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Daily sitting 26

Thursday, February 16, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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 13)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Gallant,

Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 48, *An Act Respecting "Ellen's Law"*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, February 17, 2017, Bills 47 and 48 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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

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

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Mr. Deputy 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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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Holder moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And then, 6.08 p.m., the House adjourned.