

Daily sitting 16

Friday, March 22, 2019

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Statements of Condolence and Congratulation, Mr. Speaker reminded Members of the one-minute time limit per statement.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that during Statements by Members, Mr. Arseneault attacked the character of the Premier. The Member apologized for the comment.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that during Oral Questions, Ms. Harris requested that Hon. Ms. Shephard provide “true answers”. Mr. Speaker reminded all Members not to question the honesty of their fellow Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Carr,

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Urquhart,

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C.,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents sent to departments by the Treasury Board indicating the adjustments made to their 2018-19 base budgets as a result of the 2019-20 budget process.

Mr. Landry gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, March 28, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lowe:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stopped negotiating with CUPE on behalf of nursing home workers;

WHEREAS nursing home workers provide invaluable service in providing care for some of our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS nursing home workers deserve fair wages, and to have issues of recruitment and retention and staffing addressed;

WHEREAS the Liberal Opposition publicly announced that it was in support of binding arbitration as a means of resolving the labour dispute;

WHEREAS the Green Party and the People's Alliance subsequently announced their support as well for binding arbitration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes and provide the Association the assurances necessary for them to agree to enter into binding arbitration to resolve this dispute and enter into a collective agreement.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 11 and 12 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act*.

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing 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 12, *An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Surcharge Payable under the Victims Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Savoie, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Bills 13, 14 and 15 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 23),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

At the request of Mr. Savoie, it was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Thompson, P.C.,
Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Bill 16 would be called for second reading.

The debate was resumed on Motion 23.

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, 2 o'clock 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

New Brunswick Highway Corporation

March 21, 2019