



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK Third Session, 58th Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 25
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Motion 19 by Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gallant to propose the following resolution on Tuesday, January 31, 2017:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.

Debate to resume on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act - Hon. Mr. Doucet
 Bill 41, An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act - Hon. Mr. Boudreau
 Bill 42, An Act Respecting Animal Protection - Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.

Adjourned Debates

Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act - Hon. Mr. Fraser
 Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act - Hon. Mr. Landry
 Bill 31, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act - Hon. Ms. Rogers

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation Act - Hon. Mr. Doucet
 Bill 28, An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act
 - Hon. Ms. Rogers
 Bill 30, An Act to Amend the Marriage Act - Hon. Dr. Doherty
 Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act - Hon. Ms. Rogers
 Bill 35, An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick
 Research and Productivity Council - Hon. Mr. Doucet
 Bill 36, Research and Productivity Council Act - Hon. Mr. Doucet
 Bill 37, An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act
 - Hon. Dr. Doherty
 Bill 39, An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records - Hon. Mr. Horsman

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Bill 38, An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered
 Barbers' Association - Ms. Shephard
 Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act
 - Ms. LeBlanc

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Capital Estimates, 2017-2018
 Supplementary Estimates, 2015-2016, Volume I

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion 10 by Hon. Mr. Doucet, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau to propose the following resolution on Wednesday, December 7, 2016:

THAT unless otherwise provided by Standing Rule or Special Order of the House, the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional calendar upon resumption of the Third Session of the Fifty-Eighth Legislature on December 6, 2016:

Tuesday, December 6 to Friday, December 9, 2016, inclusive;
 Tuesday, December 13 to Friday, December 16, 2016, inclusive;
 Tuesday, January 31 to Friday, February 3, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 7 to Friday, February 10, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 14 to Friday, March 17, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 21 to Friday, March 24, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, March 28 to Friday, March 31, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, April 25 to Friday, April 28, 2017, inclusive; and
 Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 5, 2017, inclusive;

THAT during certain weeks in which the Assembly is adjourned, the following dates are available to the standing committees to meet to consider bills, estimates and the public accounts of various government departments and Crown corporations;

Tuesday, January 17 to Friday, January 20, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 14 to Friday, February 17, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 21 to Friday, February 24, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, February 28 to Friday, March 3, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, April 11 to Thursday, April 13, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, April 18 to Friday, April 21, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, June 6 to Friday June 9, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, June 13 to Friday June 16, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, September 26 to Friday, September 29, 2017, inclusive;
 Tuesday, October 3 to Friday October 6, 2017, inclusive; and
 Tuesday, October 10 to Friday, October 13, 2017, inclusive,

THAT notwithstanding the above dates available to committees, that the chairs of standing and select committees may continue to call meetings with appropriate notice on dates of their choosing;

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday May 5, 2017, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 1, 2017;

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during any period of adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

CONCLUDED

Motion 11 by Hon. Mr. Gallant. Debated and carried December 13, 2016.

Motion 12 by Hon. Mr. Gallant. Debated and carried December 7, 2016.

Motion 13 by Hon. Mr. Gallant. Debated and carried December 7, 2016.

Motion 14 by Hon. Mr. Gallant. Debated and carried December 7, 2016.

Motion 16 by Hon. Ms. Rogers. Debated and carried December 14, 2016.

Motion 17 by Hon. Mr. Doucet. Carried December 8, 2016.

Motion 22 by Hon. Mr. Doucet. Carried February 14, 2017.

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 15 by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc. Debated and carried December 13, 2016.

Motion 18 by Mr. Guitard. Debated and carried December 15, 2016.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bill 7, Green Jobs Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Education Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act - Mr. Jody Carr

Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act - Mr. Coon

Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act - Mr. Wetmore

Bill 34, An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act - Mr. Steeves

Adjourned Debates

Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act - Mr. Fitch

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 3 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. K. MacDonald to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 10, 2016:

WHEREAS the softwood lumber agreement between Canada and the United States of America has expired and the two countries are in the midst of negotiations for a new agreement;

WHEREAS 83 percent of New Brunswick's land base is forested and about half of that is Crown forest;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick employs over 22,000 people;

WHEREAS the forest industry in New Brunswick contributes over \$1.45 billion to the economy annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have a vested interest in the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement;

WHEREAS impositions of tariffs and trade caps with the United States could pose a significant risk to New Brunswick's economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to meet with the federal government to continue to promote New Brunswick interests with regard to the negotiations of a new softwood lumber agreement.

Motion 6 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Keirstead to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 17, 2016:

WHEREAS the government tables each year its Main Estimates and its public accounts of government expenses and revenues;

WHEREAS revenues foregone through tax expenditures including tax credits and tax exemptions are not currently included in the expenses of the government's Main Estimates;

WHEREAS international organizations including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development promote public sector accounting standards that require governments to report tax expenditures;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada, including British Columbia and the Government of Canada report tax expenditures annually;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of government to be accountable to the people it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to include in its main estimates the total revenue foregone as a result of tax expenditures each fiscal year, beginning with 2017-2018.

Motion 7 by Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 24, 2016:

WHEREAS all Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the public;

WHEREAS it would be helpful for Members of the Legislative Assembly to have guidelines to aid them in the conduct of their duties;

WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;

WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee recommended the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs in its report to the Legislative Assembly tabled April 3, 2003;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into consideration the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.

Motion 20 by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Crossman to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 2, 2017:

WHEREAS Policy 409 concerning Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning is intended to give a clear direction to decision-making for closing schools;

WHEREAS this same policy has instead created confusion among members of the school community and has been perceived to be improperly implemented by various District Education Councils;

WHEREAS this policy has created division and torn communities apart, as opposed to uniting them;

WHEREAS such a government policy should be designed to bring New Brunswickers together using an independent, facilitated process;

WHEREAS it has become apparent over the last number of years that parents, students, teachers, and community members are dissatisfied with the Policy 409 process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to halt all current school sustainability assessments and conduct a review of Policy 409;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review of Policy 409 includes a robust, public, and facilitated province-wide consultation process.

Motion 21 by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Savoie to propose the following resolution on Thursday, February 23, 2017:

WHEREAS many recent failures in the provincial electricity grid have led to a spike in homeowners buying and installing generators;

WHEREAS encouraging the use of economical options for homeowners to plug their generators into their home network would be desirable to promote safety and security;

WHEREAS plug-in options exist but their availability is being stymied by regulatory authorities;

WHEREAS new home construction could be greatly enhanced by encouraging universal generator connectors to be included as part of the household electrical wiring;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to emulate the many jurisdictions in Canada that have approved the use of universal plug-ins for generators in residential electric systems by adopting their approval processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Mr. Higgs. Debated and carried as amended November 10, 2016.

Motion 2 by Mr. Savoie. Debated and defeated November 17, 2016.

Motion 4 by Mr. Stewart. Debated and defeated December 8, 2016.

Motion 5 by Mr. Urquhart. Debated and defeated November 17, 2016.

Motion 8 by Mr. Higgs. Debated and defeated December 15, 2016.

Motion 9 by Mr. Keirstead. Debated and defeated December 8, 2016.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Mr. Crossman, November 3, 2016.	(Response, November 29, 2016)
Petition 2: Mr. Crossman, November 3, 2016.	(Response, December 9, 2016)
Petition 3: Mr. Coon, December 6, 2016.	(Response, December 21, 2016)
Petition 4: Mr. Wetmore, December 9, 2016.	(Response, December 19, 2016)
Petition 5: Mr. Crossman, December 14, 2016.	(Response, January 26, 2017)
Petition 6: Mr. Crossman, December 14, 2016.	(Response, January 26, 2017)
Petition 7: Mr. Albert, February 8, 2017.	
Petition 8: Mr. Oliver, February 8, 2017.	
Petition 9: Mr. Oliver, February 10, 2017.	
Petition 10: Mr. Oliver, February 14, 2017.	
Petition 11: Mr. Crossman, February 14, 2017.	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee on Economic Policy

First Report, December 6, 2016
Second Report, December 8, 2016
Third Report, December 13, 2016
Fourth Report, December 14, 2016
Fifth Report, December 16, 2016

Standing Committee on Law Amendments

First Report, December 14, 2016

Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly