

Daily sitting 43

Friday, April 24, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker advised Mr. Savoie that the allegations of dishonesty contained in his Member's Statement were unparliamentary in nature and such a statement would not be tolerated in the future.

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 75)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to reduce the voting age from 18 to 16. (Petition 76)

Ms. Shephard gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, April 30, 2015, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Jeff Carr:

WHEREAS construction projects can be complex and may take many months to complete;

WHEREAS the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industry should encourage timely payment for services and materials, and ensure payment risk is distributed fairly;

WHEREAS, to that end, the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* establish systems of liens, holdback rights, trust provisions, bonds, security and other related matters to provide financial protection to those who supply services or materials to a construction project;

WHEREAS there has been no recent review of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* or the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* to ensure they are effective and remain relevant to current industry practices and standards;

WHEREAS other provinces have started to conduct reviews of the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industries within their jurisdictions, including Ontario;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to appoint an independent expert to review the *Mechanics' Lien Act* and the *Crown Construction Contracts Act* in order to examine and identify payment and related issues within the construction sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review should involve extensive consultation with the construction industry, and that the independent expert should report to the government and the Legislative Assembly the results of the consultation process and the independent expert's advice and recommendations for changes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the independent expert review and government's response thereto should be published within one year and any recommendations to which government agrees should be implemented within a further six months.

And then, 10.05 a.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 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 43, 46, 49,
56, 60, 61, 63

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