

Daily sitting 34

Thursday, March 23, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier referred to the Leader of the Official Opposition as “out to lunch”, which was unparliamentary. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Hon. Mr. Horsman laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *Summary of Recommendations from Child Death Reviews, the Child Death Review Committee and the Child and Youth Advocate 1996-2017*; and *Broken Promises: Juli-Anna's Story – Report of the Ombudsman and Child & Youth Advocate*.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 22)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Sixth 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 sixth report.

Your Committee met on March 22, 2017, and had under consideration:

Bill 28, *An Act Respecting The Residential Tenancies Act and the Ombudsman Act*;
Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council*;
Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act*;
Bill 41, *An Act Respecting the Mental Health Act*;
Bill 47, *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*;
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms Rogers,
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act.*
Bill 55, *Credit Reporting Services Act.*

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government are advocating the establishment of rural communities throughout New Brunswick, as a means of providing greater opportunities for local input at the local level; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is currently in discussions to join the local service district of Saint Mary's, portions of the local service district of Stanley, and the Village of Stanley to form the new rural community of Nashwaak; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community spent the winter of 2016 undertaking a series of public meetings to determine the interest in joining the populations of Estey's Bridge, Saint Mary's, Stanley (the Village) and portions of Stanley (the parish) together, and collected the necessary amount of signatures required by the province to proceed with the next step in the establishment of a rural community; and

WHEREAS the Nashwaak rural community meets the guidelines as established by the Department of Environment and Local Government, namely the inclusion of a village, a population greater than 4000 and a tax base in excess of \$200M; and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick, through the Department of Environment and Local Government has already granted approval for the feasibility study to proceed; and

WHEREAS the financing of the feasibility has already been secured; and

WHEREAS the local service district of Estey's Bridge is already dealing with increased truck traffic associated with existing rock quarry activity in the area; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government has failed to provide an acceptable level of environmental oversight, requiring local property owners to act as their own enforcement branch by collecting pictures, documenting and reporting violations; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government does not presently differentiate between gravel pits and rock quarries for the purposes of operating regulations which prevent the adequate addressing of issues identified by the residential land owners adjacent to existing quarry operations; and

WHEREAS a new quarry is being proposed that would double the noise, traffic and blasting along route 620 between the Kingsley Road and Fredericton city limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to refrain from approving any gravel pits or rock quarries in the area bordered by the Claudie Road, Route 620, Route 105 and Kingsley Road until the Nashwaak rural community is established and area residents have had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the representatives of their new municipal structure currently known as the Nashwaak rural community.

Hon. Mr. Boudreau gave notice that on Friday, March 24, 2017, Bills 54 and 55 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Boudreau, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 46, 31 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*, 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 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Community Planning*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chiasson rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Holder accused the government of “stealing” from New Brunswickers, which was unparliamentary. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and cautioned the Member against making allegations of a criminal nature.

And after some time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members’ Business had arrived.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists’ Registration Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.