

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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 revert to Presentations of Petitions.

Mr. Harrison, Member for Hampton-Kings, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to initiate a consultative process to examine voting system options. (Petition 5)

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member's Statement by Mr. Killen was unparliamentary, as he used the terms "misleading" and "misleader" in reference to the Leader of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud spoke on the point of order. Mr. Deputy Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, Q.C.,

Bill 27, *Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Olscamp,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, December 13, 2013, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 1 o'clock p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Higgs, gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Bills 27 and 28 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 17, 23 and 20.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act*.
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

At 3.35 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

3.42 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.19 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.46 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Betts in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Betts, 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Delivery of Integrated Services, Programs and Activities.*

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.

Mr. Deputy Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the point of order raised earlier in the day:

STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

On the point of order raised earlier this afternoon by the Opposition House Leader, I have reviewed the transcript and am now prepared to make a ruling.

The Opposition House Leader submitted that the Member for Saint John Harbour used inappropriate language in his Member's statement. Upon reviewing the transcript it is clear that the Member for Saint John Harbour referred to the Leader of the Opposition by an inappropriate title, a title that is disrespectful and not in keeping with our parliamentary practices.

I will ask the Member for Saint John Harbour to use the appropriate title when referring to the Leader of the Opposition in the future. I also remind all Members to refrain from referring to Members by anything other than their appropriate title or constituency name.

And then, 5 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report 2012-2013,
Department of Public Safety

December 6, 2013