Daily sitting 28

Friday, February 7, 2014

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
December 13, 2013.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

> (Sgd.:) Graydon Nicholas. Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Stewart referred to the Leader of the Opposition by name, and not by title. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the entry on page 31 of the 2014-2015 provincial Budget Multi-Year Capital Plan, entitled Public-Private partnerships - Restigouche Hospital Centre including, but not limited to, the request for proposals, proposal evaluations, contracts, contract revisions, design changes, budgets and financial information.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, 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 all documentation including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the situation at Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home regarding the loss of hot water including details on when the government was first notified, and what actions were taken to address the situation including any communication, in any form, between anyone affiliated with the nursing home, the Department of Social Development, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the public, any MLA and any other government employee.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, February 13, 2014, 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 all documentation including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, in relation to the negotiations of any agreements, letters of intent, evaluations, assessments, safety concerns, between CN Rail, Via, the Federal Government, the Premier's Office, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, any government, employee, MLAs, and other stakeholders regarding the rail infrastructure in the Province of New Brunswick.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, February 21, 2014, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 11, 2014; and

THAT when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, March 28, 2014, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget (Motion 22); following which, at noon, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 28; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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 time allocated for debate on the Budget had expired.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as agreed to:

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

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. 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 of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 22),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

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