

Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Bertin LeBlanc, the former Liberal MLA for Kent South (1978-1982).

Mr. LePage, Member for Restigouche West, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to install moose fencing on Route 17, between Glen Levit and Squaw Cap. (Petition 13)

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 14)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that when posing questions, the supplementary questions must be related to the subject matter of the original question.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,
Bill 11, *Local Food Security Act*.

Mr. Jeff Carr gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS this government has created much uncertainty with regard to the future of several schools in New Brunswick, especially those in rural regions;

WHEREAS this government committed to implementing a 10-year plan for all grade levels;

WHEREAS the 10-year education plan could greatly influence and impact the future and the use of several schools in the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge this government and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development not to close any schools in the province nor to carry out department policy 409 until the new 10-year plan promised by the government has been implemented.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 12, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 9 and 2.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12.30 p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance 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 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

"Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments."

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

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Fraser, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House consider Motion 7.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 7, moved by Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Fitch, as follows:

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.”

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

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

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