

Daily sitting 8

Friday, November 2, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed sub-amendment, moved by Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris:

SUB-AMENDMENT

THAT the proposed amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting all the words after the word "government" and adding the following:

"must also undertake the following initiatives:

- Work with the paramedic union to immediately increase the wages of paramedics in New Brunswick, and to begin to address the issue of out-of-service ambulances, commit to offer positions to all paramedic graduates in New Brunswick through filling vacancies with qualified personnel and hiring additional permanent full-time paramedics for positions expected to be vacated through attrition in advance;
- If the current judicial review sets aside the previous court order on paramedic staffing and rules in favour of the McEvoy arbitration ruling, immediately implement the arbitrator's ruling;
- Move the mandate for energy efficiency to a new agency based on the Nova Scotia model;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to bring together all parties to focus on eliminating poverty, including through a complete review of social assistance restrictions and claw backs with the aim of drastically improving the system, and an examination of the merits of a guaranteed basic income pilot, and improvements to public transportation in rural and urban New Brunswick;

- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to develop a comprehensive plan for sustainable rural economic development;
- Ensure social license is considered when a legislative committee considers a ban on herbicides;
- Reaffirm and accelerate a commitment to ensuring seniors have the option of Home First while recognizing the important role homecare workers play in supporting seniors, and addressing the work force challenges as such;
- Improve wages for home support workers;
- Enhance supports for adults on the autism spectrum;
- Implement and consider the further expansion of the 2018 palliative care strategy;
- Further reduce the small business tax by 0.5 per cent each year until it is eliminated;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her government to lay upon the table of the House an implementation plan for the initiatives contained in her speech and this Address by November 30, 2018;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her First Minister to undertake to meet regularly, both when the House is in session and when it is not, with each of the leaders of the recognized parties of this Assembly to consult them on the business of the executive branch of government.”

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was defeated on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 23

Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Bourque	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Ms. Harris	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. LePage	Ms. Thériault	

 NAYS - 25

Mr. Savoie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Holder	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Carr	Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Holland
Mr. Faigrieve	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Conroy	
Mr. Austin	Mr. Cardy	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment, moved by Mr. Higgs, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

AMENDMENT

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting the period after the word “consideration” and adding the following:

“but Your Honour’s present government does not have the confidence of this House.”

And the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

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Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
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Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. LePage	Ms. Thériault	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session as amended as follows:

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 23, 2018.

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 but Your Honour's present government does not have the confidence of this House.

And the question being put on the motion as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Savoie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Wetmore
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The Honourable the Premier addressed himself to the House as follows:

Evidently, our government has lost the confidence of the House.

I would like to advise the House that I will go to see the Lieutenant-Governor at her earliest convenience to inform her that I will be resigning as Premier, and I will humbly suggest to Her Honour that she allow the Leader of the Conservative Party to attempt to form a government and gain the confidence of the House.

All members of our caucus wish the Leader of the Opposition and his team the best of luck. Their success will be New Brunswick's success.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet. Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And then, 10.18 a.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 2017-2018

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November 1, 2018