

Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the family of the late Honourable Gilbert Finn, former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick (1987-1994).

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Hon. Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to increase the amount of nursing home beds in Miramichi. (Petition 11)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 12)

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Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *New Brunswick Police Commission Annual Report 2013-2014*.

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Ms. Dubé requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions, and unanimous consent was denied.

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Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that certain members of the Opposition were not directing their questions through the Speaker and that Mr. Holder's supplementary questions were not related to his original question. Mr. Speaker ruled the points well taken.

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The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House the Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology) and Member of Parliament for London West.

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Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 7; following which Bills 7, 4, 9 and 6 would be called for second reading.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following “THAT” and substituting the following:

“recommendations 1 to 25 and 27 to 31, inclusive, contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 26 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;

THAT Standing Rule 102 be repealed and the following substituted:

102(1) Subject to subrule (2), any Member of the House who is not a member of a Committee may, unless the House or the Committee concerned otherwise orders, take part in the proceedings of the Committee and offer comments, questions or amendments to Bills or estimates, but may not vote nor move any motion other than an amendment, nor be part of a quorum.

102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to sit as a participating member of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate, and shall be entitled to vote, move any motion including an amendment, and be part of a quorum.”

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.01 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.17 p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended by:

Deleting all the words after the words “nor be part of a quorum” and substituting the following:

“102(2) A Minister who introduces a Bill or is responsible for a departmental estimate shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Committee that considers the Bill or estimate and to move any motion, but shall not be considered a participating member of the Committee, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be part of a quorum.”

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.57 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*4.14 p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

**Annual Reports**

2013-2014 Office of the Attorney General	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Department of Justice	December 19, 2014
2013-2014 Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick	January 5, 2015
2013-2014 New Brunswick Community College	January 5, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	January 12, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	January 22, 2015
2014 Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume 1, Financial Audits	January 22, 2015
2014 Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume 2, Performance Audits	January 22, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Human Resources	January 23, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Health	January 28, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Energy and Mines	January 29, 2015
Annual Report on Fees, Department of Finance, January 2015	January 30, 2015
2013-2014 Department of Economic Development	February 2, 2015
Legislative Activities 2013	February 10, 2015

**Other**

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Alfred R. Landry, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into Allegations by Mr. Victor Boudreau, MLA for Shediac–Cap-Pelé of Violations of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> by Minister Paul Robichaud, MLA for Lamèque-Shippagan- Miscou and Deputy Premier	January 13, 2015
Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Alfred R. Landry, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into Allegations by Ms. Marie-Paule Martin, of Violations of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> by Mr. Victor Boudreau, MLA for Shediac–Cap-Pelé as he then was	February 5, 2015

**Petitions**

Response to Petitions 2, 4, 6, 9	December 22, 2014
Response to Petitions 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10	January 26, 2015