

Friday, January 29, 2010.

## 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Lakeville, Lower Coverdale and surrounding areas opposing the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec and urging the government to stop all negotiations with Hydro-Québec. (Petition 164)

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Moncton, Lakeburn, Irishtown, Notre-Dame, Saint-Paul, Saint-Antoine and surrounding areas opposing the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec and urging the government to stop all negotiations with Hydro-Québec. (Petition 165)

Mr. Olscamp, Member for Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Moncton, Saint-Philippe, Shediac, Riverview, Memramcook, Irishtown and surrounding areas opposing the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec and urging the government to stop all negotiations with Hydro-Québec. (Petition 166)

Mr. Alward offered congratulations to Ms. Rose-May Poirier, the Progressive-Conservative Member of the Legislature for Rogersville-Kouchibougouac (1999-2010) who has been called to the Senate of Canada effective February 28, 2010.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, February 4, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS communities in New Brunswick depend upon healthy forests not only for manufacturing and economic reasons, but also for clean water, clean air and for the future of all outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS forests are not only about the trees that exist within them, and because New Brunswickers want to have a say in the planning of the future for what we will leave to future generations; and;

WHEREAS private woodlot owners are an important component of what our forests contribute to our province and these owners want to be a part of planning for the future; and WHEREAS the manner in which our forests are managed can have a significant impact on our environment both positively and negatively with respect to clean water, erosion, fire and wildlife; and

WHEREAS keeping the integrity and biodiversity of our forests is of primary importance; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to join with industry to organize a forestry summit in order to bring together all levels of government and all forestry stakeholders to discuss the challenges that the forestry industry is facing today; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this forestry summit be to provide a forum for an open discussion on the future of forestry in New Brunswick, to examine potential long-term solutions to the challenges affecting the industry, and to ensure the survival and viability of this critically important component of New Brunswick's economy.

And then, 11:15 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.