

Daily sitting 52

Thursday, June 13, 2013

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reinstate the employment of Janet Hughes at the Horizon Health Network. (Petition 42)

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Mr. Bonenfant, from the Standing Committee on Health Care, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 13, 2013

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Health Care begs leave to submit this, their Second Report.

On May 22, 2013, Bill 54, *Artificial Tanning Act*, was introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister of Health. The proposed legislation is intended to prohibit a person under 19 years of age from using tanning equipment in a commercial tanning operation. On June 7, following second reading, the Minister of Health, as sponsor of Bill 54, referred the Bill to the Standing Committee on Health Care pursuant to Standing Rule 42.1(4).

On June 12 your Committee met in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration Bill 54, which it is pleased to recommend to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.): Yvon Bonenfant, M.L.A.  
Chair

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 42.1(5), Bill 54 stands referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud requested the unanimous consent of the House to discharge the referral of Bill 54 to the Committee of the Whole House and order the Bill for third reading this sitting day, and unanimous consent was granted.

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Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 13, 2013

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Second Report of the session.

Your Committee met on June 13, 2013, in the Legislative Council Chamber and on motion of Mr. Savoie, seconded by Ms. Coulombe, Ms. Wilson was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Your Committee also had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 71, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Chiropractors Association,*

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.  
Chair

Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion of concurrence and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Thursday, June 20, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

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, however recorded, stored, or archived, since November 1, 2010, between the Department of Finance, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation regarding the awarding of any agency store licenses and/or franchises, including all documents regarding calls for tenders, calls, bids, contracts, evaluations, proposals, and requests for proposals, the criteria for awarding franchises, and any updates to the criteria or guidelines for awarding franchises for agency outlets.

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With leave of the House, Mr. Riordon moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonald: (Motion 68)

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and Special Orders of the House adopted November 28, 2012, and June 5, 2013, the House shall sit on Wednesday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the Third Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business and third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 53, 63, 64 and 46.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 58, Mr. Boudreau moved, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS affordable housing and homelessness continue to be issues that affect New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Housing Strategy entitled 'Hope is a Home' has not been revised since its release in 2009;

WHEREAS the expiry of social housing operating agreements will peak in 2017, affecting the viability of thousands of affordable nonprofit housing rental units across the province;

WHEREAS the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, using a 'Housing First' approach as advocated by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness;

WHEREAS the Canada/New Brunswick Affordable Housing Program Agreement is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, allowing for the construction of additional affordable housing units;

WHEREAS the various affordable housing and homelessness advocates have not been consulted as a group since the release of the province's housing strategy in 2009;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review its housing strategy, in partnership with the various advocates and the Official Opposition, before the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year, in order to take full advantage of the various federal-provincial agreements that will be extended as of April 2014.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to amend Motion 58 by replacing "2009" with "2010" wherever it appeared.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Dubé, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 58 be amended:

In the second WHEREAS clause, by replacing all the words following the word "Home" with "was written and released in 2010 in consultation with stakeholder groups to support Overcoming Poverty Together, the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan";

By adding the following after the second WHEREAS clause:  
“WHEREAS ‘Hope is a Home’ received bi-partisan support and provides broad goals and objectives that the province will meet with regards to housing between 2010 and 2015;”

In the third WHEREAS clause by inserting the following after “WHEREAS”: “social housing operating agreements have begun to expire and will continue to do so, with a spike in 2019” and deleting the words “the expiry of social housing operating agreements will peak in 2017”;

In the fifth WHEREAS clause by adding the words “and rehabilitation” after “construction” and deleting the word “additional”;

In the sixth WHEREAS clause by inserting “ongoing communication with and input from” after “WHEREAS” and inserting “has occurred on a regular basis” after “advocates” and deleting the words “have not been consulted as a group”;

In the RESOLUTION clause by replacing all the words following “Government to” with “continue its dialogue with housing and homelessness stakeholders in New Brunswick as part of the on-going review of its housing strategy, in order to take full advantage of the various federal-provincial housing and homelessness agreements”;

By adding the following after the RESOLUTION clause:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the Minister of Social Development in her continued work with her provincial and territorial colleagues to engage the federal government on the issue of long term sustainable funding for affordable housing programs.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 58 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS affordable housing and homelessness continue to be issues that affect New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Housing Strategy entitled 'Hope is a Home' was written and released in 2010 in consultation with stakeholder groups to support Overcoming Poverty Together, the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan;

WHEREAS 'Hope is a Home' received bi-partisan support and provides broad goals and objectives that the province will meet with regards to housing between 2010 and 2015;

WHEREAS social housing operating agreements have begun to expire and will continue to do so, with a spike in 2019, affecting the viability of thousands of affordable nonprofit housing rental units across the province;

WHEREAS the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, using a 'Housing First' approach as advocated by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness;

WHEREAS the Canada/New Brunswick Affordable Housing Program Agreement is expected to be renewed as of April 2014, allowing for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing units;

WHEREAS ongoing communication with and input from the various affordable housing and homelessness advocates has occurred on a regular basis since the release of the province's housing strategy in 2010;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its dialogue with housing and homelessness stakeholders in New Brunswick as part of the on-going review of its housing strategy, in order to take full advantage of the various federal-provincial housing and homelessness agreements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the Minister of Social Development in her continued work with her provincial and territorial colleagues to engage the federal government on the issue of long term sustainable funding for affordable housing programs.

And the question being put, Motion 58 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate resumed on Motion 60, moved by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, as follows:

WHEREAS there are a number of investigations ongoing concerning various cabinet ministers;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has admitted to a breach of privacy, which is the subject of an investigation by the Privacy Commissioner;

WHEREAS there has been an allegation of breach of confidentiality by the Attorney-General's office, which is being investigated by a private investigator;

WHEREAS there has been an allegation of obstruction of justice by the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, which is being investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

WHEREAS these allegations seriously undermine the credibility of the government;

WHEREAS Democracy Watch is a recognized national non-profit organization that advocates government accountability and ethical behavior;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to engage Democracy Watch to conduct an independent investigation of the Alward government and make recommendations as to how it can be more accountable to the public.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Arseneault to withdraw the term "incompetent" in reference to the government, which he did.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 60 was resolved in the negative.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 8, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members' Business had expired.

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At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*  
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Art Gallery Act.*  
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*  
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*  
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*  
Bill 54, *Artificial Tanning Act.*  
Bill 59, *An Act Respecting Unpaid Fines.*  
Bill 69, *Loan Act 2013.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Jack Carr in the chair.

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

At 9.04 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

*9.11 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. S. Robichaud in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. S. Robichaud resumed the chair.



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. S. Robichaud, 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 46, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Commission.*

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

Bill 63, *Financial and Consumer Services Commission 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.

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And then, 11 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.