

Daily sitting 12

Friday, December 18, 2015

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 24, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS in order to address their on-going fiscal deficit problems the government has created a grocery list of options that will cripple public services as well as the economy of the province; and

WHEREAS the government has continually called upon the Official Opposition to please provide them with more ideas and efficiencies to help balance their financial books; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the current deficit problem has been created by unnecessary election promises; and

WHEREAS the current administration keeps digging the hole deeper with ill-advised policy decisions such as making tax room for the federal government and chasing away potential investors in the natural resources development field;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the complete list of options, including the delay of unnecessary spending promises and implementing fair taxation policies, be considered by the government to eliminate the deficit for the upcoming provincial budget.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure; Health; and Education and Early Childhood Development; following which Bill 16 would be called for second reading.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. Harris in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Harris, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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 Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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, 11.30 a.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 3

December 17, 2015