



## **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**

## GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

### *Bills Ordered for Second Reading*

Bill 45, An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act - Hon. Mr. Leonard  
 Bill 63, Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.  
 Bill 64, An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Commission  
 - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.

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Bill 67, An Act Respecting the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act  
 - Hon. Ms. Stultz

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Trevors  
 Bill 27, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act  
 - Hon. Mr. Higgs  
 Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act  
 - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud  
 Bill 32, Competitive Appointments Act - Mr. Fraser  
 Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act - Mr. Arseneault  
 Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act - Mr. Arseneault  
 Bill 37, New Brunswick Research and Innovation Council Act  
 - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud  
 Bill 38, An Act to Amend the Law Reform Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.  
 Bill 39, Electricity Act - Hon. Mr. Leonard  
 Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Ombudsman Act - Hon. Ms. Shephard  
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 Bill 44, An Act to Amend the Public Works Act - Hon. Mr. Williams  
 Bill 46, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act - Hon. Mr. Soucy  
 Bill 47, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act - Hon. Mr. Soucy  
 Bill 48, An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act - Hon. Mr. Soucy  
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 Bill 50, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs  
 Bill 51, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs  
 Bill 52, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs  
 Bill 53, An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act - Hon. Mr. Fitch  
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 Bill 56, Enforcement of Money Judgments Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.  
 Bill 57, An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act - Hon. Ms. Stultz  
 Bill 58, An Act to Amend the Marriage Act - Hon. Ms. Stultz  
 Bill 59, An Act Respecting Unpaid Fines - Hon. Mr. Northrup  
 Bill 60, Accountability and Continuous Improvement Act - Hon. Mr. Alward

Bill 61, An Act Respecting a Public Intervener for the Energy Sector  
 - Hon. Mr. Leonard  
 Bill 62, An Act to Amend the Energy and Utilities Board Act - Hon. Mr. Leonard  
 Bill 65, An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act  
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 Bill 66, An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act - Hon. Mr. Trevors  
 Bill 68, Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act - Hon. Mr. Olscamp  
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## **PUBLIC BILLS REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**

Bill 54, Artificial Tanning Act - Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.

## **PRIVATE BILLS REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Bill 71, An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Chiropractors Association - Mr. Killen

## **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

Main Estimates, 2013-2014	(Adopted June 4, 2013)
Capital Estimates, 2013-2014	(Adopted June 4, 2013)
Supplementary Estimates, Volume I, 2011-2012	(Adopted December 12, 2012)

## **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

**Motion 42 by Hon. Mr. Williams**, seconded by Hon. Mr. Flemming to propose the following resolution on Wednesday, April 17, 2013:

WHEREAS the former Liberal government granted seventy million dollars of financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies in 2008 and 2009;

WHEREAS immediately prior to approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, Business New Brunswick had flagged that Atcon was showing signs of insolvency;

WHEREAS immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, Business New Brunswick had recommended that further assistance not be given to Atcon and assessed the risk as “high”;

WHEREAS immediately prior to the former Liberal government approving fifty million dollars in assistance in March of 2009, New Brunswick Industrial Development Board, a body composed of senior civil servants, concurred with the recommendation against providing further financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS despite the clear signs that Atcon was in serious financial difficulty and against the recommendations of government officials, the then Minister of Business New Brunswick offered fifty million dollars in further assistance on March 27, 2009;

WHEREAS Atcon is now insolvent and out of business;

WHEREAS the vast majority of the funds advanced by the Government of New Brunswick have not been recovered and represent a loss to the taxpayers of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner has recommended that this House consider requesting the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and his Atcon group of companies;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Assembly request the Auditor General of New Brunswick to conduct an audit of all the financial assistance given by the Province of New Brunswick to Robert Tozer and the Atcon group of companies, including recommendations on how to improve the performance of the Department of Economic Development, formerly known as Business New Brunswick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend that all the evidence and information in the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's inquiry into allegations by Mr. Claude Williams, MLA for Kent South of violations of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the above matter, be preserved and made available to the Auditor General of New Brunswick to assist her in the audit and recommendations.

**Motion 53 by Hon. Mr. Soucy**, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

WHEREAS Atlantic Premiers announced earlier this week, through the Atlantic Workforce Partnership (AWP), that they will harmonize apprenticeship programs across the region and deliver online training to small-and medium-sized businesses, which will make the region a national leader in the delivery of critical skills training; and,

WHEREAS the progress of the AWP is further evidence of the responsiveness of Atlantic provinces to their labour market needs and job training, an area of provincial responsibility; and

WHEREAS Atlantic Canadian governments will need to consider if the program meets the needs of the provincial economies and labour markets, and whether provinces will participate in the program or opt out with full compensation as in other areas of provincial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS there are widespread concerns among small-and medium-sized businesses regarding the announced Canada Jobs Grant, in particular the proposal to redirect \$300 million of the \$500 million allocation from provincial programming supported by the Labour Market Agreements to the Canada Jobs Grant, thereby reducing the range of programming for skills and labour market development presently delivered by provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recent unilateral decisions of the federal government regarding skills, training and employment supports, including changes to labour market agreements and the proposed Canada Jobs Grant, raise considerable concerns for the future economic growth and prosperity of Atlantic Canada.

## 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.

**Motion 22 by Hon. Mr. Higgs.** Debated March 26, 28, April 3, 4, 5, 9, and carried April 9, 2013.

**Motion 25 by Hon. Mr. Alward.** Debated and carried December 19, 2012.

**Motion 26 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud.** Carried December 20, 2012.

**Motion 34 by Hon. Mr. Olscamp.** Carried April 4, 2013.

**Motion 39 by Hon. Mr. Lifford.** Carried April 10, 2013.

**Motion 40 by Hon. Mr. Lifford.** Carried April 10, 2013.

**Motion 46 by Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.** Carried April 25, 2013.

**Motion 50 by Hon. Mr. Soucy.** Debated and carried May 9, 2013.

**Motion 64 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud.** Carried June 5, 2013.

## **GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**Motion 36 by Mr. Killen**, seconded by Mr. S. Robichaud to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 11, 2013:

WHEREAS during the term of the former Liberal government seventy million dollars was given to the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS the vast majority of these funds have not been recovered and represent a loss to the taxpayers of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the former Liberal Premier was present and chaired Cabinet meetings where decisions were made to grant financial assistance to the Atcon group of companies;

WHEREAS the former Liberal Premier's father was a director and received financial benefit from a company that was part of the Atcon group of companies when the Cabinet decided to grant financial assistance;

WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner investigated the conduct of the former Liberal Premier;

WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Commissioner found the former Liberal Premier had acted improperly by participating in these meetings of Cabinet and that the former Liberal Premier was in breach of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*;

WHEREAS the former Liberal Premier was also the Leader of the New Brunswick Liberal Association at the time that he was in conflict;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government agreed to pay the former Liberal Premier's legal fees associated with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's investigation;

WHEREAS these fees are reported to be in excess of seventy thousand dollars;

WHEREAS the most recent return filed with the Supervisor of Political Financing indicates that the New Brunswick Liberal Association has in excess of one million dollars in cash;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly call on the New Brunswick Liberal Association and its leader to do the honourable thing and reimburse the taxpayers of New Brunswick for the legal fees incurred by the former Liberal Premier while defending his improper actions.

## **CONCLUDED**

**Motion 65 by Mr. Riordon.** Carried June 5, 2013.

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 14, Tanning Beds Act - Mr. Arseneault

Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Mr. Fraser

Bill 34, Family Physician Access Act - Mr. Arseneault

#### *Adjourned Debates*

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Mr. Boudreau

Bill 8, Lobbyists' Registration Act - Mr. Fraser

### 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 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.

***[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.

**Motion 21 by Mr. Kenny**, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 2012:

WHEREAS public transportation is a vital component to economic growth, particularly in rural areas of the province;

WHEREAS VIA Rail is eliminating its ticket agents and decreasing its routes in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS CN Rail has recently threatened to abandon its Newcastle line in northern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these services connected communities and brought social and economic opportunities to New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS jurisdiction for inter-provincial transportation rests with the federal government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to demand the federal government invest in infrastructure and provide the necessary funding to ensure these public transportation opportunities continue to exist, for the socio-economic well-being of our province.

**Motion 32 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 11, 2013:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party promised to encourage an open dialogue with health care professionals in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party promised to listen and act on the ideas of these professionals to improve the province's health care system;

AND WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party promised to ensure every New Brunswicker has access to a family doctor;

AND WHEREAS there are still more than 14,000 New Brunswickers without access to a family doctor, and many more New Brunswickers who do not have same day or next day access to their family doctors;

AND WHEREAS the Alward government has recently announced it is cutting back on physician recruitment and incentive programs;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of these recruitment and incentive programs will severely restrict the government's ability to recruit new physicians and other health care professionals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to commit to the continuation of all physician recruitment, retention and incentive programs that were in effect prior to the delivery of the 2013-2014 budget, and the enhancement of these programs.



**Motion 37 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 18, 2013:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers have to seek specialized medical treatment outside of the province each year because the prescribed treatment is not available in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the cost of travelling out-of-province to access the treatment is not covered by Medicare;

WHEREAS travel expenses for medical treatments pose a crippling hardship to many families;

WHEREAS the charitable organization Hope Air provides airline tickets to those in financial need who need to leave the province for medical treatment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to collect all air miles earned on government air travel and donate those air miles to Hope Air to specifically help New Brunswickers in financial need access out-of-province medical treatment.

**Motion 45 by Mr. Doucet**, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 2, 2013:

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park is a vital component of the tourism industry upon which the Grand Manan economy is dependent;

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park has served as a key employer on Grand Manan for many years;

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park is the only provincial campground on the island;

WHEREAS Grand Manan is prominently featured on the front cover of the 2013 New Brunswick Tourism Guide;

WHEREAS the lack of camping facilities on the island will negatively affect the number of visitors to the island this tourist season;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to immediately reinstate the employees at Anchorage Provincial Park and operate the facility this tourist season;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to meet with employees and key stakeholders on Grand Manan to determine alternate methods of generating increased revenue and alternate methods to reduce costs to ensure that this critical facility remains open in the future.

**Amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Malloch that Motion 45 be amended by:**

In the first whereas clause, by deleting the word "vital", the words "is dependent" and the word "upon" and by adding the words "is important to" before the words "the Grand Manan";

By replacing the fifth whereas clause with "WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick recognizes that provincial parks need to remain provincially owned and provincially protected;"

By replacing the first resolution clause with "BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to work with the community to find solutions to create employment opportunities at the Anchorage Provincial Park and operate the facility this tourist season;"

**By replacing the word "meet" with "continue meeting" in the last resolution clause.**

***[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]***

**Motion 58 by Mr. Boudreau**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2013:

WHEREAS affordable housing and homelessness continue to be issues that affect New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Housing Strategy entitled 'Hope is a Home' has not been revised since its release in 2009;

WHEREAS the expiry of social housing operating agreements will peak in 2017, affecting the viability of thousands of affordable nonprofit housing rental units across the province;

WHEREAS the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, using a 'Housing First' approach as advocated by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness;

WHEREAS the Canada/New Brunswick Affordable Housing Program Agreement is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, allowing for the construction of additional affordable housing units;

WHEREAS the various affordable housing and homelessness advocates have not been consulted as a group since the release of the province's housing strategy in 2009;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review its housing strategy, in partnership with the various advocates and the Official Opposition, before the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year, in order to take full advantage of the various federal-provincial agreements that will be extended as of April 2014.

**Motion 60 by Mr. Boudreau**, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2013:

WHEREAS there are a number of investigations ongoing concerning various cabinet ministers;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has admitted to a breach of privacy, which is the subject of an investigation by the Privacy Commissioner;

WHEREAS there has been an allegation of breach of confidentiality by the Attorney-General's office, which is being investigated by a private investigator;

WHEREAS there has been an allegation of obstruction of justice by the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, which is being investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

WHEREAS these allegations seriously undermine the credibility of the government;

WHEREAS Democracy Watch is a recognized national non-profit organization that advocates government accountability and ethical behavior;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to engage Democracy Watch to conduct an independent investigation of the Alward government and make recommendations as to how it can be more accountable to the public.

***[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]***

**Motion 62 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2013:

WHEREAS the Alward government is spending millions of dollars on external consultants to advise the government on how departments and Crown agencies can cut costs and become more efficient;

WHEREAS the majority of these consultants are not very familiar with the internal workings of the departments and Crown agencies, or the nature of the programs they administer;

WHEREAS as a result of this unfamiliarity, many of the recommendations made on cost cutting or efficiencies may not be realistic or achievable without significant consequences;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick public service has many valued employees with vast knowledge of how government can best deliver programs and services while achieving savings and efficiencies;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not sought the input of the public service, including front-line staff, on how government departments and Crown agencies can realize cost savings and efficiencies, prior to engaging these external consultants;

WHEREAS the Alward government has ignored the commitments contained in its own 2010 election platform to reduce the 'shadow bureaucracy' of hired consultants that perform similar services to regular public servants but at a higher cost and with less accountability, and to bring in new policies to govern the hiring of consultants that assure transparency and openness;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to engage the public servants in the government departments and Crown agencies and solicit their advice on the best ways to save money and find efficiencies as opposed to hiring expensive external consultants.

**Motion 63 by Mr. Melanson**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2013:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party of NB campaigned on a promise to balance the budget and create jobs within their mandate;

WHEREAS the economy of New Brunswick has declined in the last two and a half years;

WHEREAS this government's first two budgets focused mostly on expenditures and the reduction of services;

WHEREAS the province of NB is experiencing unemployment rate increases over the last two and a half years, reaching 10.9%;

WHEREAS the net debt has increased by over \$1.5 billion since the Alward government has been elected;

WHEREAS the deficit under the Alward government has added over \$1.1 billion to the net provincial debt;

WHEREAS the forecast deficit does not show a balanced budget for the next three years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to admit that it needs to have a clear plan, driven by a balanced approach, through economic growth and responsible fiscal management in addressing the province's financial situation.

**Motion 66 by Mr. Doucet**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 13, 2013:

WHEREAS Premier Alward's own press release on August 20, 2010, in speaking about Grand Manan ferry service, stated: "He also committed to retaining the current ferry operating schedule", and

WHEREAS the Alward government has proposed to ignore the Premier's commitment and intends to reduce the number of daily round trip ferry runs to Grand Manan;

WHEREAS this reduction in daily round trips will have a very negative impact on the island's entire economy: lobster export, aquaculture, shipping of a wide range of products from the sea, general trucking, along with reducing access for tourists;

WHEREAS this reduction would have a very negative impact on social contact with the rest of New Brunswick, including a devastating impact on recreation opportunities;

WHEREAS the proposed schedule will have a very negative impact on people travelling on medical appointments, especially those whose treatments leave them suffering extreme discomfort;

WHEREAS the proposed schedule can be demonstrated to project extreme congestion on some daily crossings;

WHEREAS the Grand Manan ferry service is the only ferry operation within the provincial government ferry service in which the Alward government sought savings;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to honour the Premier's commitment and maintain the daily number of round trip ferry crossings at its current operating schedule, while seeking other options for savings without impacting levels of ferry service that are so important to the New Brunswick people who rely on ferries.

### ***Motions for Returns***

**Motion 19 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. D. Landry to propose the following resolution on Thursday, December 20, 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 from any MLA, Minister or government department, regarding Chancery Place, since October 13, 2010.

**Motion 38 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, April 18, 2013:

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 correspondence, regarding the American Iron & Metal Company Inc. and the former Abitibi Bowater site in Dalhousie.

**Motion 44 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 2, 2013:

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 potential

privatization or outsourcing of non-clinical services, from the Department of Health and FacilicorpNB Ltd. since January 1, 2011.

**Motion 47 by Mr. Melanson**, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 2, 2013:

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, from the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in regards to the 200 jobs created by the new One-Job Pledge Initiative, including but not limited to the names of the companies that have hired a student through this initiative and the sectors in which these jobs have been created since January 30, 2013.

**Motion 48 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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 \$10 million reduction in the Department of Transportation's winter maintenance budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

**Motion 49 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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, between government MLAs and each district government garage, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Minister's executive staff and any supervisors or engineering staff at any district offices, since October 13, 2010.

**Motion 51 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. Arseneault to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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 invitations to bid for asphalt and corresponding bids, within District 5 of the Department of Transportation, including any information regarding the investigations by the Office of the Ombudsman and the Auditor General, from January 1, 2012 to May 2, 2013.

**Motion 52 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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, however recorded, stored or archived, received by the Minister of Health regarding the cap to Medicare billings since January 1, 2013.

**[Documents requested filed May 28, 2013]**

**Motion 55 by Mr. Fraser**, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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 all flights taken via any private charter service by members of Executive Council and their staff, including but not limited to executive assistants, special assistants, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers, since October 13, 2010.

**[Documents requested filed May 31, 2013]**

**Motion 56 by Mr. Melanson**, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 9, 2013:

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, from the Department of Finance in regards to the construction of any and all NB Liquor agency stores, including but not limited to the tendering process, the names of the companies involved, the bids, and the results, since October 13, 2010.

**Motion 57 by Mr. Collins**, seconded by Mr. Haché to propose the following resolution on Thursday, May 16, 2013:

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 related to discussions on the decision to require that Ashley Gallagher, a student at Oromocto High School, undertake the English Language Proficiency Exam, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Anglophone West School District, Oromocto High School, the Minister's Executive staff, the Minister's Constituency Assistant Jeff Carr, and other Constituency Office staff. The documentation requested is to include all correspondence, memos, e-mails related to the test, discussions on outcomes and results and the notification of the student, Ashley Gallagher and her family.

**[Documents requested filed May 16, 2013]**

**Motion 59 by Mr. Arseneault**, seconded by Mr. Kenny to propose the following resolution on Thursday, June 6, 2013:

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 funding projects approved for the NB Multimedia Initiative, through the Regional Development Corporation and/or the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, since March 31, 2011, including the names of those receiving funding, the amount of funding provided and a description of the projects.

## **CONCLUDED**

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

**Motion 9 by Mr. Melanson.** Debated and defeated December 13, 2012.

**Motion 27 by Mr. Albert.** Debated and carried as amended April 4, 2013.

**Motion 28 by Mr. D. Landry.** Debated and carried as amended May 30, 2013.

**Motion 61 by Mr. Collins.** Debated and carried June 6, 2013.

## WITHDRAWN

Motions 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 23 withdrawn March 27, 2013.  
 Motions 24, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41, 43 and 54 withdrawn May 22, 2013.

## PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Kenny, December 4, 2012.	(Withdrawn, December 5, 2012)
Petition 2: Hon. Mr. Trevors, December 11, 2012.	(Response, December 20, 2012)
Petition 3: Mr. Kenny, December 20, 2012.	(Response, January 22, 2013)
Petition 4: Mr. Killen, December 20, 2012.	(Response, February 20, 2013)
Petition 5: Mr. Fraser, March 27, 2013.	(Response, April 9, 2013)
Petition 6: Hon. Mr. Holder, April 5, 2013.	(Response, April 22, 2013)
Petition 7: Mr. Haché, April 10, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 8: Mr. Doucet, April 23, 2013.	(Response, May 7, 2013)
Petition 9: Mr. Doucet, April 23, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 10: Ms. Wilson, April 23, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 11: Mr. McLean, April 23, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 12: Mr. Doucet, April 24, 2013.	(Response, May 7, 2013)
Petition 13: Mr. Doucet, April 24, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 14: Mr. Doucet, April 24, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 15: Mr. Doucet, April 25, 2013.	(Response, May 8, 2013)
Petition 16: Mr. Doucet, April 25, 2013.	(Response, May 7, 2013)
Petition 17: Mr. McLean, April 25, 2013.	(Response, May 13, 2013)
Petition 18: Mr. Doucet, April 26, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 19: Mr. Doucet, April 26, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 20: Mr. Fraser, April 30, 2013.	(Response, May 15, 2013)
Petition 21: Mr. Doucet, April 30, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 22: Mr. Doucet, April 30, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 23: Mr. Parrott, April 30, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 24: Mr. Parrott, April 30, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 25: Mr. Doucet, May 1, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 26: Mr. Doucet, May 1, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 27: Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, May 1, 2013.	(Response, May 29, 2013)
Petition 28: Mr. Doucet, May 2, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 29: Mr. Doucet, May 2, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 30: Mr. Arseneault, May 2, 2013.	
Petition 31: Mr. Doucet, May 3, 2013.	(Response, May 17, 2013)
Petition 32: Mr. Doucet, May 3, 2013.	(Response, May 10, 2013)
Petition 33: Mr. Doucet, May 7, 2013.	(Response, May 17, 2013)
Petition 34: Mr. Doucet, May 7, 2013.	(Response, May 22, 2013)
Petition 35: Mr. Doucet, May 8, 2013.	(Response, May 22, 2013)
Petition 36: Mr. Doucet, May 8, 2013.	(Response, May 22, 2013)
Petition 37: Mr. Doucet, May 9, 2013.	(Response, May 17, 2013)
Petition 38: Mr. Doucet, May 9, 2013.	(Response, May 22, 2013)
Petition 39: Mr. Doucet, May 10, 2013.	(Response, May 17, 2013)

Petition 40: Mr. Doucet, May 10, 2013.  
 Petition 41: Mr. Haché, June 6, 2013.

(Response, May 22, 2013)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Select Committee on the Revision of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	Interim Report, December 5, 2012
Standing Committee on Education	First Report, May 9, 2013
Standing Committee on Estimates	First Report, May 21, 2013
Standing Committee on Estimates	Second Report, June 4, 2013
Standing Committee on Health Care	First Report, May 21, 2013
Standing Committee on Private Bills	First Report, December 13, 2012

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Standing Committee on Health Care will meet on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 12:45 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Select Committee on the Revision of the *Official Languages Act* will meet in-camera on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills will meet on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., in the Legislative Council Chamber.

## **DOCUMENTS/REPORTS**

### ***Filed in the Clerk's Office***

Annual Report 2012-2013, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick, Official Languages, Aim Higher, Go Further! (Filed June 10, 2013)

## **WRITTEN QUESTIONS (see Appendix "A")**

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## **APPENDIX “A”**

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**Question No. 1 by Mr. Arseneault**

**(Response, December 20, 2012)**

**Question No. 2 By Mr. Fraser**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Are there to be any cuts in staffing or services to the province's radio communications operations?

**Question No. 3 By Mr. Fraser**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Will there be any closures of government garages for any length of time in the 2013-2014 budget year?

**Question No. 4 By Mr. Fraser**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Has the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a review of the cost of asphalt work as performed by the Department versus as performed by private contractors?

**Question No. 5 By Mr. Fraser**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

How many jobs (full-time, part-time, seasonal, casual) are recommended to be eliminated as a result of the review conducted by PVA Consulting Group Inc.?

**Question No. 6 By Mr. Fraser**

Directed to: Hon. Mr. Williams  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Has the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure been successful in its efforts to collect the \$3.1 million penalty from SNC-Lavalin for delays to the Princess Margaret Bridge refurbishment?