

Daily sitting 16

Friday, February 13, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to maintain the Dorchester Island Road in Westmorland County. (Petition 16)

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 17)

Hon. Mr. Rousselle laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Annual Report 2015, Statute Repeal Act, Office of the Attorney General*.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Macdonald accused the Minister of Health of stating a “half truth” and that Mr. Stewart compared Government Members to “war lords”. Mr. Speaker ruled both points well taken and cautioned both Members against the use of such language.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, February 19, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS alcohol ignition interlocks are an effective tool in the ongoing fight to stop impaired driving;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick ignition interlock program, administered by the Department of Public Safety, is a voluntary program in which persons convicted of impaired driving must request to participate;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the only Canadian jurisdictions where an ignition interlock program exists but is not mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving;

WHEREAS stakeholders concerned with the continued societal problem of impaired driving have called for the New Brunswick ignition interlock program to be made mandatory;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make the changes necessary to the New Brunswick ignition interlock program such that it become mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving.

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

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act*, be now read a second time as follows:

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.”

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. 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, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, 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.

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