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Daily sitting 4

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.10 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system.

1.20 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet laid upon the table of the House the following documents: Correspondence dated November 8, 2016, between Gregory G. Harding, on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick, and David Duncan Young; Settlement Agreement between the Province of New Brunswick and Enbridge Gas New Brunswick; and Amended and Restated General Franchise Agreement between the Province of New Brunswick, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick, Enbridge Energy Distribution, and Enbridge.

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The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, the Consul General of India in Toronto. Mr. Higgs and Mr. Coon joined in this regard.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,  
*Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS the government tables each year its Main Estimates and its public accounts of government expenses and revenues;

WHEREAS revenues foregone through tax expenditures including tax credits and tax exemptions are not currently included in the expenses of the government's Main Estimates;

WHEREAS international organizations including the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development promote public sector accounting standards that require governments to report tax expenditures;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada, including British Columbia and the Government of Canada, report tax expenditures annually;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of government to be accountable to the people it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to include in its Main Estimates the total revenue foregone as a result of tax expenditures each fiscal year, beginning with 2017-2018.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Bill 6 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
November 2, 2016.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

Mr. Harvey welcomed to the House Mr. T.J. Harvey, Member of Parliament for Tobique — Mactaquac.

And after some time, Mr. Albert 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, 6.15 p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 2015-2016  
Labour and Employment Board

November 4, 2016