

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Albert rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Fitch used the term “inaccurate”, following which Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Melanson used the term “not factual”. Mr. Speaker ruled both points not well taken, as the terms used related to a dispute of facts and were not meant to question the honesty of Members.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption centre owners' request for an increase in handling fees. (Petition 6)

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

December 16, 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 first report.

Your Committee met on December 15, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*;
Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Service New Brunswick Act*;
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*;
Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act*;
Bill 7, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*;
Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance 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 Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,
Bill 14, *Public Participation Act*.

Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 2, 3 and 4.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 18, 2015, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 1 o'clock p.m., 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.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 11 and 12 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 11.50 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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 14, 2015
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists 2014-2015 Annual Report 2014-2015	December 14, 2015
Education and Early Childhood Development Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, Financial Audit, 2015	December 15, 2015
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume IV, Performance Audit, 2015	December 15, 2015