

Daily sitting 20

Friday, December 6, 2013

9 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. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa. Mr. Harrison and Mr. McLean joined in this regard.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 Health, Horizon Health Network, Vitalité Health Network, any elected member of the Legislative Assembly, and any member of the spiritual care committees at any hospital in New Brunswick including minutes of all meetings of the spiritual care committees, correspondence, and notes as it relates to providing spiritual care to clients of any of the hospitals or health care facilities in the Province between October 12, 2010 and the present day.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, December 12, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to establish a catastrophic drug plan before the fall of 2011;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to permanently freeze property tax assessments for all homeowners aged 65 and over;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised not to raise taxes that affect ordinary New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to stabilize our public finances without raising taxes or reducing services;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to ensure that the annual budget of the Department of Health would increase by a minimum of 3% each and every year of his four-year mandate;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward promised to reduce the small business tax rate by 50%;

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election campaign, Premier Alward made several other promises that have not been kept;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to admit to the people of New Brunswick that he has not kept these promises.

Hon. Ms. Shephard, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 9; following which Bills 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 would be called for second reading; following which Bill 6 and, with leave, Bill 17 would be considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. McLean, 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 Bill as agreed to:

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities 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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 11.44 o'clock a.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

12.30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Tait, 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 Bill as agreed to:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services 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.

And then, 1.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume I, 2013	December 5, 2013
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume II, 2013	December 5, 2013
Response to Petition 3	December 5, 2013