

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 21)

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 22)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 23)

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 14 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 7.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, a debate arose thereon.

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, Hon. Mr. Fraser moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

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

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.”

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. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

In the first clause, by deleting “1 to 25” and substituting “1 to 8, 10 to 25”;

By adding after the first clause the following:

“THAT recommendation 9 contained in the said report not be concurred in by the House;”

And the question being put, the sub-amendment was adopted.

Debate resumed on the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7.

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

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended as follows:

- (a) in the first clause, deleting “1 to 8, 10 to 25 and 27 to 31”, and substituting “1 to 3, 7, 10(a) to 10(c), 10(e), 11 to 15, 17 to 20, 22 to 24 and 27 to 31”;
- (b) in the second clause, deleting “recommendation 9”, and substituting “recommendations 4 to 6, 8, 9, 10(d), 16, 21 and 25”; and
- (c) adding after the second clause the following:

“THAT Standing Rule 35 be repealed and the following substituted:

35 The ordinary daily routine of business in the House shall be:

Prayers.

Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (prior notice to Speaker).

Introduction of Guests (10 minutes).

Messages of Congratulation and Recognition (10 minutes).

Presentations of Petitions.

Answers to Petitions and Written Questions.

Presentations of Committee Reports.

Tabling of Documents.

Statements by Ministers.

Introduction of Bills.

Notices of Motions.

Notice of Opposition Members' Business.

Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Orders of the Day.

At the Designated Hour:

Statements by Members.

Oral Questions (30 minutes).

THAT the Standing Rules be amended by adding after Standing Rule 35 the following:

35.01(1) On Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 1:00 p.m., the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and the House shall proceed to the orders for “Statements by Members” followed by “Oral Questions”.

35.01(2) At the conclusion of “Oral Questions”, the House shall resume consideration of the order that was under consideration when the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to subrule (1).

35.01(3) If it is resolved that the House adjourn, but the orders for “Statements by Members” and “Oral Questions” have not yet been called on the sitting day in question, the Speaker, before declaring the House adjourned, shall call the orders for “Statements by Members” followed by “Oral Questions”, after which the House shall stand adjourned.

THAT the Standing Rules be amended by adding after Standing Rule 35.3(2) the following:

35.4(1) A maximum of ten minutes shall be allocated to the item of routine business “Condolences and Messages of Sympathy”.

35.4(2) A member making a statement of condolence or a message of sympathy shall speak for no more than sixty seconds.

THAT Standing Rule 100 be repealed and the following substituted:

100 Any Member may request a recorded vote in Committee. If a recorded vote is requested, the Chair shall, ten minutes after directing that the Members be called in, put the question. The Chair of a Committee shall vote only when there is an equality of votes.”

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7 as follows:

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And the question being put, the amendment, as amended, to Motion 7 was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 7 as amended and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Roussel
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Ms. Harris
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 17

Mr. Holder	Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Northrup	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Flemming	

And then, 6.06 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:

Response to Petitions 12, 14, 15, 17, 18	February 27, 2015
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: Thirty-Eighth General Election	
September 22, 2014	March 3, 2015
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Saint John East By-election of November 17, 2014	March 3, 2015