

Daily sitting 39

Friday, July 8, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Guitard requested the unanimous consent of the House to make a lengthy Member's Statement, and unanimous consent was denied.

Ms. Dubé requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend Oral Questions by 15 minutes, and unanimous consent was denied.

Hon. Ms. Landry laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Opportunities Summits, Summary Report, Jobs Board, July 2016*.

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 71)

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

July 8, 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 sixth report.

Your Committee met on July 7, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*;
Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*;

and have agreed to the same.

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 requested leave of the House to move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 173)

WHEREAS the government party pledged to explore online voting and preferential balloting in its 2014 election platform;

WHEREAS other topics relating to electoral reform have been raised in this Assembly and the news media;

WHEREAS the government has prepared a discussion paper on these electoral reform options;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Electoral Reform that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultations, informed by the discussion paper entitled “Strengthening New Brunswick’s Democracy” that was laid before the House on July 5, 2016, 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 hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly assign or retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;

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. Bourque, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Chiasson, Hon. Mr. Boudreau, Mr. Coon and three members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by Friday, July 29, 2016;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 99, Mr. Bourque shall serve as Chair of the committee and Ms. LeBlanc shall serve as Vice-Chair of the committee, but should a vacancy occur in either position, the committee shall have the ability to elect a subsequent Chair or Vice-Chair;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the three names of members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by Friday, July 29, 2016, the committee is dissolved.

At 10.05 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.25 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Leave to dispense with Notice of Motion 173 was denied. Accordingly, notice was given for Thursday, July 14, 2016.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 174)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from December 15, 2015 to July 8, 2016, inclusive, to consider the Bills referred to the Committee be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 2, 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.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House recess; following which further bills would be called for third reading and Royal Assent would take place.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 42 and 45 be called for third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

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

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.*

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act.*

Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 10.31 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.53 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

July 8, 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 seventh report.

Your Committee met on July 8, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Presentation of Petitions.

Mr. Bourque, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reopen route 525 as a trucking route and use portable weight units to control the weight of the trucks. (Petition 72)

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for third reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

And the question being put, the amendment was defeated.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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 17, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.
Bill 24, *An Act to Implement Strategic Program Review Initiatives*.
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*.
Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.
Bill 38, *Vestcor Act*.
Bill 40, *Loan Act 2016*.

Bill 41, *New Brunswick Women's Council Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Financial and Consumer Services Legislation*.

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.

And then, 3.46 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petitions 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55,
57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

July 7, 2016