

Daily sitting 26

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Higgs laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Government of New Brunswick Workforce Profile 2011*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 12, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 41 and 42.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Thursday, April 12, 2012, it stand adjourned until Friday, April 13, 2012, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 25 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 26, 24, 28, 23 and 27; following which the House would debate Motion 15.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Loan and Trust Companies Act.*

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Queen's Counsel and Precedence Act.*

Bill 28, *Species at Risk Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Hon. Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick entered into the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement with the Government of Canada to harmonize the Federal Goods and Service Tax and provincial sales tax on October 18, 1996; and

WHEREAS the provincial *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* came into force on April 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia have subsequently entered into their own agreements with the Government of Canada using an updated agreement template, which has now also been adopted by the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador; and

WHEREAS the original Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement required amendment in order to function properly and to give New Brunswick the same benefits as other harmonized jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS a copy of this amended agreement has been tabled in this House and subsection 2(3) of the *Harmonized Sales Tax Act* requires the Minister of Finance to introduce for consideration of the Legislative Assembly a resolution respecting the change or agreement under subsection 2(2);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ratify and confirm the succeeding Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement entered into between the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 15 was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.