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Daily sitting 11

Thursday, November 17, 2022

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, November 24, 2022, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers are struggling with an escalating affordability crisis that has seen skyrocketing prices for essentials including housing, groceries, heating oil and gasoline;

WHEREAS, in the first nine months of 2022, Imperial Oil, CNR, Cenovus and Suncor posted combined profits of almost \$30 billion, triple their profits for the same period in 2021;

WHEREAS, according to Bloomberg, Irving Oil CEO Arthur Irving's net worth has increased by \$1.16 billion in 2022;

WHEREAS, while oil and gas companies are exponentially increasing their profits, the public is paying the price to fill their gas and oil heating tanks;

WHEREAS, in response to this crisis, other countries, including the European Union and the United Kingdom, have pursued levying taxes on windfall profits, while the United States is considering levying taxes on windfall profits;

WHEREAS, in September, UN Secretary General António Guterres called on world leaders to tax fossil fuel companies that are "feasting on hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies and windfall profits while household budgets shrink and our planet burns";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to call for the Prime Minister to initiate a windfall oil profit tax in Canada, with the revenues returned to Canadians who need the help the most.

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Hon. Mr. Holder, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18 be called for second reading until 2.30 p.m.; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

## YEAS - 23

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Green	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Turner	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Ms. S. Wilson	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Ms. M. Wilson	

## NAYS - 17

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Coon	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. McKee	Ms. Mitton	Ms. Landry
Mr. Legacy	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Arseneau
Ms. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Landry
Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. LePage	

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022, no. 2*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022, no. 2*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *Disclosure to Protect Against Intimate Partner Violence Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *Disclosure to Protect Against Intimate Partner Violence Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Museum Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Museum Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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At 2.15 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed with Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Legacy moved, seconded by Mr. K. Chiasson:

WHEREAS the reduction in personal income tax benefits those with higher incomes but ignores people struggling to make ends meet;

WHEREAS the rising cost of living for necessities including rent, fuel, and groceries is forcing people to make difficult choices;

WHEREAS the government cancelled the Home Energy Assistance Program, which helped over 33,000 New Brunswickers with their energy costs;

WHEREAS the government brags about its record of service but is doing little to help those in need;

WHEREAS the heat pump program will not be rolled out in time for this winter to help many New Brunswickers reduce their heating costs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate and enhance the Home Energy Assistance Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remove the HST from heating fuels.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Arseneau, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended by adding after the last resolution clause the following:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge NB Power to expand the eligibility of its heat pump program to include central or ductless heat pumps for New Brunswick households that use oil or gas to heat their homes.”

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Coon	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. McKee	Ms. Mitton	Ms. Landry
Mr. Legacy	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Arseneau
Ms. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Landry
Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. LePage	

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Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Holland	Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Mr. Turner	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Ms. S. Wilson	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. M. Wilson	

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling:

## STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

The amendment proposed by the Member for Fredericton South was almost identical to the resolution clause in Notice of Motion 8, currently on the Order and Notice Paper by the said Member. As the House has now made a decision on the proposed amendment, Notice of Motion 8 will be deemed withdrawn and removed from the Order and Notice Paper.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 7 and it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Coon	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. McKee	Ms. Mitton	Ms. Landry
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Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. M. Wilson	

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

## YEAS - 35

Hon. Mr. Holder	Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. C. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Cullins	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Ames	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Mr. Dawson	Mr. LePage
Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. Bockus	Mr. Mallet
Hon. Ms. Johnson	Ms. Conroy	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Arseneault	Ms. Landry
Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. McKee	Mr. Landry
Mr. Turner	Mr. K. Chiasson	

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.

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The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 1

November 16, 2022