Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fairgrieve, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to resurface Rosedale Road in Carleton County. (Petition 4)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Harris,

Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.

By Hon. Mr. Fraser,

Bill 13, An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 9, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS alcohol is the leading cause of injury and death in Canada;

WHEREAS a 2012 Statistics Canada survey found that 20% of New Brunswickers were heavy drinkers;

WHEREAS excessive drinking bears numerous known health risks including cancer and cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS the availability and visibility of alcohol has increased with the increase in agency stores and the introduction of wine in grocery stores;

WHEREAS increased availability and visibility of alcohol result in greater consumption rates;

WHEREAS NB Liquor is neither tracking the effects of nor implementing public awareness campaigns along with this increased availability;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's tobacco control strategy has reduced smoking prevalence and lung cancer mortality;

WHEREAS a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing alcohol consumption can help to reduce alcohol harm;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol related injuries and deaths in the province.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, Bills 12 and 13 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 motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Guitard:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B. October 24, 2017.

To Her Honour, The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fraser used unparliamentary language when he used the term "grim reaper" in reference to the Leader of the Opposition.

Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard 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 2016-2017 Vehicle Management Agency

October 27, 2017