
Friday, August 1, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker advised Members to keep congratulatory messages brief and to the point, and to avoid using this item of business to make Members' Statements.

Mr. S. Graham, the Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Richibucto area urging the government to reopen the Point Road crossroad from Route 505 to Bedec Road, as soon as possible. (Petition 5)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. S. Graham:

Bill 3, *Construction Labour Mobility Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

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

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, August 7, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud:

WHEREAS students are bullied in their schools;

WHEREAS this bullying exists at all academic levels in schools in the province of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS being bullied greatly affects one's self-esteem;

WHEREAS students need to learn how to cope with this problem;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly strongly urge the government to direct the Department of Education to hold seminars on how to deal with bullies in every school in the province every school year.

Mr. Targett gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, August 7, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Foran:

WHEREAS the government outlined a number of commitments to New Brunswickers in the last election campaign;

WHEREAS cuts are now pending to government departments;

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick have charged the government with the responsibility of carrying out their commitments;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to present to this House a comprehensive plan and timeline for the implementation of these commitments.

Hon. Mr. Green advised that it was the intention of the government that following second reading of Bill 2, the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, following which, the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 1.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *Voluntary Protection Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Steeves, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 2, *Volunteer Protection Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion, and the amendment was carried.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Williams:

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.
July 29, 2003.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell,
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 the debate continuing,

After some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess.

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

And the debate continuing, after some time it was, on motion of Hon. Ms. Dubé, adjourned over.

The Member for Charlotte requested that with the unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Notices of Motions, and unanimous consent was denied.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, be now read a second time.

After some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

After some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

After some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order regarding the relevance of certain comments.

Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, cautioned Members in this regard, remarking that debate at second reading should be confined to the

principles of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Steeves rose on a point of order regarding the relevance of certain comments.

Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker cautioned Members in this regard.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order regarding the use of props by the Minister of Business New Brunswick. Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, ruled the point of order well taken.

After some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

After some further time, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and requested that Hon. P. Robichaud table a copy of comments attributed to him.

Mr. Speaker advised that points of order should not be used as an opportunity to interrupt debate, cautioning Members against abusing the privilege of standing on a point order in an attempt to correct information Members may not agree with.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, be now read a second time, the motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 4.37 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.