

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

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 15 Thursday, December 10, 2009

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers

Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (*Prior Notice to Speaker*) Introduction of Guests Messages of Congratulation and Recognition (10 minutes) Presentations of Petitions Answers to Petitions and Written Questions Presentations of Committee Reports Tabling of Documents Statements by Ministers Statements by Members (10 minutes) Oral Questions (30 minutes) Introduction of Bills Notices of Motions Notice of Opposition Members' Business Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House Orders of the Day

ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

[Order in accordance with notice provided pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4)]

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Adjourned Debates

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *NB Power Referendum Act* [Mr. Alward] be now read a second time.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 15 by Mr. Alward, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 2009:

WHEREAS many people of New Brunswick have made their concerns, reservations and questions regarding the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec extremely public; and

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick as the principal shareholders of NB Power have not been given the opportunity to have their opinions heard via a referendum or general election; and

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick has said that this deal must be signed on or before March 31st, 2010 in order to avoid an electricity rate increase of 3%; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to halt any proposed rate increase to any NB Power customers until such time as a general election has been held or a referendum is convened on this issue 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 without fear of any increase in rate or financial penalty.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 23, No One Left Behind Act - Mr. Alward

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 9)

Debate adjourned by Mr. Paulin on behalf of Hon. Mr. Premier. Debate to resume Friday, December 11, 2009.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THIRD READING

- Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act - Hon. Mrs. Schryer
- Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act - Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 14, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

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Bill 7, Heritage Conservation Act - Hon. Mr. Albert Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act - Hon. Mr. Stiles

- Bill 12, New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act Hon. Mr. Doherty
- Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Elections Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.
- Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.
- Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act - Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act Hon. Mr. Arseneault
- Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act Hon. Mr. Foran
- Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act - Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C.

- Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act Hon. Mr. B. LeBlanc
- Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Jury Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 5, An Act Respecting Small Claims Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Condominium Property Act Hon. Mr. V. Boudreau
- Bill 8, Prescription Monitoring Act Hon. Mrs. Schryer

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Carried November 20, 2009.

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion 17 by Mr. Paulin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, December 15, 2009:

WHEREAS, the Liberal government has tabled the 2010-2011 budget;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Assembly support the government expenditure of \$840 million for the capital budget, and call upon the government to ensure that each project listed in the budget is completed.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motions for Returns

Motion 1 by Mr. Alward, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 26th, 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 copies of all correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, and the Minister of Energy since October 3, 2006 related to any business dealings with the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Quebec.

Motion 2 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 26th, 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 correspondence between Premier Shawn Graham, the Office of the Premier of New Brunswick, Mr. Doug Tyler, the Office of the Minister of Energy, Minister Jack Keir and the Office of the Premier of Quebec and Premier Jean Charest, since January 1, 2009.

Motion 3 by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 26th, 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 correspondence between Premier Shawn Graham, the Office of the Premier of New Brunswick, the Office of the Minister of Energy, Minister Jack Keir, and NB Power, since October 3, 2006.

Motion 5 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 26th, 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 copies of all studies, reports, memorandum, or correspondence within the possession of government, including any Crown Corporation of New Brunswick related to the valuation of NB Power and any or all of its assets since October 3, 2006. **Motion 7 by Mr. Fitch,** seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3rd, 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 copies of all correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, the Minister of Energy, Mr. Doug Tyler and the President and Chief Executive Officer of NB Power since January 1, 2009 related to any business dealings with the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Quebec.

Motion 8 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3rd, 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 copies of all correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, the Minister of Energy, Mr. Doug Tyler and any member of the Board of Directors of NB Power since January 1, 2009 related to any business dealings with the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Quebec.

Motion 10 by Mr. D. Graham, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3rd, 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 detailed expense reports for the Premier, each Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Assistant and Special Assistant since January 1, 2009.

Motion 11 by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3rd, 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 detailed information, including flight records, final destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned airplane since April 1, 2009.

Motion 12 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3rd, 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 copies of all studies, reports, memorandum, correspondence, financial analysis or professional recommendations within the possession of government, including any Crown Corporations of New Brunswick that will be supplied to the Premier's Advisory Panel on the Proposed New Brunswick / Québec Electricity Transaction.

[Documents requested filed December 3, 2009]

Motion 13 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 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 however recorded or stored related to any government contract or spending by any Department, Agency or Crown Corporation related to advertising the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec by mail, print, internet, radio or television including contracts that require future advertising since October 1st, 2009.

Motion 14 by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 10, 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 however recorded or stored related to a report submitted to the government by Bill Marshall and Bill Thompson including a copy of the report.

Motion 18 by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Steeves to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 17, 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 any and all information in the possession of the government including targets, benchmarks, forecasts, time-lines or any other information, however recorded or stored related to the Government's self-sufficiency initiatives and the current progress of the Government toward eliminating federal transfer payments by the year 2026.

CONCLUDED

Motion 6 by Mr. Alward. Debated and defeated November 26, 2009. Motion 16 by Mrs. Dubé. Debated and carried December 8, 2009.

PETITIONS

Petition 1 : Mr. McGinley, Q.C., November 18, 2009.	
Petition 2 : Mr. D. Graham, November 18, 2009.	(Response, December 1, 2009)
Petition 3 : Mr. Urquhart, November 20, 2009.	(Response, December 2, 2009)
Petition 4 : Mr. Northrup, November 20, 2009.	(Response, December 7, 2009)
Petition 5 : Mr. Huntjens, November 20, 2009.	(Response, November 26, 2009)
Petition 6: Mr. Paulin, November 24, 2009.	
Petition 7: Mr. Urquhart, November 24, 2009.	(Response, December 4, 2009)
Petition 8: Mr. D. Graham, November 24, 2009.	(Response, December 4, 2009)
Petition 9: Mr. Harrison, November 24, 2009.	(Response, December 4, 2009)
Petition 10: Mr. Kennedy, November 25, 2009.	
Petition 11: Mr. Alward, November 25, 2009.	(Response, December 3, 2009)
Petition 12: Mr. D. Graham, November 25, 2009.	
Petition 13: Mr. Olscamp, November 25, 2009.	(Response, December 4, 2009)

Petition 14: Mr. Steeves, November 25, 2009. Petition 15: Mr. Betts, November 25, 2009. Petition 16: Mr. Williams, November 25, 2009. Petition 17: Mrs. Poirier, November 25, 2009. Petition 18: Mr. Northrup, November 25, 2009. Petition 19: Mr. Holder, November 26, 2009. Petition 20: Mr. D. Graham, November 26, 2009. Petition 21: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 26, 2009. Petition 22: Mr. Urguhart, November 26, 2009. Petition 23: Mrs. Blaney, November 26, 2009. Petition 24: Mr. Jack Carr, November 26, 2009. Petition 25: Mr. Williams, November 26, 2009. Petition 26: Mrs. Dubé, November 26, 2009. Petition 27: Mr. Steeves, December 2, 2009. Petition 28: Mr. D. Graham, December 2, 2009. Petition 29: Mrs. Poirier, December 2, 2009. Petition 30: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 2, 2009. Petition 31: Mr. Holder, December 2, 2009. Petition 32: Mr. Fitch, December 2, 2009. Petition 33: Mr. Williams, December 2, 2009. Petition 34: Mr. C. Landry, December 2, 2009. Petition 35: Mr. Northrup, December 2, 2009. Petition 36: Mr. Huntjens, December 4, 2009. Petition 37: Mr. Robichaud, December 4, 2009. Petition 38: Mrs. Blaney, December 4, 2009. Petition 39: Mr. D. Graham, December 4, 2009. Petition 40: Mr. Holder, December 4, 2009. Petition 41: Mr. Williams, December 4. 2009. Petition 42: Hon. Mrs. Schryer, December 8, 2009. Petition 43: Mrs. Dubé. December 8, 2009. Petition 44: Mr. Volpé, December 8, 2009. Petition 45: Mrs. Poirier, December 8, 2009. Petition 46: Mr. C. Landry, December 8, 2009. Petition 47: Mr. Northrup. December 8, 2009. Petition 48: Mr. Williams, December 8, 2009. Petition 49: Mr. D. Graham, December 8, 2009. Petition 50: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 8, 2009. Petition 51: Mr. Olscamp, December 8, 2009. Petition 52: Hon. Mr. Arseneault, December 9, 2009. Petition 53: Hon. Mr. Arseneault, December 9, 2009. Petition 54: Mr. Fitch, December 9, 2009. Petition 55: Mrs. Dubé, December 9, 2009. Petition 56: Mr. Urguhart, December 9, 2009. Petition 57: Mrs. Poirier, December 9, 2009.

(Response, December 8, 2009) (Response, December 8, 2009)

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