

Daily sitting 13

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. Boudreau rose on a matter of privilege to correct an article published in l'Acadie Nouvelle quoting a Member's Statement, delivered by Ms. Coulombe on Friday last, concerning the alleged falsification of documents in the Atcon affair.

Hon. Ms. Shephard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Report of the Advisory Committee on Health Benefits: An Insurance Plan for Prescription Drugs for Uninsured New Brunswickers, Prepared for ESIC Board of Directors, Final Report, December 2012.*

It was agreed by unanimous consent to permit Hon. Mr. Flemming to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Doucet,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act.*

Hon. Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, December 27, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, regarding the Department of Social Development's Household Unit Policy, since October 13, 2010.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, December 27, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including but not limited to correspondence, regarding any and all tenders called by the New Brunswick Housing Corporation, including a description of the work, the name of the successful bidder, and the dollar amount of the contract, including receipts for materials used and services rendered, since October 13, 2010.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert back to Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Soucy,
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, it stand adjourned until Thursday, December 20, 2012, at 12:30 p.m.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 23 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 19, 16, 17, 18 and 21.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Reform.*
Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Regional Service Delivery Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Parks 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. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Betts took the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Betts, the Acting 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 16, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

Bill 19, *Community Funding Act*.

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children 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.

And then, 5.12 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.