
Daily sitting 7

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to observe a moment of silence on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in remembrance of the École Polytechnique massacre.

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

December 8, 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 first report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk Assistant convened a meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy on November 20, 2020, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair. On motion of Mr. Cullins, Mr. Turner was elected Chair of the Committee. On motion of Mr. Ames, Mr. Carr was elected Vice-Chair.

Your Committee met on December 4 and had under consideration:

Bill 9, *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Reporting Act*;
Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*;
Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Greg Turner, 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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission and Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Act.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Allain,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Holland,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 17, 2020, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic is creating a great deal of uncertainty for anyone who is forced to move out of their apartment, especially in orange zones;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia instituted a rent cap of 2% for existing tenants, retroactive to September 1, 2020, that will remain in place until February 2021 or the state of emergency is lifted, whichever comes first;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia has banned renovictions until February 2021 or when the state of emergency is lifted, whichever comes first;

WHEREAS renters in New Brunswick are facing similar problems to those in Nova Scotia due to a low vacancy rate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to put a cap on rental increases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to ban lease terminations due to renovations, also known as renovictions, until February 2021, or when the state of emergency in New Brunswick is lifted, whichever comes first.

Hon. Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Bills 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 4, 5, 6, 7 and 14 be called for second reading until 4.30 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.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 20)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the 60th Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

The Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship be composed of Mr. Hogan, Hon. Mr. Holland, Hon. Ms. Johnson, Hon. Mr. Crossman, Ms. Bockus, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Landry, Mr. Mallet, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Mitton and Ms. Conroy.

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be composed of Hon. Mr. Savoie, Mr. Turner, Mr. Carr, Ms. Bockus, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ames, Mr. Legacy, Mr. Bourque, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Arseneau and Mr. Austin.

The Standing Committee on Law Amendments be composed of Hon. Mr. Flemming, Ms. Anderson-Mason, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Bockus, Ms. S. Wilson, Mr. Cullins, Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Legacy, Mr. McKee, Mr. Coon and Ms. Conroy.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills be composed of Mr. Cullins, Mr. Ames, Ms. S. Wilson, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Bockus, Ms. Anderson-Mason, Mr. C. Chiasson, Mr. Guitard, Mr. Mallet, Ms. Mitton and Mr. Austin.

The Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be composed of Mr. Carr, Mr. Turner, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Ames, Ms. S. Wilson, Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Arseneault, Ms. Thériault, Mr. Coon and Ms. Conroy.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts be composed of Ms. Anderson-Mason, Mr. Cullins, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Carr, Mr. C. Chiasson, Ms. Harris, Mr. McKee, Ms. Mitton and Ms. Conroy.

The Standing Committee on Social Policy be composed of Mr. Hogan, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Carr, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ames, Ms. Bockus, Mr. Guitard, Mr. K. Chiasson, Mr. Gauvin, Ms. Mitton and Ms. Conroy.

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

Hon. Mr. Savoie requested leave of the House to move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 21)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rule 89, notwithstanding Standing Rule 104, the Legislative Administration Committee be appointed for the duration of the 60th Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committee be as follows:

Hon. Mr. Oliver, Ms. S. Wilson, Ms. Anderson-Mason, Hon. Mr. Savoie, Hon. Ms. Green, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Turner, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Arseneault, Mr. Coon, Mr. Arseneau, Mr. Austin, and Ms. Conroy; and

THAT, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

Leave to dispense with notice of Motion 21 was denied. Accordingly, notice was given for Friday, December 11, 2020.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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 5, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 6, *Family Law Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 6, *Family Law 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 7, *An Act Respecting the Family Law Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act Respecting the Family Law 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 14, *An Act Respecting the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act and the Wills Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act Respecting the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act and the Wills Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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

And then, 6 p.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:

Annual Report 2018-2019 Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General	November 24, 2020
Annual Report 2019-2020 Department of Social Development	November 26, 2020
Annual Report 2019-2020 Department of Public Safety	November 27, 2020
Annual Report 2019-2020 Labour and Employment Board	November 27, 2020
Annual Report 2019-2020 Department of Aboriginal Affairs	December 2, 2020