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Thursday, April 24, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Memorandum of Agreement between J.D. Irving, Limited and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources*.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings on a number of occasions to advise certain Members that they could no longer continue their statements, as the statements contained personal attacks against other Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Holder,

Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

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

Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Friday, April 25, 2014, Bills 75 and 76 would be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on Motion 48, moved by Mr. Boudreau, seconded by Mr. Collins, as follows:

WHEREAS post-secondary education and training is crucial to the future growth and prosperity of our province;

WHEREAS the tuition at our post-secondary institutions has risen an average of over 10% in the past four years;

WHEREAS rising tuition costs represent a barrier to access for those wishing to enroll in post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to improve access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS the Alward government has done very little to address issues of student debt;

WHEREAS despite committing to a review of access issues, we have yet to see any positive changes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour to immediately bring forward a plan that will address barriers in access to post-secondary education.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 48 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 47, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Canada Health Accord has expired;

AND WHEREAS the Harper government plans to transfer money to the provinces on a per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS this formula disadvantages smaller provinces like New Brunswick with a smaller population base and an aging population;

AND WHEREAS this change will result in the loss of millions of dollars desperately needed to fund quality health services in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Premier and the Health Minister have not stood up for the interests of New Brunswick as confirmed by the federal Health Minister who said she did not receive a letter from the Minister protesting the change;

AND WHEREAS the future of our healthcare system is at stake unless secure, long term funding is made available;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to vigorously object to the Harper government's changes to healthcare funding and fight for a secure, long term federal-provincial funding arrangement for healthcare in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. Landry, 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 47 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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

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Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Blais	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Malloch
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Lifford	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Jody Carr	Hon. Mr. Northrup	Mr. S. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Stultz	Mr. Riordon	Mr. C. Landry
Hon. Mr. Trevors	Mr. Killen	Mr. Jack Carr
Hon. Mr. Leonard	Mr. MacDonald	
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. McLean	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 38, Mr. Collins moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.