
Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers

Mr. Speaker informed the House of the success of the 15th Annual Student Legislative Seminar, which was held from April 30 to May 2, 2004, noting that the Model Parliament was, for the first time, opened with a Speech from the Throne by the Lieutenant-Governor, His Honour Herménégilde Chiasson.

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Moncton urging the government to establish a Cath Lab at the Moncton Hospital. (Petition 31)

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Bathurst area expressing their opposition to the new policy established last year of putting male and female patients in the same hospital room. (Petition 32)

Mr. Paulin, Member for Restigouche West, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of St.-Arthur, urging the government to rebuild Highway 257 in their community. (Petition 33)

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Holder,

Bill 48, *An Act to Incorporate Firecrest Hambro Trust Corporation Canada Limited.*

By Mr. Betts,

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton.*

Ordered that the said Bills be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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 the Whole to take into consideration Bills 31, 20, 35, 32, 36, 33, 34, and 30.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Murphy moved:

WHEREAS under the current system of assessment for nursing home care all that the family has earned and saved over the years will be assessed and used to keep the resident in the nursing home;

WHEREAS the remaining spouse will be left with nothing but the family house and a bare, poverty level pension;

WHEREAS this is a serious worry for many New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this legislature urge the government to change the policy from an asset-based test to an income-based test when determining support for nursing home care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislature urge the government to review the exemptions allowable to the home-based spouse so as not to force liquidation of assets.

And the question being put, a debate ensued. And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was negatived on the following recorded decision:

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Mr. McGinley	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. Albert
Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Paulin
Mr. Landry	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Branch	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Foran	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Ouellette		

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Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Mr. Holder
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

Mr. MacIntyre gave Notice of Motion 89 that on Thursday, May 11, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all positions eliminated in the Department of Health and Wellness and a description of those positions since April 1, 2004.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 90 that on Thursday, May 6, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of any appointments authorized by the Deputy Minister of the Office of Human Resources under the auspices of sections 15 and/or 16 of the *Civil Service Act* since June 1, 2003.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 91 that Thursday, May 6, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of any positions that were vacant in Part I of the Civil Service as of April 1, 2004.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that Notices of Motions 89, 90 and 91 would be set over until Tuesday, May 11, 2004 to allow two clear sitting days as required by the Standing Rules of the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Holder in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that he had been directed to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 20, *An Act Respecting Administrative Matters in Various Corporate Acts*.

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

That he had been directed to report the following Bill as agreed with amendments:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

And that he had been directed to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Custody and Detention of Young Persons Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. 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, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.