

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Hon. Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Parliament for Kings—Hants, Nova Scotia; Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Member of Parliament for Cardigan, Prince Edward Island; Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Member of Parliament for Mississauga—Malton, Ontario; Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of Prince Edward Island; Hon. Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia; and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Member of Parliament for Beauséjour, New Brunswick. Mr. Fitch and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to respect the Chamber and their fellow Members by not closing the Chamber doors in an abrupt manner.

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Evelyn Grove Manor urging the government to place a cap on the rent paid by low income seniors living in the manor. (Petition 14)

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 11, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 4, 10 and 11.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 21, 19 and 20 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Statute Revision 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 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.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.