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Daily Sitting 37

Thursday, April 27, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Ms. Weir:

Bill 37, *An Act Respecting a Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace.*

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Lee gave Notice of Motion 133 that on Thursday, May 4, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all correspondence since June 7, 1999, between the Premier or his staff and the Minister of Transport (Canada) or his staff and all correspondence between the Premier or his staff and the Mayor of the City of Fredericton, any of the Fredericton councillors, or any staff at City Hall, and all correspondence between the Premier or his staff and any member of the Greater Fredericton Airport Authority Inc., relating to issues concerning the Fredericton airport.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 134 that on Thursday, May 4, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

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 and all correspondence, memos, electronic mail, minutes of meetings and documents between the federal and the provincial governments from December 7th to the present regarding the Port of Belledune.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 135 that on Thursday, May 4, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. C. Thériault:

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, e-mail, minutes of meetings, reports and/or any other documents relating to the decision to cancel the plan for the mobile MRI unit to be used by Beauséjour and Region 6.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 43, Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that Private Bill 27 be read a second time on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Transportation; at 7 o'clock p.m. the House would resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 35 and 36, following which it would resume consideration of the estimates of the Department of Transportation.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. C. Thériault, requested the unanimous consent of the House that on Tuesday next Motion 126 be the first motion considered during Private Member's Motions.

Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, advised that the government would consider the request of the opposition and report back to the House.

Mr. Speaker recognized the past two year's contribution of Head Page Heather Coughlan and wished her well in her future endeavours.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Debate resumed on Motion 6 moved by Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Weston as follows:

WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry of Canada, including New Brunswick, is suffering significant economic hardship as a result of an unfair playing field in international markets;

AND WHEREAS the future of the shipbuilding industry in Canada will depend on its ability to compete in the international commercial shipbuilding markets; and foreign competitors have a pricing advantage over Canadian shipyards and international markets, due to support programs provided by their national governments;

AND WHEREAS the New Brunswick shipbuilding industry historically has made a substantial contribution to the economy of our province and continues to offer significant economic and social opportunities to the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry of Canada has called upon the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy to counter the pricing advantages of foreign competition;

AND WHEREAS all provincial and territorial leaders have reached a consensus to call upon the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy, in concert with the shipbuilding industry of Canada and the provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick support the call on the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy in concert with the shipbuilding industry of Canada and the provinces.

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

Motions 17, 22 and 24 by Ms. Weir were, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 4, 2000.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Mr. Allaby moved, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

WHEREAS the government has expressed a goal of strong economic growth for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a comprehensive transportation infrastructure and services are vital for solid economic growth;

WHEREAS the Minister of Transportation has publicly noted the vital dependence of the economy on good transportation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge the government to establish as a priority objective the continued development and improvement of this province's transportation infrastructure and services to help sustain New Brunswick's strong economic growth.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, regarding certain remarks made by Mr. B. Thériault. Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud submitted that the Member for Caraquet had attributed certain remarks to him that he had not, in fact, made in the House, and that it was against the rules for a Member to impute motives different from those acknowledged by the Member.

Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, heard from several other Members on the point of order before stating that it was a well established principle that the statement and word of a Member must be accepted, and that he would review the transcript and report back to the House, if necessary.

And after some further time, the Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Sherwood responded to questions posed earlier during the session for which he had undertaken to report back to the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Bernard in the Chair.

And after some further time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the Chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Acting Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, the Acting Speaker then 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 House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting the Acting Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting 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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Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, the Acting Speaker then 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.

And then, 10 o'clock 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:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 59, 60, 73, 85, 120, and 122 - April 27, 2000