

Daily sitting 40

Friday, June 14, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Mitton rose on a point of order and questioned whether the presence of a photographer on the floor of the House the previous sitting day was appropriate. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and advised that a process for approving such requests would be developed in the future.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Member for Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to provide rural regions with access to high speed internet. (Petition 17)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition expressing frustration with health care in the province. (Petition 18)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. McKee,  
Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Third Party Advertising*.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 64)

THAT the following proceedings held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber be included in the Journal of Debates for the Second Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick:

the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy held from December 6, 2018, to January 23, 2019, to consider Bills referred to the Committee, and

the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held from April 9 to May 10, 2019, to consider the estimates referred to the Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 29, 2019.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 19, 2019, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, 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.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 45, Mr. Coon rose to request an emergency debate on the potential issuance of permits for the spraying of glyphosate on Crown land.

#### STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

The Member for Fredericton South and Leader of his Party has asked leave to introduce a motion for an emergency debate on the potential issuance of permits for the spraying of glyphosate on Crown land.

I received notice from the Member last evening, satisfying the two hours' notice requirement, which gave me an opportunity to consider the matter proposed for debate.

The issue of whether glyphosate should be sprayed on Crown land is certainly a matter of importance to Members in this House, and to all New Brunswickers in general. However, in considering whether to set aside the business of the House to consider the proposed motion, I must, in accordance with Standing Rule 45, consider the probability of the matter being brought before the House by other means.

In my opinion, the matter proposed for discussion does not satisfy the requirements of Standing Rule 46, in particular paragraph (a), which states that:

*The right to move the adjournment of the House for the above purposes is subject to the following conditions:*

*(a) the matter proposed for discussion must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration;*

The matter proposed for discussion does not, in my opinion, “relate to a genuine emergency, calling for immediate and urgent consideration”.

I would note that on November 21, 2018, the Member for Fredericton South gave notice of Motion 2, the purpose of which was to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over Crown land. On May 9, 2019, the Member had an opportunity to debate this motion, and chose not to.

As well, I would note that the Member chose today to raise this matter, on the last sitting day of the House, before we adjourn for the summer. He had ample opportunity to raise it at any time over the last several months, and again, chose not to.

Accordingly, based on these reasons, the matter will not go forward at this time.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House proceed with Royal Assent.

His Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s assent.

The Deputy Clerk then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

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.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.*

Bill 20, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.*

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

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

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- Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act.*  
Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB.*  
Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Family Services 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 Judgements Act.*  
Bill 33, *An Act Respecting the Public Health Information Solution.*  
Bill 34, *New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.*  
Bill 35, *Cooperatives Act.*  
Bill 36, *Credit Unions Act.*  
Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2017-2018 (1).*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2019-2020. (Bill 37)*

His Honour replied:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

His Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 12.15 p.m., the House adjourned.