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Friday, June 5, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the term “puppet” in relation to the Premier, which he did.

Mr. Savoie, Member for Saint John East, 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 111)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners request for increased handling fees. (Petition 112)

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

June 5, 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 Sixth Report.

Your Committee met on June 3 and 4, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*;
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
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*;
Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*;
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*;
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales 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.

Mr. Stewart gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, June 11, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is an organization the mission of which is to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy consists primarily of visits by a trained instructor to classrooms multiple times over the course of an academic year, accompanied by the program's teacher, a two- to four-month-old baby and the child's parent;

WHEREAS the intent of the program is to permit students, by observing the baby's actions and his or her relationship with the parent, to learn to understand the perspective of the baby and label the baby's feelings, and to permit this learning to be extended to the students' own feelings and the feelings of others;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among schoolchildren by raising social and emotional competence and increasing empathy;

WHEREAS the program reaches elementary schoolchildren from kindergarten to Grade 8 in every province in Canada, in both English and French, and reaches rural, urban and remote communities, including Aboriginal communities;

WHEREAS Roots of Empathy is also delivered in other jurisdictions, including New Zealand, the United States, Isle of Man, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland;

WHEREAS examples of the successes of Roots of Empathy include the fact that after completing the Roots of Empathy program, 83% of British Columbia students reported that if they saw a student in the playground being bullied or treated meanly, they would help them, and that 98% of teachers in that province with the program in their classrooms feel that the program supports the school's curriculum;

WHEREAS the operation of this program in New Brunswick currently depends on community fundraising and donation of funds, meaning that not every school in New Brunswick has the opportunity to participate in the program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to implement the Roots of Empathy program throughout the province's school systems and to ensure appropriate funding is in place to ensure the program can be delivered effectively in New Brunswick.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56 and 57 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

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

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

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.*

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

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

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 55, *Service New Brunswick Act.*

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

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Albert, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 43)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from May 21 to June 4, 2015, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the First Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 1, 2015, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

- Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act.*
- Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act.*
- Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act.*
- Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act.*
- Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act.*
- Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*
- Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2013-2014 (1).*
- Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*
- Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants.*
- Bill 27, *Loan Act 2015.*
- Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*
- Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*
- Bill 30, *Trustees Act.*
- Bill 31, *An Act Respecting the Trustees Act.*
- Bill 32, *Debtor Transactions Act.*
- Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Firefighters' Compensation Act.*
- Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
- Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*
- Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety 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.*
- Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*

- Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*
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Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2015-2016*. (Bill 54)

Her Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 11.14 a.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:

Annual Report 2013-2014

Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne

June 4, 2015