

Daily sitting 35

Thursday, June 6, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Mr. Bourque to accuse the Premier of telling “half-truths”. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that the Member withdraw the term, which he did.

Mr. Crossman, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 6, 2019

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

Your Committee met on June 6, 2019, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 34, *New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Gary Crossman, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, June 13, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all briefing memos and Orders in Council regarding the lifting of the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing since November 9, 2018.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, June 7, 2019, Private Bill 34 would be called for second reading.

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 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Research.*

Bill 30, *An Act Respecting Certain Responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner and the Ombud.*

Bill 31, *Official Notices Publication Act.*

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 2.15 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Mr. C. Chiasson moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Steeves, seconded by Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 35 be amended:

By adding after "process" the following: ", while maintaining cabinet confidence".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 22

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

NAYS - 17

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 35 as amended as follows:

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, while maintaining cabinet confidence.

And the question being put, Motion 35 as amended was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 24

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

NAYS - 17

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Kenny	Ms. LeBlanc
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bourque	Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. Landry	Ms. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson
Ms. Rogers	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Harvey	Mr. LePage	Mr. McKee
Ms. Harris	Mr. C. Chiasson	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 51, Mr. D'Amours moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS a significant nursing shortage exists throughout the province;

WHEREAS projections show that, in the next 5 years, New Brunswick will lose upwards of 2,400 nurses due to retirements;

WHEREAS in each health region, nurses are on sick leave and stress leave due to overwork and stressful working environments as a result of the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions are aggressively recruiting New Brunswick nurses;

WHEREAS hospitals have had to cancel services such as obstetrics due to the nursing shortage;

WHEREAS the government has failed to recognize that the nursing shortage has become a crisis;

WHEREAS there are several programs in the province that provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of family practitioners and medical specialists;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have incentives to recruit and retain nurses;

WHEREAS the government should take action to address the nursing shortage by supporting nurse training, recruiting nurses from other jurisdictions, developing incentive programs for recruitment and retention, and supporting New Brunswick nurses through measures such as flexible work schedules and a safe and quality work environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the New Brunswick Nurses' Union, the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, RHAs, l'Université de Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, community colleges, and other stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy to train, recruit, retain, and support nurses.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Flemming, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 51 be amended:

In the sixth whereas clause by deleting "the government has failed to recognize" and substituting "the government recognizes".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

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