



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 11
Thursday, December 13, 2012

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 9 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

WHEREAS the economy of New Brunswick experienced zero growth in the past year;
 WHEREAS unemployment in New Brunswick has risen to 11.6 per cent;
 WHEREAS the economy of our major trading partner, the United States, is precarious;
 WHEREAS this weak economic performance means lower revenues for government, making it more difficult for government to deliver its services and address our fiscal challenge;

WHEREAS this bleak economic outlook is an issue that rises above political differences;

WHEREAS the Opposition offers to work with government on solutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the government and opposition to work together in convening a job summit representing a cross-section of stakeholders in the economy to review the current economic circumstances and make recommendations to government for remedial action.

Motion 14 by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

WHEREAS the Alward government has not questioned the federal government on reductions to federal transfer payments to New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has refused to take on the federal government for the \$1 billion in cost overruns caused by AECL, a federal crown corporation;

WHEREAS the Alward government has decided not to fight for the interests of New Brunswick by seeking compensation for the millions of dollars in additional costs the province will be burdened with in relation to the new federal omnibus crime bill;

WHEREAS the Alward government did not even seek adequate compensation from the federal government for the future upkeep and maintenance of the Harbour Bridge;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not voiced concern about federal job cuts in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not spoken out against cuts by ACOA to the regional economic development agencies;

WHEREAS the Alward government was silent on cuts to the National Research Council in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not stood up for New Brunswick in relation to the proposed EI eligibility changes which will have a devastating effect on our seasonal industries, our communities and our people;

WHEREAS the Alward government was not successful in convincing the federal government to keep Canadian Blood Services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Alward government has been unable to persuade the federal government to partner with it on the twinning of Route 11;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not fought against cuts to rail service in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government and opposition to coordinate a strong position on behalf of the people of New Brunswick to stand up and speak out against the federal government on measures that have such negative economic and financial consequences for New Brunswick.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Mr. Boudreau
 Bill 8, Lobbyists' Registration Act - Mr. Fraser
 Bill 14, Tanning Beds Act - Mr. Arseneault

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 1 by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2012:

WHEREAS the impending closure of the Xstrata Mine in Bathurst will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs, both directly and indirectly;

WHEREAS the northern economy has suffered numerous blows in recent years with the decline of various industries, and the Xstrata closure will only exacerbate this economic downturn;

WHEREAS the knowledge base, expertise and human resources in the region would provide an excellent training ground for those interested in learning mining skills;

WHEREAS mining companies around the world are looking for thousands of workers skilled in mining trades;

WHEREAS a mining trades program and a mining centre of excellence, and resulting research opportunities, would provide important economic opportunities for northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the training facility and centre of excellence would help both northern New Brunswick and mining all across Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to engage the mining industry and the federal government in a partnership to establish a Mining Centre of Excellence and training centre in Bathurst following the mine's shutdown.

Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Soucy, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud that Motion 1 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause, by deleting all the words following "urge the provincial government to" with "continue engaging the mining industry, the Mining Industry Human Resource Council, and the Federal Government in a dialogue concerning the possibility of establishing a Mining Centre of Excellence and college-level training centre in conjunction with the Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick – campus de Bathurst following the mine's shutdown."

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]

Motion 15 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2012:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, and collaborated with the Leader of the Opposition in the development of a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was “proud” to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important agreed-upon deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to collaborate with the Opposition in the implementation of the poverty reduction plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature ask the government to provide a schedule for full implementation of the poverty reduction plan.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Property Tax Reform - Hon. Mr. Fitch

Bill 3, An Act Respecting the Regional Service Delivery Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch

Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Trevors

Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs

Bill 19, Community Funding Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch

Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.

PRIVATE BILLS REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 12, An Act Respecting the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches - Mr. Steeves

Bill 13, City of Saint John Government Act - Mr. Killen

BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT

Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.
 Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act - Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.
 Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Elections Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
 Bill 10, An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics - Hon. Ms. Stultz
 Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act
 - Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2013-2014
 Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2011-2012 (Adopted December 12, 2012)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 28, 2012.
Motion 8 by Hon. Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried December 11, 2012.
Motion 13 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried December 6, 2012.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motions for Returns

Motion 3 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 6, 2012:

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 but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to contracts between all departments, agencies, Crown Corporations, boards or other entities of the provincial government and Alexander Proudfoot, from October 13, 2010 to present.

Motion 5 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

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 destination, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and occupants, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of the provincial airplane, and any other chartered airplane, since October 13, 2010.

Motion 6 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

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, however recorded, stored or archived, including but not limited to any correspondence in any form, between the Department of Social Development, any other government department, agency or Crown Corporation, any stakeholder group, and any government employee, including but not limited to Ministers, MLAs and departmental staff, regarding the applicants for social assistance who were rejected due to being without a permanent address, since October 13, 2010.

Motion 7 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

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 since October 1, 2010, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Energy and Mines, the Premier's Office, the Executive Council Office, the Department of Natural Resources and any other individuals, or corporations with respect to the engagement of consultants, communications companies and/or public relations companies engaged to provide strategic communications advice, public relations advice, marketing advice or other such guidance and/or materials in relation to the public discussion of issues related to shale gas exploration and development, including, but not limited to all correspondence, memos, contracts, directives, proposals, and invoices and detailed information of all costs incurred for such services.

Motion 10 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

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, however recorded, stored or archived, including but not limited to any correspondence in any form, between the Department of Health, any other government department, agency or Crown Corporation, any stakeholder group, and any government employee, including but not limited to Ministers, MLAs and departmental staff, in relation to the savings realized from generic drug pricing.

Motion 11 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

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 but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, regarding the Department of Public Safety's consultation on the Graduated Driver's Licence Program, from October 13, 2010.

Motion 12 by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 13, 2012:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the list, however recorded, stored or archived, of all roads identified for work based on the Asset Management System, in order of priority, including the date they were identified and the estimated cost of each project, for the years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

CONCLUDED

Motion 2 by Mr. Collins. Debated and carried as amended December 6, 2012.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Kenny, December 4, 2012.

(Withdrawn, December 5, 2012)

Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Trevors, December 11, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Select Committee on the Revision of the *Official Languages Act*

Interim Report, December 5, 2012

WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix “A”)

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

APPENDIX "A"

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question No. 1 By Mr. Arseneault

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C., Minister of Health

Can the Department of Health provide me with a list of all drugs covered by the prescription drug formulary, including the annual cost of each?