

Daily sitting 16

Friday, February 5, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser quoted from a document while responding to a question and should therefore be required to table the document. Mr. Speaker ruled that it was within the Minister's discretion whether to table the document in question, as it may not be in the public interest to do so.

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Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Office of the Chief Coroner, Annual Report 2013*.

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Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to modify the Deer Management Program so that the hunting season for white tailed deer in Zone 25 is closed for three years and upon reopening the deer are harvested at a 1:1 male to female ratio. (Petition 11)

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Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Crawford Lake in support of moving a section of Shepody Road away from the lake and residences. (Petition 12)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Horsman,  
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc:

WHEREAS all Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the public;

WHEREAS it would be helpful for Members of the Legislative Assembly to have guidelines to aid them in the conduct of their duties;

WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;

WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee recommended the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs in its report to the Legislative Assembly tabled April 3, 2003;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers take into consideration the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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 after some further time, Ms. Harris took the chair.

Mr. Macdonald rose on a point of order and submitted that a Member's electronic device was audible and disrupting debate. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the device be removed from the Chamber.

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.

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Mr. Fairgrieve offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Doug Moore, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Victoria-Tobique (1976-1987).

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And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.