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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, March 19, 2010

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Newcastle, Miramichi, Rogersville, Bathurst, Nelson, Wayerton, South Esk, Eel Ground, New Jersey, Grand Falls and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 239)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Beresford, Sainte-Louise, Bathurst, Sormany, Robertville, Petit-Rocher and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 240)

Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Upper Blackville, Eel Ground, Miramichi, South Nelson, Beaverbrook, Douglastown, Neguac, Dalhousie, Renous, Lower Newcastle, Doaktown and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 241)

Hon. Mr. Lamrock laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan, Progress Report as of March 15, 2010*.

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Thursday, March 25, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy and Government House Leader announced on February 28th, 2010 that the Province would hold a “Full, Transparent Debate on the Government’s Energy Plan”;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to release all details related to the legislative committee hearing process including a detailed scope and mandate for the Committee and a commitment to the people of New Brunswick that all submissions, questions and input presented to the legislative committee, including the option to modify, change or cancel the agreement will be given equal consideration to ensure that the public is legitimately involved in the hearing process and to further ensure that the Committee has real power to alter the outcome of this proposed agreement between Hydro-Québec and the Government of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Byrne, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 51 be called for second reading; and that, with leave, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 51; following which, Bills 34, 39, 43, 36, 26, 40 and 45 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 51 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 51 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Robichaud in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

At 1.22 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

1.32 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 51 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 3 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.