

Daily sitting 55

Friday, May 15, 2015

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Ms. Dubé, Member for Edmundston-Madawaska Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 98)

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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 99)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Fitch,

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

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Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, May 21, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is in the midst of a powerful and positive paradigm shift regarding the treatment and support for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD);

WHEREAS New Brunswick has emerged as a leader in such treatment and support by enabling interdisciplinary, collaborative, person-centric approaches that focus on outcomes, the provision of preventative interventions and services that are premised upon individuals, family and community engagement;

WHEREAS the Province's leadership is particularly pronounced in the treatment and support for children with ASD and other complex mental health needs;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick offers a renowned Autism Support Training Program to develop skills to deliver services that maximize the potential of children and adults with ASD and others with significant disabilities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should continue to develop professionals with such skills and expertise;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers of all ages with ASD deserve to live in their own province and to be close to their families;

WHEREAS there are New Brunswickers currently residing at the Spurwink Services treatment facility in Portland, Maine, the cost of which is paid by the Province;

WHEREAS there are limited or no services or support for individuals with ASD after they reach the age of 21 years;

WHEREAS the burden of support and care for such individuals often falls to the individual's family;

WHEREAS New Brunswick should provide better support for such individuals, in particular after they reach the age of 21 years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to build upon New Brunswick's successes in relation to children with ASD, by developing additional supports and services, including a treatment facility and network of excellence, for adults with ASD, in order to ensure New Brunswickers with ASD can become and continue to be contributing members of society.

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On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boudreau:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 35 and 34 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit 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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And then, 10.43 a.m., the House adjourned.