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Thursday, May 16, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

At 1.14 p.m. the House recessed due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system. At 1.26 p.m. the House resumed.

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 10)

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

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.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.23 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, the House divided as follows:

YEAS - 22

Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Melanson
Mr. Landry
Mr. Harvey
Ms. Harris
Mr. Kenny
Mr. Coon
Ms. Mitton

Mr. Bourque
Ms. Landry
Ms. Thériault
Mr. LePage
Mr. C. Chiasson
Ms. LeBlanc
Mr. Arseneau
Mr. LeBlanc

Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Horsman
Mr. Lowe
Mr. McKee
Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Austin

NAYS - 22

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

There being an equality of votes upon a division in the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 14, Mr. Speaker cast his deciding vote in the affirmative.

Following a request by Mr. Savoie, Mr. Speaker gave the following reason for his vote:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

I do not have to give an explanation, but I will. This bill is going to committee. I have decided that it was not up to the Speaker to defeat or approve a bill. A committee of the Legislature is the right place to make this decision.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity 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 18, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 24

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Carr
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Holland
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Mitton

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.