

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Fourth Session, 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

## ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 21 Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

**GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS** 

#### **GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

#### Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act - Hon. Mrs. Schryer

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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- Bill 12, New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act Hon. Mr. Doherty
- 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 22, An Act to Amend the Family Services Act Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.
- Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act Mr. Alward

#### **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

Main Estimates 2010-2011 Supplementary Estimates Volume II 2008-2009 Supplementary Estimates Volume I 2009-2010

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

#### CONCLUDED

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

Motion 9 by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Q.C. Debated December 1,3,4,8,9 and 11; carried December 11, 2009.

#### **GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### CONCLUDED

Motion 17 by Mr. Paulin. Debated and carried December 15, 2009.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act - Mr. Alward

## Adjourned Debates

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 23, *No One Left Behind Act* [Mr. Alward] be now read a second time.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### **Debatable Motions**

**Motion 22 by Mr. Fitch**, seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 2009:

WHEREAS the net debt of the Province of New Brunswick has grown from \$6.9 billion in the 2006-2007 budget to a projected \$9.5 billion in the 2010-2011 budget; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is projecting that the net debt of the province will increase by \$1.2 billion dollars during the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has pushed back their date for balancing the budget until 2015 with no plan to decrease the debt of the province; and

WHEREAS the net debt-to-GDP ratio will have reached 33.3% by fiscal year end 2011; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General of New Brunswick has called repeatedly for the province to implement a debt reduction program to manage and decrease the province's debt burden:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly form a special bipartisan Debt Reduction Committee to study the province's debt burden and report back to this House with recommendations to reduce the debt load of New Brunswick.

#### Motions for Returns

**Motion 1 by Mr. Alward,** seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 3, 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 3, 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 3, 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.

## [Documents requested filed December 18, 2009]

**Motion 11 by Mr. Williams,** seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3, 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.

## [Documents requested filed December 11, 2009]

**Motion 12 by Mr. Robichaud,** seconded by Mr. Alward to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 3, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## [Documents requested filed December 14, 2009]

**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.

## [Documents requested filed December 17, 2009]

**Motion 19 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 all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the current costs to date and projected future costs regarding the restoration of the Petitcodiac River.

**Motion 20 by Mr. Volpé**, seconded by Mr. Northrup 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 a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Province and the State of Maine on February 9, 2007, all copies of correspondence between the State of Maine and New Brunswick regarding the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of New Brunswick and the Province of Quebec including but not limited to background materials, studies, reports and briefing materials.

## [Documents requested filed December 17, 2009]

**Motion 21 by Mr. Robichaud**, seconded by Mr. Volpé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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, memorandums, contracts and personal service contracts between the Government of New Brunswick, Premier Shawn Graham, the Office of the Premier, the Office of the Minister of Energy, Minister Jack Keir, Mr. Doug Tyler and Mr. Eugene (Gene) Meehan and or NERA Economic Consulting since January 1, 2009.

**Motion 23 by Mrs. Poirier**, seconded by Mrs. Dubé to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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 government possession, however recorded or stored, concerning the management agreements and construction contracts for the two schools being built in partnership with the private sector in Moncton and Rexton.

**Motion 24 by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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 any format, in the possession of the Government related to any equipment hired, rented or leased by the Department of Transportation by district and Department of Transportation garage or depot whether tendered or untendered, lists of the names of contractors or individuals, the amount and value of each contract and a description of the services delivered since November 1, 2008.

**Motion 25 by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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 contracts or personal service contracts within the possession of any government department, agency or Crown Corporation related to work of any kind, proposed or completed between the Government of New Brunswick and Nu Focus Strategic Group, including any final reports of work completed.

**Motion 26 by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Fitch to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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 a copy of the Canada – New Brunswick Affordable Housing Program Agreement, a list of all approved projects, the location of each of those projects, the names of all individuals, companies, or organizations that have been awarded successful contracts, the amount of those contracts and the number of units to be built for each contract.

**Motion 27 by Mr. Holder**, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 24, 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 a list of all guests, dates and duration of stay to Larry's Gulch Lodge since October 3, 2006.

#### **CONCLUDED**

Motion 6 by Mr. Alward. Debated and defeated November 26, 2009. Motion 15 by Mr. Alward. Debated and defeated December 10, 2009. Motion 16 by Mrs. Dubé. Debated and carried December 8, 2009.

#### **PETITIONS**

Petition 1: Mr. McGinley, Q.C., November 18, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 2: Mr. D. Graham, November 18, 2009. (Response, December 1, 2009) Petition 3: Mr. Urguhart, 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) (Response, December 11, 2009) Petition 6: Mr. Paulin, November 24, 2009. Petition 7: Mr. Urguhart, 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. (Response, January 5, 2010) Petition 11: Mr. Alward, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 3, 2009) Petition 12: Mr. D. Graham, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 9, 2009) Petition 13: Mr. Olscamp, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 4, 2009) (Response, December 8, 2009) Petition 14: Mr. Steeves, November 25, 2009. Petition 15: Mr. Betts, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 8, 2009) Petition 16: Mr. Williams, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 11, 2009) Petition 17: Mrs. Poirier, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 9, 2009) Petition 18: Mr. Northrup, November 25, 2009. (Response, December 8, 2009) Petition 19: Mr. Holder, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 20: Mr. D. Graham. November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 21: Mr. C. LeBlanc, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 22: Mr. Urguhart, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 23: Mrs. Blaney, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 24: Mr. Jack Carr, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) Petition 25: Mr. Williams, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 11, 2009) Petition 26: Mrs. Dubé, November 26, 2009. (Response, December 15, 2009) (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 27: Mr. Steeves, December 2, 2009. Petition 28: Mr. D. Graham. December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 29: Mrs. Poirier, December 2, 2009. Petition 30: Mr. C. LeBlanc. December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 31: Mr. Holder, December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 32: Mr. Fitch, December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 33: Mr. Williams, December 2, 2009. (Response, December 11, 2009) Petition 34: Mr. C. Landry, December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 35: Mr. Northrup, December 2, 2009. (Response, December 14, 2009) Petition 36: Mr. Huntjens, December 4, 2009. (Response, January 4, 2010) Petition 37: Mr. Robichaud, December 4, 2009. (Response, December 17, 2009) (Response, December 17, 2009) Petition 38: Mrs. Blaney, December 4, 2009. Petition 39: Mr. D. Graham, December 4, 2009. (Response, December 17, 2009) Petition 40: Mr. Holder, December 4, 2009. (Response, December 17, 2009) Petition 41: Mr. Williams, December 4. 2009. (Response, December 11, 2009) Petition 42: Hon. Mrs. Schryer, December 8, 2009. (Response, January 5, 2010) Petition 43: Mrs. Dubé, December 8, 2009. (Response, December 21, 2009)

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Petition 44: Mr. Volpé, December 8, 2009.
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Petition 45: Mrs. Poirier, December 8, 2009.
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Petition 50: Mr. C. LeBlanc, December 8, 2009.
Petition 51: Mr. Olscamp, December 8, 2009.
Petition 52: Hon. Mr. Arseneault, December 9, 2009. (Response, January 4, 2010)
Petition 53: Hon. Mr. Arseneault, December 9, 2009. (Response, January 4, 2010)
Petition 54: Mr. Fitch, December 9, 2009.
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Petition 55: Mrs. Dubé, December 9, 2009.
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Petition 74: Mr. Northrup, December 15, 2009.
Petition 75: Mr. Urguhart, December 16, 2009.
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Petition 76: Mr. C. Landry, December 16, 2009.
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Petition 77: Mr. D. Graham, December 16, 2009.
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Petition 78: Mr. Holder, December 16, 2009.
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Petition 88: Mr. Jack Carr, December 18, 2009.
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Petition 89: Mr. Williams, December 18, 2009. (Response, December 23, 2009) Petition 90: Mr. Northrup, December 18, 2009. (Response, December 23, 2009)

#### **DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS**

#### Tabled in the House

The Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2009.

(Tabled by Hon. Mr. R. Boudreau December 18, 2009)

#### Filed in the Clerk's Office

Document entitled *Property Tax Accountability Mechanism: 2010 Base Tax Rates* (Filed December 18, 2009)

Annual Report, Algonquin Properties Limited - Algonquin Golf Limited for year ending December 31, 2008 (Filed December 22, 2009)

2008-2009 Annual Report, Department of Environment (Filed January 6, 2010)

Annual Report 2008-2009, Office of Human Resources (Filed January 8, 2010)

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Standing Committee on Public Accounts will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Loredana Catalli Sonier Clerk of the Legislative Assembly