

Daily sitting 15

Thursday, November 28, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted the Member's Statement delivered by Mr. Boudreau made unparliamentary comparisons of certain Ministers. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and advised Members against making such comparisons.

Mr. Tait gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Riordon:

THAT notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be three days of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passing of Bill 11, which shall include the days spent considering said Bill from November 29, 2013 and onward, and at the expiration of the said three days, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bill; the order for consideration of the said Bill in the Committee of the Whole House and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading of the said Bill; and where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to receive more than one reading or advanced more than one stage in one day.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the proposed amendment to Motion 5:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

On Thursday last, during consideration of Motion 5, the Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities moved an amendment to the motion at the end of the sitting day. As such, there was insufficient time to review the amendment in question before the adjournment of the House. Now that I have had an opportunity to review the acceptability of the amendment, I must advise the House that the amendment is not in proper form and, accordingly, I find the amendment to be out of order. When debate resumes on Motion 5, we will be debating the original motion and not the proposed amendment.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax 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 after some further time, Mr. Urquhart took the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Arseneault withdraw the phrase "not bright" in reference to Mr. Steeves, which he did.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 12, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed in its efforts to address the economic challenges facing the province;

WHEREAS the Alward government has failed to stimulate job creation and tackle the problem of unemployment;

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have been forced to leave the province in search of employment elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Premier has not brought forward a comprehensive economic development strategy for the province;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada figures reveal that nearly all New Brunswick economic indicators are well below the national average;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn this government for its lack of results in growing the economy, tackling unemployment, and creating jobs.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

After some time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Fitch used unparliamentary language when he alleged information provided by the Opposition was “incorrect”. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point not well taken, as the Member was commenting on the accuracy of the information, not on the honesty of a Member.

After some time, Mr. C. Landry resumed the chair.

After some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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