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Daily sitting 24

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

At 10.15 a.m. the House recessed due to technical difficulties with the sound and interpretation system. At 10.22 a.m. the House resumed.

Ms. Landry, Member for Madawaska Les Lacs-Edmundston, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph, urging the government to financially compensate nursing home workers during the pandemic. (Petition 24)

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

May 27, 2020

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 seventh report.

Your Committee met on May 26 and had under consideration:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Days of Rest Act*;  
Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*;  
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting the Enhancement of Off-Road Vehicle Safety*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

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

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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.

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Mr. D'Amours gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. McKee:

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 correspondence between the Department of Health and the New Brunswick Medical Society from March 6, 2020, through March 15, 2020.

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Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

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 correspondence between the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and any staff of the Premier since February 1, 2020.

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Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

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 correspondence between the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and any staff of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health since February 1, 2020.

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Mr. LePage gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc:

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 correspondence concerning the “Stepping up for my New Brunswick” campaign from any of the following: the Office of the Premier; the Executive Council Office; the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour; and the Department of Finance and Treasury Board, since March 13, 2020.

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Mr. LePage gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any information on any contracts entered into concerning the “Stepping up for my New Brunswick” campaign, including graphic design, brand development, and production of t-shirts and other collateral.

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Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, June 4, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS it is estimated Canadian companies avoid paying at least \$6 to \$8 billion in Canadian income taxes annually;

WHEREAS in 2016 Statistics Canada reported that the Irving companies were owned by eight off-shore holding companies based in Bermuda, a known tax haven with a 0% corporate income tax rate;

WHEREAS in 2018 it was reported that Service New Brunswick and the Department of Finance were working on a beneficial ownership registry for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS during Question Period on December 19, 2019, the Premier said that the government “is considering beneficial ownership amendments within the context of the potential modernization of the *Business Corporations Act*”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to ban financial assistance to any companies that are known to use tax havens as a means of avoiding paying New Brunswick or Canadian income taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to table legislation to implement a publicly-accessible beneficial ownership registry by December 31, 2020.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 28, 2020, Opposition Members’ Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 44 and 41.

And then, 11.44 a.m., the House adjourned.

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

Under the provisions of the <i>Fees Act</i> , proposed	
fee changes to the NB 911 Service fee	May 21, 2020
Response to Petition 22	May 22, 2020