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Thursday, May 28, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
May 27, 2015.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Prior to Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refrain from making personal attacks or interrupting their fellow Members.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Arseneault withdraw the term “two faced”, which he did.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Macdonald withdraw the term “arrogance” in relation to the Premier, which he did.

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Third Report.

Your Committee met on May 27, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act*;

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*;

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

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.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*.

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 54 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 54, *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Friday, May 29, 2015, Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 44 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 11.50 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Macdonald moved, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS fire, police, ambulance services, and other traditional first responders provide essential emergency services to our province, and their members often do so at great personal risk;

WHEREAS members of the Canadian Armed Forces often respond to crisis, both in Canada and overseas, and put themselves selflessly in harm's way;

WHEREAS many agencies of government, including Public Safety, Natural Resources, Social Development, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Emergency Measures Organization provide help to our province in times of crisis;

WHEREAS search and rescue, amateur radio operators, lifeguards, and the Life Saving Society, Canadian Ski Patrol, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, and other groups provide essential services in times of crisis;

WHEREAS soup kitchens, food banks, sexual assault crisis centres, helplines, transition houses, emergency shelters, and many other volunteer organizations provide important front-line services to those in desperate need;

WHEREAS hospitals, clinics, doctors, nurses, and many other health care professionals provide emergency medical care;

WHEREAS many faith-based groups often provide crucial support to individuals in times of personal crisis; and

WHEREAS these members, family, and friends of our first-responder and other emergency services deserve a day to celebrate their successes and to be acknowledged for their service to our community;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Saturday immediately preceding Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day be officially designated Emergency Services Day in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 20 was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Harris, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 37, Mr. Steeves moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 37 be amended:

Delete the first three "whereas" clauses and replace with:

"WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;"

In what was originally the fifth "whereas" clause, delete "should continue" and replace with "continues";

Delete the last four “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;”

In the resolution clause, delete all the words after “government” and replace them with “to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs”.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, approved fee changes for
Crown timber fair market value and royalty rates

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