

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to certain points of order raised during the previous sitting day:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

Yesterday, there were a number of points of order following Question Period. I will now address each one that was not resolved yesterday.

First, the Opposition House Leader submitted that the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake accused the Member for Victoria-La Vallée of making a Member's Statement in this House last Friday that he did not make. I reviewed both the statement by the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake and the entire item of Members' Statements last Friday, and the Opposition House Leader is correct, the Member for Victoria-La Vallée made no such statement.

When quoting a Member or characterizing what a Member may have said in this House and posting such allegations on-line, Members must be very careful when attributing remarks to a Member. I would ask all Members to be mindful of this in the future, and if an error is pointed out, I would suggest it may be appropriate to withdraw the offending statement.

As well, there is a well-established practice in this House that Members' Statements are not to be used to launch personal attacks against other Members. Members can question the policies of government or other parties, but not personally attack their fellow Members. The statement by the Member for Fredericton-Grand Lake, and lately, statements by other Members, contained comments that could be considered personal attacks against other Members. This is not the practice of this House, and it will not be tolerated in the future.

Finally, the Member for Fredericton-York submitted that the Member for Miramichi Bay-Neguac made reference to the "Austin-Higgs government". It is a well-established practice that Members' names are not to be used in this Chamber. The only exception to this rule is the name of the current Premier, and that name only, followed by the word "government". I would ask all Members to respect this rule.

Mr. Austin rose and apologized for the error in his Member's Statement.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. C. Chiasson rose on a matter of privilege to complain that Mr. Austin posted the video of his erroneous statement on-line and requested that the video be removed and the record corrected.

Mr. D'Amours, Member for Edmundston-Madawaska Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to maintain access to nurse practitioners' private clinics. (Petition 9)

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: other parties items; Motion 36.

Ms. Mitton gave notice of Bill 23.

Mr. DeSaulniers gave notice of Bill 18.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 19, 20, 21 and 22 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax 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 20, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Notice of Opposition Members' Business.

Mr. Arseneault gave notice that Motion 47 would follow Motion 36.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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 22, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12.05 p.m. the House recessed. At 1.05 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

At 3.19 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 3.30 p.m. the Committee resumed with Ms. LeBlanc in the chair.

At 3.47 p.m. the Committee recessed. At 5 p.m. the Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bills as agreed to:

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

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

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

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.