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Daily sitting 38

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to declare a moratorium on the exploration and development of shale gas and hydraulic fracturing and demanding that a referendum be held on the issue. (Petition 7)

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the point of order raised during the previous sitting day:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

I would like to deal with the point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader following Question Period yesterday. The Member submitted that the Minister of Health and Attorney General used insulting language when he responded to the questions posed by the Leader of the Opposition. Having reviewed the transcript, I find the point of order well taken. I would tend to agree that some of the language used in responding to the questions was unnecessary. It is not in keeping with the practices of this House to attack the personal character of Members during Question Period or at any other time. I know the Honourable Minister is quite capable of raising the level of debate and I would ask him to do so in the future.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Lynch,

Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Licensed Practical Nurses Act.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 13, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 12, 16 and 15.

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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 Bill 27.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 21, An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.Bill 36, An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.

Bill 37, An Act to Amend the Elevators and Lifts 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 12:30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C.Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed.

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 the following Bill as amended:

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.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, 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 38.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, 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 38, An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel 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.

And then, 3.20 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:

Annual Report 2012-2013	
Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne	March 11, 2014
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 23	March 11, 2014