



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Fourth Session, 57th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER - Sitting No. 11
Thursday, November 21, 2013

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Prayers
Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (*Prior Notice to Speaker*)
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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 10 by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Albert to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 21, 2013:

WHEREAS the Alward government indicated that participation in the Shared Risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier initially told public servants and pensioners that the Shared Risk plan would not apply to vested benefits;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not engaged stakeholders in meaningful consultations;

WHEREAS the Alward government intends to impose the Shared Risk pension plan on public servants and retirees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to halt plans to introduce legislation that would impose the Shared Risk pension model and immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby government would sit down with bargaining, non-bargaining groups and other pension representatives to review all relevant financial information and discuss all possible options for pension reform.

Motion 4 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Melanson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 14, 2013:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative party promised during the 2010 campaign that it would maintain the number of teachers in the province;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, avoided questions in relation to further cuts within his department;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development admitted to media that his Department cut 40 teaching positions and that his government was unable to keep its campaign promise;

WHEREAS on August 23, 2013, a news story was published in regards to potential cuts to music and physical education specialists;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately release a complete list of any and all cuts made to teaching positions as well as other staff positions within all schools in the province's school districts.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time]

Motion 5 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 14, 2013:

WHEREAS 12 public consultations were held between September 16 and October 9, leading to a renewal of *Overcoming Poverty Together – The New Brunswick Poverty Reduction Plan*;

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had the following objective: "By 2015, New Brunswick will have reduced income poverty by 25% and deep income poverty by 50%, and will have made significant progress in achieving sustained economic and social inclusion.";

WHEREAS the province's Poverty Reduction Plan had established specific priority actions, both immediate and over a five year period;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to table in the House within 30 days a detailed progress report on the province's Poverty Reduction Plan that demonstrates goals met and identifies remaining work and a timeline for achieving unmet goals.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act - Mr. Bernard LeBlanc

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act - Mr. Bernard LeBlanc

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 8 by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Collins to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 21, 2013:

WHEREAS all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to our armed forces for their sacrifices on our behalf; and

WHEREAS armed forces personnel have been injured in the line of duty on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS federal government policy requires armed forces personnel to be ready to be deployed overseas for the entire ten years of their service to qualify for a pension; and

WHEREAS injuries prevent many of these armed forces personnel from being ready to be deployed overseas thereby disqualifying these brave men and women from a pension; and

WHEREAS successive Ministers of National Defense have recognized that this policy is unfair and have pledged to address the problem; and

WHEREAS the problem has still not been addressed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature of New Brunswick unanimously condemn that current policy and urge the federal government to make provision for armed forces personnel injured in the line of duty to be allowed to remain in the service for their full ten years to qualify for their pensions.

Motion 12 by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 28, 2013:

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed in its efforts to address the economic challenges facing the province;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to stimulate job creation and tackle the problem of unemployment;

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have been forced to leave the province in search of employment elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Premier has not brought forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada figures reveal that nearly all New Brunswick economic indicators are well below the national average;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its lack of results in growing the economy, tackling unemployment, and creating jobs.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Adjourned Debates

Bill 11, An Act Respecting Pensions under the *Public Service Superannuation Act*
- Hon. Mr. Higgs

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill 2, Lobbyists' Registration Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act - Hon. Mr. Higgs
Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act - Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.
Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act - Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud
Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Securities Act - Hon. Mr. Lifford

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 6, 2013.

Motion 2 by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud. Carried November 6, 2013.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motions for Returns

Motion 6 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 14, 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 every position description questionnaire for each senior executive position with Vitalité Health Network, Horizon Health Network and FacilicorpNB, as well as a list of each position description questionnaire that was approved, all between January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2013.

Motion 7 by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Fraser to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 14, 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 every position description questionnaire for each senior executive management position with Vitalité Health Network, Horizon Health Network, and FacilicorpNB, as well as the list of each position description questionnaire that was approved, all between January 2, 2013, and the present day.

Motion 9 by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 21, 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 correspondence, however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Anglophone North School District, the Francophone sud school district, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding school closures in Kent County because of concerns about student safety following recent shale gas protests in the Rexton area.

Motion 11 by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Doucet to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 21, 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 any and all documentation, however stored, recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the Premier's Office, and Paul D'Astous in relation to auto insurance rates in New Brunswick between October 12, 2010 and the present day.

CONCLUDED

Motion 3 by Mr. Fraser. Debated and defeated November 14, 2013.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Doucet, November 6, 2013.

Petition 2: Mr. Gallant, November 14, 2013.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

Tabled in the House

Review of the Provisions and the Operation of the *Credit Unions Act*, October 2013
(Tabled by Hon. Mr. Lifford November 20, 2013)

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly