

Daily sitting 28

Friday, April 8, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that when the House adjourned at the end of the previous sitting day, the authority of the Speaker was questioned by Mr. MacDonald as the Speaker left the Chamber. Mr. Speaker advised the House that this behaviour would not be tolerated and requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the remarks and apologize to the Speaker and the House, which he did.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet welcomed to the House His Excellency Rafael Barak, the Ambassador of Israel to Canada. Mr. Macdonald joined in this regard.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised the House that referring to a Member as the "failed finance minister" was not an appropriate title and unparliamentary in nature.

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Mr. Speaker interrupted routine proceedings and advised that Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

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Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Ms. Landry requested the unanimous consent of the House that, notwithstanding the Standing Rules, Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, be amended by striking out Part 4, and that the Bill be reprinted without Part 4, and that Bill 24 remain at its present stage of debate at second reading, and unanimous consent was granted.

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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 33)

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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 34)

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Kenny moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 19)

WHEREAS Climate change is the single most significant challenge of our generation;

WHEREAS government's vision is to position New Brunswick as a leader in job creation and economic development;

WHEREAS the government recognizes the economic importance of New Brunswick's energy and resource sectors, and their sustainable development as New Brunswick transitions to a low carbon economy;

WHEREAS the government recognizes that investing in clean technology solutions, especially in areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and cleaner energy production and use, holds great promise for sustainable economic development and long-term job creation;

WHEREAS the government recognizes that New Brunswick is already experiencing impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, extreme rainfall events, coastal and inland flooding, more coastal erosion, heat waves, some migration of invasive species, and diseases;

WHEREAS the government wishes to foster dialogue on how to seize opportunities that come along with fighting climate change and address its impacts in a way that respects New Brunswick's distinct economic challenges and opportunities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Climate Change that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations, informed by a climate change discussion guide to be laid before the House and deemed referred to the committee, and reporting to the House with recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said committee by the Standing Rules, the committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the following session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;
- to hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and, upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said committee be composed of Mr. Harvey, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Ames, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Jody Carr, Mr. Keirstead, and Mr. Coon.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 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.

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Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 35, 31, 32 and 40 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety Act*, be now read a second time.

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 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *Health Quality and Patient Safety 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 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax 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 after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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