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Thursday, November 28, 2019

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Mr. C. Chiasson to refer to Hon. Mr. Cardy as a “bully”. Mr. Speaker reminded Members that it was not appropriate for Members to attack the integrity, honesty or character of their fellow Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Wetmore,

Bill 28, *Aquaculture Act.*

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Bills 20, 26, 27, 28 and 29 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 21)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by adding Hon. Ms. S. Wilson.

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

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 21, 22 and 23 be called for second reading; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Insurance 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 Insurance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *Unclaimed Property Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *Unclaimed Property Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Property Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Property Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 12 o'clock p.m. the House recessed. At 1 o'clock p.m. the House resumed.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 19, 2019.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Brenda Murphy,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your

Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Mr. Savoie, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 12, Ms. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS there is an increasing need for mental health services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS persons with mental illness and other health issues are amongst the most vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that the rights of persons with mental health issues are protected;

WHEREAS it is important to also ensure that those requiring long-term care have appropriate care and treatment;

WHEREAS public education on mental health should be enhanced to create awareness on mental health issues and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness;

WHEREAS the province does not have an independent mental health advocate, ombud, or similar position to provide information and support for those with mental health needs or those acting on their behalf;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to create the position of a mental health advocate, with the status of legislative officer, as an impartial and independent voice for persons with mental health issues and caregivers of family members acting on their behalf.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 12 be amended by striking out the resolution clause and substituting the following:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to focus appropriate resources towards mental health issues and recognize the challenges faced by individuals and their families.”

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

And after some time, Mr. McKee, seconded by Ms. Thériault, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 12 be amended by adding after “towards” the following: “the position of a mental health advocate and other”.

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

At 3.25 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.37 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment as amended and it was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 12 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS there is an increasing need for mental health services in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS persons with mental illness and other health issues are amongst the most vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that the rights of persons with mental health issues are protected;

WHEREAS it is important to also ensure that those requiring long-term care have appropriate care and treatment;

WHEREAS public education on mental health should be enhanced to create awareness on mental health issues and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness;

WHEREAS the province does not have an independent mental health advocate, ombud, or similar position to provide information and support for those with mental health needs or those acting on their behalf;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to focus appropriate resources towards the position of a mental health advocate and other mental health issues and recognize the challenges faced by individuals and their families.

And the question being put, Motion 12 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. D'Amours moved, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS nurse practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses with advanced education and training that prepare them for a broad scope of practice and maximum functionality within the health care system;

WHEREAS there are more than 7,400 licensed NPs in Canada, and over 130 in New Brunswick providing primary, acute and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life;

WHEREAS NPs diagnose, treat and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care;

WHEREAS New Brunswick citizens have great trust in the high-quality care NPs provide, with over 3 million nationwide receiving care from a NP;

WHEREAS decades of research demonstrate the high quality of care provided by NPs;

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to work towards ensuring that all NPs are practicing at full scope and barriers to NP care delivery are addressed and removed;

WHEREAS better utilization of NPs will continue to evolve through modernization of legislation and improved system policies that aim to create a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality health care system;

WHEREAS governmental and policy entities recognize the benefits of having NPs practicing at maximum scope within the health care system and vote to support changes to legislation that allow NPs to practice to their full capacity;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is proud to recognize and honour the service of NPs in our province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to declare the week of November 8 to 14, 2020 and, thereafter, every second week of November as National Nurse Practitioner Week in the province of New Brunswick in recognition of the numerous contributions that NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of Canadians.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.