
Daily sitting 5

Friday, November 20, 2020

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 15)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rules 30 and 40.1, the time allocated for “Statements of Condolence and Congratulation” and “Statements by Members” shall be limited to a maximum of eleven minutes for each item, and the statements under each item shall be allocated as follows: three for the Government Members, three for the Official Opposition Members, three for the Green Members, and two for the People’s Alliance Members;

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the 60th Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Speaker advised the House of a House Leaders’ agreement to follow the recommendation of the Department of Health that all Members and staff wear face masks at all times during the sittings of the House.

At 9.21 a.m. the House recessed. At 9.26 a.m. the House resumed.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to recess from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and that the hour of daily adjournment be 3 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Coon referred to a Member by name and that Mr. Arseneau attributed certain comments to the Premier. Mr. Speaker ruled the first point well take and took the second point under advisement.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor’s Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020*.

Mr. Arseneau, Member for Kent North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to repair Route 505. (Petition 1)

Mr. Arseneau, Member for Kent North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to replace the destroyed A255 bridge on Gray Road. (Petition 2)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*.

Mr. Bourque gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, November 26, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

WHEREAS New Brunswick adopted the *Official Languages Act* in 1969, before Canada had even adopted an official languages act;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in Canada;

WHEREAS the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada both have standing committees on official languages;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick *Official Languages Act* contains a requirement that it be reviewed every 10 years;

WHEREAS the *Official Languages Act* is exceptional in that it prevails over all New Brunswick acts and regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to establish a standing committee on official languages;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee enable its members, among other things, to play an active role in the review and the implementation of the *Official Languages Act* and *An Act Recognizing the Equality of the Two Official Linguistic Communities in New Brunswick*, in the 10-year review of the *Official Languages Act*, and in the review of reports from the Commissioner of Official Languages;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no party have a majority of members on this committee to ensure that no current or future government can make unilateral decisions regarding official languages.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 8, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 2, 6, 7 and 14 be called for second reading until 1.30 p.m.; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Reporting Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Reporting Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *Construction Remedies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *Construction Remedies Act*, was read a second time.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 17)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be appointed for the duration of the 60th Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committee be as follows:

Mr. Turner, Mr. Carr, Mr. Cullins, Mr. Ames, Mr. Wetmore, Ms. S. Wilson, Mr. LePage, Mr. K. Chiasson, Mr. Gauvin, Mr. Arseneau and Mr. Austin.

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

Hon. Mr. Savoie advised the House of his intention to designate the Standing Committee on Economic Policy to consider the Bills that received second reading this sitting day. Accordingly, Bills 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were ordered referred to the committee.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 15, *An Act to Amend the Notaries Public Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Notaries Public 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 2, *An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Climate Change 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 6, *Family Law Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

At 1.02 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.09 p.m. the House resumed.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to adjourn the debate on second reading of Bill 6.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Bockus, seconded by Mr. Cullins:

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 17, 2020.

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, Ms. S. Wilson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And then, 2.49 p.m., the House adjourned.