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Friday, May 8, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Macdonald welcomed to the House Honourable Keith Ashfield, Member of Parliament for Fredericton, New Brunswick, and former MLA for New Maryland (1999-2006), and New Maryland-Sunbury West (2006-2008).

Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order raised the previous sitting day by Mr. Albert well taken and requested that Mr. Fitch withdraw the phrase “not the truth”, which he did.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to oppose the construction of the Energy East Pipeline. (Petition 89)

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, May 14, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Oliver:

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are vital transportation links that are as significant as other modes of transportation in the province and as important as other transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS the value added by New Brunswick’s cable ferries to the province’s transportation system is only one element of their importance;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries assist the province’s economy and especially its small and medium sized businesses to transport goods and to access a wider market base;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are an important element of our province’s history and culture and are significant heritage assets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick’s cable ferries are one of the most successful ways to enable visitors and citizens to access New Brunswick’s storied river system, which are one of the four main tourism products promoted by the province;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government in 2009 caused extreme distress and concern with its plans to discontinue permanently several New Brunswick cable ferries;

WHEREAS the former Liberal government was forced, due to public criticism and consternation, to reverse and alter its decision;

WHEREAS the current Liberal government has speculated that it is considering another attempt to discontinue permanently cable ferry service on our rivers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the importance of our cable ferry system to New Brunswick's economy, heritage and tourism, and express its desire that the government preserve, protect and promote our cable ferry system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government not to discontinue any cable ferry service on New Brunswick rivers.

And then, 10.47 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:

Annual Report 2013-2014

New Brunswick Forest Products Commission
Response to Petitions 66, 74, 78

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