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Friday, March 27, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Northrup remove a prop from his desk, which he did.

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep Dorchester Consolidated School open. (Petition 48)

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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 49)

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Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the closure of Norton Elementary School. (Petition 50)

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 17 be called for second reading; following which the House would consider Motion 22; following which, at 11 a.m., Royal Assent would take place.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 22, Mr. Ames moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS Conservative Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest, John Williamson, recently made public statements that were both racially charged and demeaning;

WHEREAS these statements showed contempt for people of different racial origins who work hard for our New Brunswick companies, pay taxes and make an important contribution to our provincial economy;

WHEREAS these statements also showed contempt for New Brunswick workers who are, for their own legitimate reasons, drawing Employment Insurance;

WHEREAS the statement shows a complete disregard by the Conservative Member of Parliament for the important contribution to our provincial economy of workers of all origins;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has long recognized an urgent and pressing need to grow its population in order to experience stronger economic growth;

WHEREAS the racial remarks of the Conservative Member of Parliament, stated so blatantly and publicly, seriously impede the ability of New Brunswick to attract immigrants to help this province grow the economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick condemn the views of the Conservative Member for New Brunswick Southwest, and affirm that the Government of New Brunswick denounces such demeaning remarks and opinions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 22 was resolved in the affirmative.

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At 10.55 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*11 o'clock a.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

Bill 6, *Opportunities New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Dissolve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*

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

Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance.*

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

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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And then, 11.15 a.m., the House adjourned.