

Daily sitting 15

Thursday, December 20, 2012

12.30 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of hairstylists and barbers in New Brunswick in support of an amendment to the Registered Barbers' Act. (Petition 3)

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Mr. Killen, Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the family and friends of Serena Perry, requesting that a security guard be placed on the Psychiatric Ward of the Saint John Regional Hospital. (Petition 4)

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser: (Motion 26)

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Melanson for Mr. Haché, the name of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Mr. Kenny and the name of Mr. Fraser for Mr. Collins;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Estimates be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc for Mr. Haché;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended by substituting the name of Mr. D. Landry for Mr. Collins and the name of Mr. Kenny for Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc;

That the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Collins for Mr. D. Landry;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be amended by substituting the name of Ms. Coulombe for Mr. Parrott and the name of Mr. Haché for Mr. Melanson;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Privileges be amended by substituting the name of Mr. McLean for Mr. Parrott;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Bernard LeBlanc for Mr. Fraser;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting the name of Ms. Coulombe for Mr. Soucy and the name of Mr. Stewart for Ms. Shephard; and

That the membership of the Select Committee on Point Lepreau be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Collins for Mr. Melanson.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 2 o'clock p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

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

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 20 be considered in Committee of the Whole, that Bills 15, 20, 23 and 26 be called for third reading, and that Royal Assent take place prior to the commencement of Opposition Members' Business.

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

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

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

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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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 20 be called for third reading forthwith.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

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

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

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

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 2, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Reform*.

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Regional Service Delivery Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*.

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics*.

- Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*  
Bill 12, *An Act Respecting the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.*  
Bill 13, *City of Saint John Government Act.*  
Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*  
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 20, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*  
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children Act.*  
Bill 22, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2011-2012 (1).*  
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act.*  
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour was pleased to deliver the following message:

*I want to wish each and every one of you very good holidays. Merry Christmas. Happy new year. I know you have been very busy, and I am sure you will enjoy the break to see your constituents and families back home. Keep up the good work. Until next year.*

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act*, a debate arose thereon.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to close the debate at second reading of Bill 25 at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 10

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Melanson	
Mr. Haché	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	

NAYS - 30

Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. Killen
Hon. Mr. Alward	Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Coulombe
Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Ms. Blais	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Riordon
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Soucy	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. Stewart
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Mr. Harrison	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Jack Carr

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