

Daily sitting 24 Tuesday, February 14, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During introduction of guests, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Jody Carr withdraw the term “double standard” in reference to the Speaker’s request that he limit his remarks to the introduction of guests and not debate policy. The Member withdrew the term.

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Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Kingston Peninsula urging the government to make the intersection of route 845 and 850 a four way stop. (Petition 10)

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Mr. Crossman, Member for Hampton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Robertson Road in Lakeside urging the government to perform maintenance and brush cutting on the road. (Petition 11)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr Boudreau,  
Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act.*  
By Hon. Mr Rousselle, Q.C.,  
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection.*

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The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. LeBlanc,  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act.*

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Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, February 23, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS many recent failures in the provincial electricity grid have led to a spike in homeowners buying and installing generators;

WHEREAS encouraging the use of economical options for homeowners to plug their generators into their home network would be desirable to promote safety and security;

WHEREAS plug-in options exist but their availability is being stymied by regulatory authorities;

WHEREAS new home construction could be greatly enhanced by encouraging universal generator connectors to be included as part of the household electrical wiring;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to emulate the many jurisdictions in Canada that have approved the use of universal plug-ins for generators in residential electric systems by adopting their approval processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to promote the use of universal generator plug-ins, especially for new home construction.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 22)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting Mr. Fitch for Ms. Dubé, Mr. K. MacDonald for Mr. Jeff Carr and Mr. Wetmore for Mr. Northrup;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Dubé for Ms. Shephard;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be amended by substituting Mr. Fitch for Mr. Jody Carr, Mr. B. Macdonald for Mr. Crossman, Ms. Shephard for Mr. Higgs and Mr. Steeves for Mr. Wetmore;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting Mr. Fairgrieve for Mr. Keirstead and Mr. Holder for Mr. Northrup;

THAT the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting Mr. Fairgrieve for Mr. B. Macdonald;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting Mr. Crossman for Mr. K. MacDonald, Mr. Northrup for Mr. Oliver and Ms. Wilson for Mr. Savoie;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Mr. Northrup for Mr. B. Macdonald and Mr. Savoie for Mr. Holder;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting Mr. Jeff Carr for Ms. Shephard, Mr. Crossman for Mr. Steeves and Mr. B. Macdonald for Mr. Flemming, Q.C.; and

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Shephard for Ms. Dubé, Mr. Steeves for Ms. Lynch and Mr. Stewart for Ms. Wilson.

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

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Bills 41 and 42 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 32, 36, 35, 37, 39 and 31 be called for second reading; following which, at 4 o'clock p.m., the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services 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 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council 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 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*, 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 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics 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 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the Opening of Sealed Adoption Records*, 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 of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 19),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc 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.

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 2017  
*Statute Repeal Act*, Office of the  
Attorney General

February 10, 2017