

Daily sitting 12

Friday, November 22, 2013

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Gallant,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS the improper housing of exotic animals can result in serious public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

WHEREAS the housing of exotic animals is a highly specialized undertaking;

WHEREAS the problem with the current legislative and regulatory environment may result in the proliferation of unaccredited roadside zoos with attendant animal welfare, public safety and environmental concerns as well as the exploitation of exotic animals for profit;

WHEREAS accredited zoos and aquariums can bring significant economic, education and conservation benefits to their communities;

WHEREAS Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) wants to create a more uniform and adequately resourced policy, legislative, regulatory and enforcement regime governing exotic animals in the Atlantic provinces and in all other provinces and territories;

WHEREAS the Cities of New Brunswick Association passed a motion urging the government of New Brunswick to work with the other Atlantic provinces to create a joint task force to study the issue and report to the Council of the Federation with a recommended way forward;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the Alward Government to conduct a complete review of the provisions of the *Fish and Wildlife Act* and other relevant legislation related to exotic animals and bring forward a detailed action plan to the Legislature including any recommended changes to the legislative and regulatory framework, prior to the closing of the current legislative session.

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Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, November 28, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River were opened on April 14, 2010 as part of a 3 phase restoration project started under the former Liberal government;

WHEREAS the health of the Petitcodiac River has improved substantially, and life forms have returned to the river since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS a newly invigorated Petitcodiac River has attracted a number of tourists, including avid surfers, to the Moncton area since the opening of the causeway gates;

WHEREAS the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project involves the construction of a bridge, to replace the causeway structure, that was due to open in 2013;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the provincial government to move forward with its application for federal funding for the third and final phase of the Petitcodiac River Restoration Project to allow for the project's completion.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bill 11.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act Respecting Pensions under the Public Service Superannuation Act*, be now read a second time.

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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. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.