

Daily sitting 11 Thursday, December 12, 2019
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Crossman, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 12, 2019

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their second report.

Your Committee met on December 11 and had under consideration:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*;
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*;
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

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

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

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

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.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,
Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 28, 29 and 11 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

Bill 6, *Enduring Powers of Attorney Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Property Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *Aquaculture Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, *Aquaculture 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 29, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 o'clock p.m. the House recessed. At 1 o'clock p.m. the House resumed with Ms. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Madam Deputy Speaker, at the request of Mr. Savoie, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, December 13, 2019, Bill 30 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Proof of Immunization*, be now read a second time.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS the herbicide glyphosate is used by the forest industry, NB Power, and the agricultural sector for vegetation control;

WHEREAS despite findings by Health Canada and New Brunswick's Chief Medical Officer indicating that glyphosate does not pose a cancer risk to humans at current exposure rates, concerns about the spraying of glyphosate remain;

WHEREAS, prior to taking any decision related to changes to the application of glyphosate in New Brunswick, it is important to hear from stakeholders including the forest and agricultural sectors, subject matter experts, and the general public;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to refer the issue of glyphosate spraying to a legislative committee in order to hold public hearings, engage stakeholders, invite submissions, and make recommendations to government within six months.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Arseneau, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended by striking out the resolution clause and substituting the following:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over our Crown forests and under our powerlines.”

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

At 3.10 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.17 p.m. the House resumed.

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

YEAS - 6

Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau	Ms. Conroy
Ms. Mitton	Mr. Austin	Mr. DeSaulniers

NAYS - 40

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Landry
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Oliver	Ms. Thériault
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Northrup	Mr. LePage
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fitch	Mr. C. Chiasson
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. Fairgrieve	Ms. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Crossman	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. K. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Melanson	Mr. Horsman
Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Landry	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Mr. Cardy	Ms. Rogers	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Harvey	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Harris	
Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Kenny	

Debate resumed on Motion 3.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Holland, seconded by Hon. Mr. Carr, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended:

In the first whereas clause by striking out “the herbicide glyphosate is” and substituting “herbicides and pesticides are”;

By striking out the resolution clause and substituting the following:

“BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House support the creation of a legislative committee dedicated to climate change and environmental stewardship.”

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

At 4.06 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.25 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bourque, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 3 be amended:

By striking out “By striking out the resolution clause and substituting the following” and substituting “By adding after the resolution clause the following”;

By striking out “THEREFORE” and substituting “FURTHER”.

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

At 4.43 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.47 p.m. the House resumed.

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 3 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS herbicides and pesticides are used by the forest industry, NB Power, and the agricultural sector for vegetation control;

WHEREAS despite findings by Health Canada and New Brunswick’s Chief Medical Officer indicating that glyphosate does not pose a cancer risk to humans at current exposure rates, concerns about the spraying of glyphosate remain;

WHEREAS, prior to taking any decision related to changes to the application of glyphosate in New Brunswick, it is important to hear from stakeholders including the forest and agricultural sectors, subject matter experts, and the general public;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to refer the issue of glyphosate spraying to a legislative committee in order to hold public hearings, engage stakeholders, invite submissions, and make recommendations to government within six months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House support the creation of a legislative committee dedicated to climate change and environmental stewardship.

And the question being put, Motion 3 as amended was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 43

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Carr	Ms. Mitton
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Landry
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Oliver	Mr. LePage
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Northrup	Mr. C. Chiasson
Mr. Austin	Mr. Fairgrieve	Ms. LeBlanc
Ms. Conroy	Mr. Crossman	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Melanson	Mr. K. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Hon. Mr. Stewart	Ms. Rogers	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Harvey	Mr. McKee
Mr. DeSaulniers	Ms. Harris	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Kenny	
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Coon	

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, on Thursday, November 28, 2019.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 5.50 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 7

December 11, 2019