

Daily sitting 8

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Coon rose on a point of order and submitted that a Minister who is posed a question is obligated to respond, not have the question re-directed to another Minister. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as the government retains the discretion to decide which Ministers respond to questions.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 2, 5 and 4.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, November 17, 2016, Bills 15, 16 and 17 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 Bills 9, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 8 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, 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 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madame Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1.27 p.m.

Madame Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency*, 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 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives 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 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners 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 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid 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 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.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Doucet, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.