

Daily sitting 59

Friday, May 29, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Moncton Northwest, 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 105)

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

May 29, 2015

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 Fourth Report.

Your Committee met on May 28, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;  
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mortgage Brokers Act*;  
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*;  
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*;  
Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*;  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

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

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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.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Boudreau,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act*.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Thursday, June 4, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program was implemented to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills or ends up being littered along our roadsides and waterways;

WHEREAS there are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres in New Brunswick that process approximately 300 million empty beverage containers annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is a leader in Canada in this area, with a 79 per cent recovery rate of beverage containers reported in 2013-14;

WHEREAS half of the environmental fees associated with redeemable beverage containers in New Brunswick are deposited to the Environmental Trust Fund, which helps drive the economy and improve communities by funding projects initiated by community groups, municipalities and non-profit organizations and institutions that further sustainable development;

WHEREAS the habits of consumers have changed since the *Beverage Containers Act* was first implemented in 1992;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain New Brunswick's place as a leader in this area, there is a need for innovation in efficiency of collection, processing, public safety and convenience in order to meet the needs of the ever-busy consumer;

WHEREAS many redemption centres are struggling to meet the mounting costs to operate their facilities;

WHEREAS it is worth considering whether the Beverage Containers Program should be extended to other types of containers, such as containers for flavoured milk drinks;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to undertake a review of the New Brunswick Beverage Containers Program and the *Beverage Containers Act* to ensure New Brunswick remains a leader in this area.

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At 10.34 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.50 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 40)

That, notwithstanding Standing Rule 44(1), Opposition Members' Business be considered on Wednesday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. and not Thursday, June 4, 2015;

That, when the Assembly adjourns on Wednesday, June 3, it stand adjourned until Thursday June 4, 2015, at 9 o'clock a.m.;

That, on said Thursday, following Introduction of Guests, the Assembly stand adjourned until Friday, June 5, 2015, to accommodate the address of Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Secretary General of La Francophonie, in the Assembly Chamber on said Thursday following the adjournment of the House;

That Her Excellency's speech, together with all introductory and related speeches, be printed as an Appendix to the Debates of the Legislative Assembly on that day, form part of the records of this House, and be televised according to House guidelines.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow Motion 39 to be debated on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

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Mr. Albert gave notice that on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Bills 55, 56 and 57 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 47, 49, 50, 45, 46, 48, 51, 52, and 53 be called for second reading.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

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*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 47 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries and Representation 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 49 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 49, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Official Languages*, 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 50 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Ms. Dubé, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 48 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Mining 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 51 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 52 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back 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, 1.44 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Response to Petition 97

May 28, 2015