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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, March 26, 2010

Fourth Session of the 56th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Urquhart, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of his constituency and surrounding areas urging the government to proclaim a plebiscite/ referendum on whether the province should sell NB Power. (Petition 247)

Hon. Mr. Byrne laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Economic and Fiscal Update 2009-2010, March 26, 2010*.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles,
Bill 53, *Crandall University Act, 2010*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, April 1, 2010, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick announced on October 29, 2009 that a Memorandum of Understanding had been reached with the Province of Québec and Hydro-Québec to sell all of the assets of NB Power; and

WHEREAS on January 20, 2010 the Office of the Premier issued a press release stating that "*New Brunswick, Québec conclude negotiations following energy agreement*"; and

WHEREAS on March 24, 2010 the Premier announced that the energy agreement between Hydro-Québec and the Province of New Brunswick would not proceed; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to table all documents related to the sale of any of the assets owned by NB Power to Hydro-Québec including copies of all contracts related to advertising, public relations consulting, financial consulting and legal advice so that the people of New Brunswick may examine how their tax dollars were spent during this process.

Hon. Mr. Byrne, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 60; following which, Bills 26, 37, 38, 40, 45 and 49 would be called for second reading. The House would then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 22, 43 and 36; following which, at 2.45 o'clock p.m., the Royal Assent Ceremony would take place.

On Motion of Hon. Mr. Byrne, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock:
RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 60, Mr. MacIntyre moved, seconded by Mr. A. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the safe, efficient operation of the Saint John Harbour Bridge is very important to the City of Saint John in particular, to New Brunswick and to the Atlantic Gateway in general; and

WHEREAS the budget of the Saint John Harbour Bridge requires approval by the federal government, the provincial government and the City of Saint John; and

WHEREAS the City of Saint John and the Province of New Brunswick have approved this budget for the Harbour Bridge; and

WHEREAS repairs for safe operation of this bridge require the approval of this budget;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly unanimously call upon the federal government to approve forthwith the budget of the Saint John Harbour Bridge for 2010-11.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Harrison, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 60 be amended by:

In the first Whereas clause by adding “, to the Federal Government” after “New Brunswick”.

By adding after the first Whereas clause:

“WHEREAS the Saint John Harbour Bridge is a key infrastructure component of the provincial and inter-provincial highway system; and”

In the fourth Whereas clause by deleting all of the words after “Whereas” and replacing with:

“the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada have an obligation to engage in meaningful discussions to ensure the future structural viability of the Saint John Harbour Bridge, being a key infrastructure component of the provincial and the inter-provincial highway system;”

In the resolution clause by deleting all of the words after “unanimously” and replacing with:

“urge the Minister of Transportation to engage in meaningful discussions with his counterpart within the Government of Canada with a view to resolving outstanding concerns respecting the future structural viability of the Saint John Harbour Bridge”

And the question being put on the amendment, a debate ensued.

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to suspend consideration of the amendment to Motion 60 to allow Members to make certain remarks on the occasion of Mr. Huntjens’ last day in the Legislative Assembly.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was defeated on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 17

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

NAYS - 24

Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Brewer	Hon. Mr. Ouellette
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Doucet

Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Keir	Hon. Mr. Miles	Hon. Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Stiles	Hon. Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. MacIntyre	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Mr. McGinley	Ms. Lavoie	Mr. Paulin

And the question being put, Motion 60 was carried on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Brewer	Hon. Mr. Ouellette
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Keir	Hon. Mr. Miles	Hon. Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Stiles	Hon. Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. MacIntyre	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Mr. McGinley	Ms. Lavoie	Mr. Paulin

NAYS - 18

Mr. Fitch	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Betts
Ms. Dubé	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. Alward	Mr. Holder	Mr. Jack Carr
Mr. Volpé	Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Steeves	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Williams	Mr. Northup

Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House that the word “unanimously” would be removed from the resolution clause in Motion 60.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

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

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting the College of Physiotherapists of New Brunswick.*

Bill 30, *New Brunswick Community Colleges Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

Bill 46, *An Act Respecting the Saint John Firefighters' Association.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Authorize The City of Saint John to Set Aside a Portion of Tucker Park for Street Purposes.*

Bill 48, *An Act to Authorize the Conveyance of Certain Lands in The City of Saint John to Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc.*

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

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

The Deputy Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled Appropriations Act 2010-2011. (Bill 50)

His Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

His Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 2.57 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition No. 224, 225

March 22, 2010

Response to Petition No. 228, 229

March 23, 2010