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Thursday, July 7, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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 70)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fifth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

July 7, 2016

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their fifth report.

Your Committee met on June 22, July 5 and 6, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;
Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*;
Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*;
Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*;
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, 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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 172; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 172, Mr. Harvey moved, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 4 remaining hours for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 32, 41, and 43, and 1 remaining hour for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bills 17, 24, 31, 38, 40, and 42, and at the expiration of the said 4 hours and the said 1 hour, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to receive more than one reading or advance more than one stage in one day.

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 4 hours or 1 hour of debate, there shall be, if necessary, 20 remaining minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills.

THAT, if necessary, the time for the daily adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, July 8, 2016, prescribed by Special Order of the House adopted December 2, 2015, be extended until the expiration of the allocated times at all stages necessary for the passage of the said Bills and Royal Assent.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 172 was resolved in the affirmative.

At 11.55 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 169, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS there are persons living in New Brunswick who have a need for prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS there are residents of New Brunswick who must pay out of pocket for regular replacement and cleaning of their prosthetic eyes, thereby creating a significant financial burden;

WHEREAS not keeping up with regular replacement and cleaning can lead to serious medical issues, including hospitalization or even death;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick forces people who need prosthetic eyes to go on Social Assistance for financial assistance if they do not have medical insurance coverage;

WHEREAS not having prosthetic eyes can be detrimental on a person's mental health, and the government recently approved medical services on that basis;

WHEREAS the financial responsibility to the Province is minimal for providing assistance to these persons;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to give assistance to those who are in need of prosthetic eyes, but must pay for the associated costs out of pocket, by way of a co-pay system, similar to that adopted under the Medicare program in Nova Scotia.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 169 be amended as follows:

That the second “whereas” clause be amended by deleting the words “, thereby creating a significant financial burden”;

That the fourth, fifth and sixth “whereas” clauses be deleted;

That the resolution clause be amended by deleting all the words after “prosthetic eyes”.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 169 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there are persons living in New Brunswick who have a need for prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS there are residents of New Brunswick who must pay out of pocket for regular replacement and cleaning of their prosthetic eyes;

WHEREAS not keeping up with regular replacement and cleaning can lead to serious medical issues, including hospitalization or even death;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to give assistance to those who are in need of prosthetic eyes.

And the question being put, Motion 169 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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.

And then, 6.10 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:

Annual Report 2015
New Brunswick Credit Union

July 6, 2016