

Daily sitting 24

Friday, March 13, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, 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 30)

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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 31)

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Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

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With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 24)

That, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

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

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 16, 12 and 6; following which Bills 14 and 9 would be called for second reading.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Harris in the chair.

Mr. MacDonald rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Albert, despite his status as Government House Leader, should not be permitted to defend Bill 16 in Committee of the Whole, as it is a government Bill and he is not a Minister of the Crown.

At 10.45 a.m., Ms. Harris declared a recess and left the chair.

10.58 a.m.

The Committee resumed.

Hon. Mr. Fraser advised the Committee that he would be defending Bill 16 in Committee of the Whole, as a Minister of the Crown and Deputy Government House Leader.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

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

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

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Prior to adjourning the House, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that there is a one minute time limit on introduction of guests, and props and electronic devices are not to be used while delivering a speech in the House.

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And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.