

Daily sitting 23

Thursday, December 12, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker recognized the retirement of Cheryl Fulton Wade, who served in the Hansard Office of the Legislative Assembly for 33 years. Mr. Haché and Ms. Lynch joined in this regard.

Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the SANB and members of the Forum de concertation des organismes acadiens urging the Legislative Assembly to end the cuts and make the necessary investments in education. (Petition 6)

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

December 12, 2013

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

Your Committee met on December 12, 2013, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bills:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick*,
Bill 25, *An Act to Incorporate the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick*,
Bill 26, *An Act to Enable Land and Buildings to Be Used for Additional Hospital and Related Purposes*,

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Petitcodiac, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,
Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, December 13, 2013, Bills 29, 24, 25 and 26 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on Motion 8, moved by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Collins, as follows:

WHEREAS all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to our armed forces for their sacrifices on our behalf; and

WHEREAS armed forces personnel have been injured in the line of duty on behalf of our country; and

WHEREAS federal government policy requires armed forces personnel to be ready to be deployed overseas for the entire ten years of their service to qualify for a pension; and

WHEREAS injuries prevent many of these armed forces personnel from being ready to be deployed overseas thereby disqualifying these brave men and women from a pension; and

WHEREAS successive Ministers of National Defense have recognized that this policy is unfair and have pledged to address the problem; and

WHEREAS the problem has still not been addressed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature of New Brunswick unanimously condemn that current policy and urge the federal government to make provision for armed forces personnel injured in the line of duty to be allowed to remain in the service for their full ten years to qualify for their pensions.

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 8 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Boudreau	Mr. Kenny
Mr. Melanson	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Haché
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Collins	Mr. D. Landry

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Davis
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Riordon	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Killen	Mr. Tait
Hon. Mr. Olscamp	Ms. Coulombe	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Bonenfant
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. McLean	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Urquhart

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Mr. Melanson moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

And 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.

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:

Response to Petition 1

December 11, 2013