

Daily sitting 14

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Living Healthy, Aging Well, A report by the Premier's Panel on Seniors, December 2012*.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 20, 2012, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 24, 25 and 14.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that, with leave, the House would take into consideration Motion 25; following which, with leave, Bill 26 would be called for second reading; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 15, 26, with leave, 20 and 23.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

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*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Boudreau: (Motion 25)

WHEREAS a major west-east crude oil pipeline would enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the World's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of a crude oil pipeline to New Brunswick is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east

coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS a major crude pipeline project would result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously supports the construction of a west — east pipeline to bring western crude oil to Saint John.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

*2 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 25 was resolved in the affirmative.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 26 be called for second reading without notice.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 26 be forthwith taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole.

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

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

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. 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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And then, 4 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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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:

Annual Report 2011-2012

New Brunswick Internal Services Agency      December 18, 2012

Annual Report 2011-2012

Vehicle Management Agency      December 18, 2012