
Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

1 o'clock p.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.
February 1, 2018.

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.

Hon. Mr. Melanson, President of Treasury Board, 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.
March 13, 2018.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2016-2017, Volume I*, of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2017, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

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

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to contribute to national land conservation targets by setting goals and creating an action plan. (Petition 15)

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Ninth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 13, 2018

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 ninth report.

Your Committee met on February 7 and 27, and had under consideration:

Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*;
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Chuck Chiasson, 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 Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*.

Hon. Mr. Horsman gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS Fredericton's own Willie Eldon O'Ree made history on January 18, 1958, by becoming the first black player to play in the National Hockey League when he skated for the Boston Bruins in a game against the Montreal Canadiens;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has continued to contribute to diversity in the NHL and sport in general through his work with the NHL's diversity task force;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has served as an inspiration and role model to a large number of athletes that have followed in his footsteps in the sport of hockey and;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree's list of previous honours include the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Lester Patrick Trophy, the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Legislature join the growing number of people from New Brunswick, Canada and the United States in urging the selection committee of the Hockey Hall of Fame to add Willie O'Ree to its list of inductees.

Hon. Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

WHEREAS the government provides public funds to support New Brunswick's independently operated universities;

WHEREAS representatives of these publicly funded universities have agreed to appear before a committee of the House to answer questions related to how these funds are administered and related issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the House appoint a Select Committee on Public Universities to be charged with the responsibility of inviting representatives of New Brunswick's publicly funded universities to appear before the Committee to discuss and provide insight into university administration, programming, performance measurement, accountability and transparency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Boudreau, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, Mr. Roussel, Mr. Coon and two Members from the Official Opposition whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly prior to the commencement of the first Committee meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the two names of Members from the Official Opposition are not submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the commencement of the first Committee meeting, the Committee shall remain duly appointed and solely composed of the six Members named in this resolution.

Hon. Ms. Harris gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

THAT recommendation 1 contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, which proposes certain amendments to the Standing Rules, be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 2 contained in the said report, which proposes specific wording for a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members, be concurred in by the House, with the exception of section 10 of the Code of Conduct which shall be amended as follows:

By striking out section 10 of the Code of Conduct and substituting the following:

10. Respect and Courtesy

In respect of the responsibilities outlined in this Code, the conduct of Members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy

- a) in all communications with constituents, regardless of political affiliation;
- b) in all interventions in the Legislative Assembly and towards its Members and Officers;
- c) by providing a safe environment for all Legislative Assembly employees and staff, free from any discrimination on any ground and from harassment in the workplace including sexual harassment;
- d) by showing compassion and fairness toward all who seek their assistance;
- e) for the cultural diversity of the Province of New Brunswick.

Hon. Ms. Harris gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Friday, March 16, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS every person has the right to work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their background, beliefs, gender or culture;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly acknowledges that respectful and courteous behavior is essential to creating a productive and effective workplace;

WHEREAS all Members, management and staff of the Assembly have a responsibility to ensure that the working environment is safe and equitable by not promoting or engaging in conduct that constitutes discrimination, harassment or bullying of any nature;

WHEREAS the Assembly is committed to providing a safe and harmonious work environment and continues to operate in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Administration Committee be directed to consider and establish a policy on the prevention and resolution of harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said policy, once approved by the Committee, be contained in a report to be laid before the House or, during any period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release the report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the said policy be the date that the report is laid before the House or deposited with the Clerk.

Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the *Supplementary Estimates 2016-2017, Volume I*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Bill 45 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Holder offered condolences to the family of the late Dr. Dennis Furlong, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Dalhousie-Restigouche East (1999-2003).

And then, 2.28 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2016 Legislative Activities	February 12, 2018
2016-2017 New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	February 16, 2018
2014-2015 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	February 21, 2018
2015-2016 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	February 21, 2018
2015-2016 New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation	February 23, 2018
2016-2017 Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	February 26, 2018
2016-2017 New Brunswick Women's Council	March 2, 2018
2016-2017 Opportunities NB	March 2, 2018
2017 New Brunswick Insurance Board	March 5, 2018
2015 and 2016, <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> , Office of the Integrity Commissioner	March 9, 2018

Petition

Response to Petition 11	February 27, 2018
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