

Daily sitting 8

Friday, December 12, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the proposed development of a 750-site campground in Shediac. (Petition 6)

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Coles Island urging the District Education Council to not close the Coles Island School. (Petition 7)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 7, An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle,

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.

Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, December 18, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS the Energy East crude oil pipeline project will result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

WHEREAS TransCanada Corporation has filed a formal project application for the Energy East crude oil pipeline project with the National Energy Board of Canada;

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should not create unnecessary barriers to the Energy East crude oil pipeline project by imposing additional processes and conditions that are not within their constitutional authority;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick re-affirms its unanimous support for the construction of the Energy East crude oil pipeline project to bring western crude oil to Saint John;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick calls on Ontario and Quebec to recognize the National Energy Board as the appropriate body to review the Energy East crude oil pipeline project.

Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 18, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jody Carr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cause any changes to abortion services that it has adopted or intends to adopt to be the subject of a debate in the House, and to delay implementation of those changes until that debate has occurred.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 2, 5 and 3 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Bill 4 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Roussel, seconded by Ms. Harris:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2014.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Fraser, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.