

Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Arseneault rose on a matter of privilege to correct an article published in the *Telegraph Journal* on February 13, 2015, concerning the demolition plans of the Dalhousie Generating Station.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members that Messages of Congratulation and Recognition are not to be political in nature.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,

Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2014*.

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Friday, February 20, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the consideration of Motion 7 to concur in the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, and any amendments thereto, which shall include the days spent considering Motion 7 from February 17, 2015, and onward, and, at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of Motion 7 and any amendments thereto, which shall be decided without further amendment or debate.

Mr. Macdonald gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, February 26, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Lynch:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in the custody of or under the control of the Office of the Premier, the Premier, the Department of Finance, the Minister of

Finance, the Department of Health, the Horizon Health Network, the Vitalité Health Network, the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, the Minister of Health and any other relevant government employee, department, agency, board or commission, and any correspondence or other communication, whether by electronic means or otherwise, between or amongst those entities and persons or with the federal, other provincial, territorial or municipal governments, relating to capital expenditures and planned capital improvements, including budget figures, tables, projections and planned future budget figures, together with all reports and studies relating to the capital infrastructure of the Horizon Health Network and the Vitalité Health Network, including but not limited to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, for the years from 2010 to 2020, inclusive.

Hon. Mr. Fraser gave notice that on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, Bill 12 would be called for second reading.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 7, moved by Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Albert, as follows:

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.”

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

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

By adding after the proposed Standing Rule 102(2) as it is set out in the amendment, the following:

“AND THAT the Standing Rules are amended by adding after the heading “PART V SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND QUORUM” the following:

28.01(1) The Speaker of the House shall, by October 30, after consultation with the House Leaders, table in the House a calendar for the following year setting out the sitting and non-sitting weeks between the last Tuesday in November and the Friday before Christmas Day, and between the second Tuesday in March and the last Friday in June.

28.01(2) If there is no Speaker on October 30, the Speaker shall, within two weeks of being elected, table in the House the calendar described in subrule (1).

28.01(3) If the House is not sitting when the Speaker has prepared the calendar in accordance with subrule (1) or (2), the Speaker shall provide the calendar to the House Leaders forthwith upon its preparation and shall table the calendar in the House at its next sitting.

28.01(4) The Speaker shall prepare the calendar described in subrule (1) such that, during the periods mentioned in subrule (1), at no time shall the number of consecutive non-sitting weeks exceed two.

28.01(5) The House shall follow the calendar described in subrule (1), and the House may decide to schedule its sittings notwithstanding the calendar only where there is agreement amongst the government, the Official Opposition, and the other recognized parties to do so.”

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

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

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 Report 2013-2014

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture February 13, 2015
Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, change in the fee structure
of Regulation 2009-24 relating to the registration
and operation of casinos in New Brunswick February 13, 2015