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Friday, April 1, 2016

Prayers.

Mr. Bourque, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Department of Social Development to provide adequate financing of level 2 special care homes. (Petition 22)

9 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 23)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to support increased access to abortion services in the province. (Petition 24)

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to create access through moose fencing for all-terrain vehicles crossing the Caraquet bypass. (Petition 25)

Mr. Keirstead, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners' request for increased handling fees. (Petition 26)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Landry,

Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.

Mr. Albert gave notice that on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, Bill 39 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 33, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 24, 35, 36 and 37 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *Volunteer Emergency Aid Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Prior to adjourning the House, Mr. Speaker requested that Members refrain from heckling fellow Members or questioning the decisions of the Chair.

And then, 2.10 p.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:

Response to Petition 11

March 31, 2016