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Daily sitting 4

Friday, October 26, 2018

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Andrea Amaya, Calgary, Alberta; María Córdova, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador; Brittany Fracker, Moncton; Curtis Kelly, Quispamsis; Jane Landry, Fredericton; Fabiana Rosado, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador; Alexis Sacobie, Kingsclear First Nation; Dorcas Tshimenga, Fredericton; William Bliss White, Fredericton.

The returning pages were: Sarah Albert-Bélanger, Saint-François-de-Madawaska; Erik Arseneault, Mundleville; Corben Parker, Fredericton; Julie Roberge, Ottawa, Ontario; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Québec; Jarrod Ryan, Fredericton; Natasha Williamson, Coningsby, England.

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Mr. Holder welcomed to the House Dale Graham, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Progressive Conservative MLA for Carleton North (1993-1995) and Carleton (1995-2014). Hon. Mr. Harvey joined in this regard.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend Members' Statements by two minutes to allow each party three statements.

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On motion of Hon. Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

RESOLVED, that Chuck Chiasson, Member for the electoral district of Victoria-La Vallée, and Monique LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Moncton East, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. D'Amours: (Motion 8)

THAT with respect to Statements by Members, for the duration of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, notwithstanding Standing Rules 40.1(2) and 40.1(3), Members shall be recognized as follows: the Official Opposition first, followed by other recognized parties in order of the size of their membership in the House and finally the Government and then in rotation, until each recognized party has had three statements.

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

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With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc: (Motion 9)

THAT, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

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

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the longest healthcare wait times in Canada;

WHEREAS we have currently an outdated billing number system that has resulted in 50,000 New Brunswickers going without a family doctor;

WHEREAS we recognize the need to take a proactive approach to reducing healthcare wait times that is inclusive of family doctors, specialists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and paramedics;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to reduce healthcare wait times and increase the number of specialists and nurse practitioners in our healthcare system;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to phase out the billing number concept as it exists today and remove restrictions on the number of doctors that can practice in our province;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to develop standards to allow pharmacists to prescribe certain medications and increase their authority to refill prescriptions.

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Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holland:

WHEREAS we recognize the importance of New Brunswick's forestry industry and the responsibility of government to ensure private woodlots and Crown lands are managed effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to review and validate the recommendations, and implement said recommendations as determined necessary to do so, made in Volume II of the 2015 Auditor General's Report to ensure fairness and achieve the best value from our Crown land reserves in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure best practices are being followed;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to work with our federal counterparts and relevant stakeholders to stand up for private woodlot owners and industry in the ongoing dispute with the United States regarding softwood lumber tariffs.

Ms. Anderson-Mason gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. M. Wilson:

WHEREAS the decision to reduce the number of sittings days over the past four years has led to a substantive change in the number of legislative sittings during evening hours;

WHEREAS all MLAs, regardless of gender or community, deserve the ability to participate in legislative debates during normal working hours where practical to do so, enabling them to participate in community events and spend more time with family;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to establish working hours for the Legislature that are predictable and friendly for members with families and those who live in rural communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that this Assembly urge the government to act in a spirit of cooperation with all parties and schedule an appropriate amount of sitting days to effectively conduct the business of government.

Hon. Ms. Harris, 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 Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

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

And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.