

Daily sitting 27

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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.

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to maintain the operation of the Anchorage Provincial Park. (Petition 12)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to retain the current ferry operating schedule for Grand Manan. (Petition 13)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students at the Grand Manan Community School, urging the Premier to retain the current ferry operating schedule for Grand Manan. (Petition 14)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C.,
Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Law Reform Act.*

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, May 2, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park is a vital component of the tourism industry upon which the Grand Manan economy is dependent;

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park has served as a key employer on Grand Manan for many years;

WHEREAS the Anchorage Provincial Park is the only provincial campground on the island;

WHEREAS Grand Manan is prominently featured on the front cover of the 2013 New Brunswick Tourism Guide;

WHEREAS the lack of camping facilities on the island will negatively affect the number of visitors to the island this tourist season;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to immediately reinstate the employees at Anchorage Provincial Park and operate the facility this tourist season;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to meet with employees and key stakeholders on Grand Manan to determine alternate methods of generating increased revenue and alternate methods to reduce costs to ensure that this critical facility remains open in the future.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 25, 2013, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 36 and 33; Motion 32.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, April 26, 2013, Bill 37 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Social Development.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply 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.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

Hon. Ms. Shephard welcomed to the House Mr. Norm McFarlane, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Saint John Lancaster (1999-2003).

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 had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 6

April 22, 2013