

Daily sitting 18

Friday, December 16, 2016

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, February 2, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS Policy 409 concerning Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning is intended to give a clear direction to decision-making for closing schools;

WHEREAS this same policy has instead created confusion among members of the school community and has been perceived to be improperly implemented by various District Education Councils;

WHEREAS this policy has created division and torn communities apart, as opposed to uniting them;

WHEREAS such a government policy should be designed to bring New Brunswickers together using an independent, facilitated process; and

WHEREAS it has become apparent over the last number of years that parents, students, teachers, and community members are dissatisfied with the Policy 409 process;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to halt all current school sustainability assessments and conduct a review of Policy 409; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review of Policy 409 includes a robust, public, and facilitated province-wide consultation process.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following a recess, it was the intention of government that Bill 6 be called for third reading; following which, with leave, statements of condolence and congratulation and Royal Assent would take place.

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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the order of consideration of statements of condolence and congratulation.

At 10.18 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.23 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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:

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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 December 14 and 16, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Inshore Fisheries Representation 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.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Mr. Speaker offered condolences to the family of the late William U. Malenfant, former Liberal MLA for Memramcook (1974-1982).

At 10.45 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

10.50 a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Comply with the Request of The City of Saint John on Taxation of the LNG Terminal*.

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Adult Education and Training Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Cost of Credit Disclosure and Payday Loans*.

- Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*
Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Legal Aid Act.*
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*
Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Agreements with the Canada Revenue Agency.*
Bill 13, *Advance Health Care Directives Act.*
Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act.*
Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act.*
Bill 19, *An Act Respecting Nurse Practitioners.*
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*
Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act.*
Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate 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.

And then, 11 o'clock a.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:

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, Volume 2, Supplementary Information	December 15, 2016
Unaudited Supplementary Employee and Supplier Lists 2015-2016	December 15, 2016