

Daily sitting 34

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Gallant rose and withdrew the term “misleading” in reference to the Premier.

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Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Thursday, February 27, 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, including mobile to mobile device communication, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Premier’s Office, municipalities, first responders, volunteer fire departments, community service providers, relief agencies, local service districts, regional service commissions, NB Power, and other third parties from December 18, 2013, to January 16, 2014, inclusive, in relation to the emergency response to the ice storm in New Brunswick and related power outages including but not limited to all memos, directives, inquiries, agreements, planning documentation, orders, requests, and information updates.

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Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, February 27, 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, including mobile to mobile device communications, PINs, SMS text messages, between the Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Department of Environment and Local Government, municipalities, the Premier’s Office, first responders, volunteer fire departments, community service providers, local service districts, regional service commissions, and other third parties in relation to the preparation of an emergency plan related to natural disasters and catastrophic weather events, including but not limited to flooding and ice storms, for Charlotte County since November 2010 to present, including but not limited to all memos, directives, inquiries, agreements, planning documentation, orders, requests, and information updates.

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Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the Harper government has announced the closure of eight regional Veterans Affairs offices across Canada including two offices in Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS the regional offices provide much needed support services to Canadian veterans across the country; and

WHEREAS veterans and many veteran support groups have expressed concern that the move to close these offices and deliver veteran support services on-line and through Service Canada outlets, will result in a significant reduction of service; and

WHEREAS a concern has been raised that the lack of a dedicated service for veterans will result in many veterans having to travel great distances to receive the services and support they require; and

WHEREAS our veterans who have served and sacrificed on behalf of our country deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and many see this decision by the Harper government as a betrayal of trust;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously call upon the Harper government to reverse its decision to close the Veterans Affairs regional offices.

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Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS on any given day, many animals are subjected to improper care and treatment which causes them to suffer;

WHEREAS a major issue of concern is the tethering of animals for extended periods or in severe weather conditions;

WHEREAS there is also a need to ensure animals have access to adequate food, water and shelter;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to bring forward amendments to the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* or its regulations to strengthen our animal protection laws and ensure these concerns are addressed.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, February 20, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 14, Motion 21 and 16, Bill 12.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 27, 21 and 22; following which, at 5.45 p.m., Royal Assent would take place.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 34, *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 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

*2 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.22 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed.

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

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

And after some 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 progress on the following Bill:

*Bill 27, Prescription and Catastrophic Drug Insurance 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.

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His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed a Bill at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

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

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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And then, 5.55 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.