geary and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 22)

Ms. Blaney, Member for Rothesay, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Fredericton, Oromocto, Grand Falls, Rusagonis, Marysville, Douglas and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 23)

Mr. Jack Carr, Member for New Maryland-Sunbury West, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the New Maryland, Saint-Louis, Richibucto, Fredericton, Lower Durham and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NBPower to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 24)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents in the Nepisiguit riding who oppose the use of chip seal on their roads. (Petition 25)

Ms. Dubé, Member for Edmundston—Saint-Basile, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Fredericton, Island View, Marysville, Killarney Road, Charters Settlement, Lower Durham and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 26)

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the point of order raised by Mr. Robichaud the previous sitting day.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

Yesterday, a point of order was raised by the Opposition House Leader with respect to certain remarks made by the Premier during Question Period.

I advised that I would review the transcript and report back to the House.

I have since had an opportunity to review the transcript. I note, that in the process of answering a question, it was stated: “The Leader of the Opposition has stood up and made a number of false accusations in this House.”

Honourable Members, I believe the ruling delivered by the Deputy Speaker yesterday morning was very clear. Members must exercise care in their choice of words, particularly if their remarks question the honesty of Members of this House. I would issue the same caution as earlier and ask all Members to act accordingly.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, December 3, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all studies, reports, memorandum, correspondence, financial analysis or professional recommendations within the possession of government, including any Crown Corporation of New Brunswick that will be supplied to the Premiers’ Advisory Panel on the Proposed New Brunswick/Québec Electricity Transaction.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Alward moved, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the proposed sale of NB Power to Hydro Quebec has been met with a great deal of skepticism and public opposition; and

WHEREAS there are many questions surrounding the Memorandum of Understanding that have not been answered by this government including the valuation of assets and the long term implications on rates that this deal may have on the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of New Brunswick and the current Government of New Brunswick ran on an election platform in both 2003 and 2006 provincial general elections to not sell NB Power; and

WHEREAS the current Liberal government has not sought a mandate from the principle shareholders of NB Power to sell its assets;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly recommend that all current business dealings with respect to the sale of NB Power to the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Quebec be immediately suspended until such time as a general election is held or a referendum is convened whereby the people of New Brunswick may decide in an open, transparent and democratic forum as to their wishes for this publicly owned and operated utility.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and requested that Hon. Mr. Jamieson withdraw an unparliamentary remark and apologize to the House, which he did.

And after some time, the debate being ended, a division was requested. It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the ringing of the bells.

Motion 6 was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Fitch	Mr. Harrison	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Ms. Dubé	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Alward	Mr. Holder	Mr. Jack Carr
Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Olscamp
Ms. Blaney	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Volpé	Mr. Williams	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts	

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Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Ouellette
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Stiles	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. B. LeBlanc
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Miles	Hon. Mr. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Keir	Hon. Mr. Albert	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Collins
Hon. D. Landry	Ms. Lavoie	Mr. Paulin
Mr. McGinley	Ms. Robichaud	

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *NB Power Referendum Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2008-2009

New Brunswick Electric Finance Corporation November 24, 2009