

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 14, 2013

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Senator Percy Mockler, the former Progressive Conservative MLA for Madawaska South (1982-1987, 1993-1995), Madawaska-la-Vallée (1995-2006), and Restigouche-la-Vallée (2006-2008).

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Mr. Gallant, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to upgrade (chip seal) the Saint Augustine Road between Adamsville and Beersville in Kent County. (Petition 2)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act.*

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Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the Alward government indicated that participation in the Shared Risk pension plan would be voluntary;

WHEREAS the Premier initially told public servants and pensioners that the Shared Risk plan would not apply to vested benefits;

WHEREAS the Alward government has not engaged stakeholders in meaningful consultations;

WHEREAS the Alward government intends to impose the Shared Risk pension plan on public servants and retirees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to halt plans to introduce legislation that would impose the Shared Risk pension model and immediately announce a new and inclusive process of engagement for public pension reform whereby government would sit down with bargaining, non-bargaining groups and other pension representatives to review all relevant financial information and discuss all possible options for pension reform.

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Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 21, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all documentation, however stored, recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the Premier's Office, and Paul D'Astous in relation to auto insurance rates in New Brunswick between October 12, 2010 and the present day.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS the province faces significant financial challenges;

WHEREAS Premier David Alward ordered \$90,000 of taxpayers' money to be spent on a television advertisement claiming economic improvement;

WHEREAS the advertisement was clearly aimed at seeking support for the Progressive Conservative Party;

WHEREAS these types of advertisements should be paid for by the political party that chooses to create them and be subject to rules for political advertising;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick to reimburse the taxpayers' money that was used, and disallow the future use of taxpayer dollars on party-promoting advertisements.

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.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 was resolved in the negative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 4, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative party promised during the 2010 campaign that it would maintain the number of teachers in the province;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, avoided questions in relation to further cuts within his department;

WHEREAS on June 4, 2013, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development admitted to media that his department cut 40 teaching positions and that his government was unable to keep its campaign promise;

WHEREAS on August 23, 2013, a news story was published in regards to potential cuts to music and physical education specialists;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to immediately release a complete list of any and all cuts made to teaching positions as well as other staff positions within all schools in the province's school districts.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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