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Daily sitting 25

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.  
December 16, 2016.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members to refrain from debating policy during Introduction of Guests.

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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 12)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Rousselle, Q.C.,  
Bill 44, *Local Governance Act*.  
Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*.  
Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and  
Community Planning*.

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

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all staffing levels and equipment inventory for each Department of Transportation and Infrastructure maintenance depot in the

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Province of New Brunswick for the years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, February 23, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the following contracts and a list of unsuccessful bidders for each of the following contracts:

Shannex, Fredericton, 2008 (five year contract);  
Shannex, Quispamsis, 2008 (five year contract);  
Shannex, Riverview, 2008 (five year contract);  
Villa Beauséjour, Caraquet, 2010;  
Villa Maria Nursing Home, Saint-Louis de Kent, 2014; and  
Victoria Glen Manor, Perth-Andover, 2015.

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Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Third Party item; Motion 20.

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Mr. Coon gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 20.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Bills 44, 45 and 46 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 41, 42 and 31 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health 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 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing

Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Animal Protection*, a debate arose thereon.

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

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved the adjournment of the debate.

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

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, Mr. Albert took the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw any reference to the term "liar", which he did.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.07 p.m., the House adjourned.