

Daily sitting 56

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Turner, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Sixteenth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 8, 2021

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their sixteenth report.

Your Committee met on December 7, and had under consideration:

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Beverage Containers Act*;
Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Nursing Homes Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Greg Turner, M.L.A.
Chair

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.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson: (Motion 91)

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Ombud Act*;

WHEREAS subsection 2(1) of that Act provides that an Ombud be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the term of office of Charles Murray has expired;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established pursuant to subsection 2(2) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Ombud;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council pursuant to subsection 2(4) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Marie-France Pelletier possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of the Ombud;

WHEREAS the Premier consulted with the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of the other political parties represented in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to subsection 2(5) of the Act;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Marie-France Pelletier be appointed Ombud for a term of seven years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House express its appreciation and gratitude to Charles Murray for his professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson: (Motion 92)

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Child, Youth and Senior Advocate Act*;

WHEREAS subsection 3(1) of that Act provides that a Child, Youth and Senior Advocate be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the term of office of Norman Bossé has expired;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established pursuant to subsection 3(1.1) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Child, Youth and Senior Advocate;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council pursuant to subsection 3(1.3) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Kelly Lamrock possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate;

WHEREAS the Premier consulted with the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of the other political parties represented in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to subsection 3(1.4) of the Act;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Kelly Lamrock be appointed Child, Youth and Senior Advocate for a term of seven years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House express its appreciation and gratitude to Norman Bossé for his professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson: (Motion 93)

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick enacted the *Auditor General Act*;

WHEREAS subsection 3(1) of that Act provides that an Auditor General be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the term of office of Kim Adair-MacPherson has expired;

WHEREAS a selection committee was established pursuant to subsection 3(2.1) of the Act for the purpose of identifying persons as potential candidates to be appointed Auditor General;

WHEREAS the selection committee developed a roster of qualified candidates and submitted the list of names of qualified candidates to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council pursuant to subsection 3(2.3) of the Act;

WHEREAS the selection committee has determined that Paul Martin possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of the Auditor General;

WHEREAS the Premier consulted with the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of the other political parties represented in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to subsection 3(2.4) of the Act;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Paul Martin be appointed Auditor General for a term of ten years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House express its appreciation and gratitude to Kim Adair-MacPherson for her professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick, as well as to Janice Leahy who has served in the position of acting Auditor General since Ms. Adair-MacPherson's resignation.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 9, 2021, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 86 and 90.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; following which Bills 83, 84 and 82 would be called for second reading and that, with leave, Bills 83 and 84 would be considered in committee forthwith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. S. Wilson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. S. Wilson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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 being read for second reading of Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Building Code Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 83 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Building Code Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Speaker requested leave of the House to allow Bill 83 to be considered by the Standing Committee on Economic Policy forthwith, and leave was denied.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Police Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 84 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Police Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Speaker requested leave of the House to allow Bill 84 to be considered by the Standing Committee on Economic Policy forthwith, and leave was denied.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 82, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform*, be now read a second time, moved by Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Arseneau, on Friday, December 3, 2021.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

And the question being put that Bill 82 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 82, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 2.35 p.m., the House adjourned.